

NAEP 2026 Conference Schedule

Anchorage, Alaska • May 10–14, 2026

Schedule subject to change.

Sunday, May 10, 2026

Time	Session	Location
8:30am – 4:00pm	Registration	Tikahtnu Foyer
07:30am – 08:00am	NEPA Essentials Workshop Breakfast (For Workshop Attendees Only)	Tikahtnu D
08:00am – 05:00pm	NEPA Essentials Workshop (Separate Registration Required)	Tikahtnu D
11:45am – 12:45pm	NEPA Essentials Lunch (For Workshop Attendees Only)	Tikahtnu D

Monday, May 11, 2026

Time	Session	Location
08:30am – 07:30pm	Registration Desk Open	Tikahtnu Foyer
07:30am – 08:00am	Advanced NEPA Workshop Breakfast (For Workshop Attendees Only)	Tikahtnu D
08:00am – 05:00pm	Advanced NEPA Workshop (Separate Registration Required)	Tikahtnu D
11:45am – 12:45pm	Advanced NEPA Lunch (For Workshop Attendees Only)	Tikahtnu D
05:30pm – 07:30pm	Opening Reception	Tikahtnu Foyer & Terrace

Tuesday, May 12, 2026

Time	Session	Location
07:00am – 05:30pm	Registration Desk Open	Tikahtnu Foyer
07:00am – 08:00am	Networking Breakfast Buffet	Tikahtnu A/B/C/F
08:00am – 09:15am	Welcome Remarks & Opening Keynote	Tikahtnu A/B/C/F
09:15am – 09:30am	Networking Break w/ Coffee	Tikahtnu Foyer
09:30am – 11:00am	Biological Resources Working Group's Regulatory Update followed by a story of Alaskan Restoration from the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill	Tikahtnu DE
09:30am – 10:00am	Remaking Robert Moses: Infrastructure Redevelopment Projects in New York	Kahtnu 1
09:30am – 11:00am	Integrating Section 106 with the NEPA Updates	Tubughnenq 3
09:30am – 11:00am	Coastal Erosion and Sea Level Rise Driving Purpose and Need	Kahtnu 2
10:00am – 10:30am	Collaborative Approaches to Advancing Site Cleanup and Brownfields Redevelopment in Alaska	Kahtnu 1
10:30am – 11:00am	Integrating Brownfields Management with Waterfront Resiliency for the ESCR Project	Kahtnu 1
11:00am – 11:30am	Poster Sessions/Networking Break	Tikahtnu Foyer
11:30am – 01:00pm	Cutting-Edge Technologies Transforming Environmental Practice: AI, IoT, Geospatial Technology, and Digital Twins	Kahtnu 1
11:30am – 01:00pm	AEP Sustainability Plan/Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium Climate Initiatives	Kahtnu 2
11:30am – 12:00pm	Strategies and Lessons Learned for Permitting Large Infrastructure Projects	Tubughnenq 3

11:30am – 12:00pm	Smart From the Start: Building a Sound Foundation For a Successful NEPA Process Under the Revised Guidelines	Tikahtnu DE
12:00pm – 12:30pm	Responsible Development and Cook Inlet Beluga Whales: ESA and MMPA	Tikahtnu DE
12:30pm – 01:00pm	Dickinson Bay Island II: A Restoration Success Story in the Texas Gulf Coast	Tikahtnu DE
01:00pm – 02:30pm	Annual Membership Meeting & Awards Ceremony Lunch	Tikahtnu A/B/C/F
02:30pm – 02:45pm	Networking Break w/ Coffee	Tikahtnu Foyer
02:45pm – 04:15pm	Recent NEPA Case Law (2025)	Tikahtnu DE
02:45pm – 03:15pm	ArcGIS Hub for Carbon Capture, Utilization, and Storage in Alaska	Kahtnu 2
02:45pm – 03:15pm	Can Stormwater Management Co-Exist with Wetland Restoration? Yes!	Tubughnenq 3
02:45pm – 03:15pm	Programmatic Permitting, Enduring Effects, and the "World Without Us" Framework	Kahtnu 1
03:15pm – 03:45pm	The Hidden Architecture of Environmental Collaboration	Kahtnu 1
03:15pm – 03:45pm	Providing Decision Support Tools to Metropolitan Communities for Greenspace Planning	Kahtnu 2
03:15pm – 03:45pm	Wetlands, Not Just For the Birds: A Wastewater Treatment Story	Tubughnenq 3
03:45pm – 04:15pm	Bridging the Gap: Guiding Regulators Through Unique Projects Without Conflict	Kahtnu 1
03:45pm – 04:15pm	Leveraging Public Data & Open-Source Tools for Natural Systems Inventories	Kahtnu 2
03:45pm – 04:15pm	What Lies Below: Using Geophysics to See What's Beneath the Surface	Tubughnenq 3
06:30pm – 09:30pm	President's Reception	Anchorage Museum

Wednesday, May 13, 2026

Time	Session	Location
08:00am – 05:30pm	Registration Desk Open	Tikahtnu Foyer
08:00am – 09:30am	Networking Breakfast Buffet	Tikahtnu A/B/C/F
09:15am – 09:30am	Networking Break w/ coffee	Tikahtnu Foyer
09:30am – 11:00am	Landscape-Scale Prioritization of Wildlife Crossings for Highway Safety	Tikahtnu DE
09:30am – 10:30am	Tools in Your Toolbox: Section 106 Program Alternatives	Kahtnu 1
09:30am – 10:30am	Environmental Reviews and Community Benefits: More Than an Agreement	Tubughnenq 3
09:30am – 10:30am	PELs under the Northern Lights: Linking Planning and Environmental in Alaska	Kahtnu 2
10:30am – 11:00am	Aligning Section 106 and NEPA Compliance Challenges and Opportunities	Kahtnu 1
10:30am – 11:00am	Starting Strong - The Importance of Purpose and Need	Kahtnu 2
10:30am – 11:00am	Adapting Community Analyses in a Changing Regulatory Environment	Tubughnenq 3
11:00am – 11:30am	Poster Sessions/Networking Break	Tikahtnu Foyer
11:30am – 12:00pm	Federal Environmental Policy - Is This the New Normal?	Tikahtnu DE
11:30am – 12:30pm	Funding for Cleaning Up ANCSA Conveyed Contaminated Lands	Kahtnu 1
11:30am – 01:00pm	The NEPA Assignment Landscape: Lessons, Challenges, and Opportunities Moving Forward	Kahtnu 2
11:30am – 12:00pm	Environmental Misconduct and Socioeconomic Impacts on the Duwamish	Tubughnenq 3
12:00pm – 12:30pm	Integrating Biodiversity Into Urban Shorelines	Tubughnenq 3

12:30pm – 01:00pm	Use of Programmatic Evaluations for Efficient NEPA Reviews	Tikahtnu DE
12:30pm – 01:00pm	Insights on What Triggers Revision Requests in Delegated Environmental Reviews	Kahtnu 1
12:30pm – 01:00pm	Finding Patients at Lone Fir Cemetery, Portland, Oregon	Tubughnenq 3
01:15pm – 02:30pm	Lunch and EPR Live!	Tikahtnu A/B/C/F
02:30pm – 02:45pm	Networking Break w/ coffee	Tikahtnu Foyer
02:45pm – 04:15pm	Developing Modern AI and Permitting Technology in a Shifting Regulatory Environment	Tikahtnu DE
02:45pm – 04:15pm	Exploring Career Paths for Emerging Professionals in Environmental Practice	Kahtnu 1
02:45pm – 04:15pm	Utilizing Categorical Exclusions to Successfully Navigate the NEPA Compliance Process	Tubughnenq 3
02:45pm – 03:15pm	Environmental Justice Is Not Extinct: Integrating Disproportionate Impacts within NEPA Documents	Kahtnu 2
03:15pm – 04:15pm	Let's Talk About a Better Bridge: Infrastructure, Ecosystem and Community Health	Kahtnu 2
04:30pm – 05:30pm	Working Groups Breakouts	Tikahtnu DE, Kahtnu 1, Kahtnu 2, Tubughnenq 3
05:00pm – 06:00pm	Emerging Professionals Mixer	Tikahtnu Foyer & Terrace
06:30pm – 08:30pm	Dine Arounds	Offsite
08:30pm – 09:30pm	NWAEP Mixer	Humpy's

Thursday, May 14, 2026

Time	Session	Location
07:00am – 11:30am	Registration Desk Open	Tikahtnu Foyer
07:00am – 08:00am	Networking Breakfast Buffet	Tikahtnu A/B/C/F
08:00am – 08:30am	Restoring Railroads Under Pressure: Managing Concurrent Permitting and Construction in Rail Emergencies	Tikahtnu DE
08:00am – 08:30am	A Sustainable Brownfields Redevelopment Revitalizing the Underserved Southside Chicago Community	Kahtnu 1
08:00am – 08:30am	Beyond the Hype: The dark side of AI	Kahtnu 2
08:00am – 08:30am	Planning for Resilient Flood Solutions through CWA and NEPA Integration	Tubughnenq 3
08:30am – 09:00am	Racing Mother Nature: A Collaborative Approach to Emergency Permitting	Tikahtnu DE
08:30am – 09:00am	Dock Underwater - Resilient Solution Involved Relocation on Brownfield Site	Kahtnu 1
08:30am – 09:00am	Accelerating Environmental Permitting Through AI-driven Data Enrichment: The NEPATECv2.0 Framework	Kahtnu 2
08:30am – 09:00am	Managing Change While Maintaining Schedule: Is it Possible?	Tubughnenq 3
09:00am – 09:30am	Unit 4 Disaster Resilience Program	Tikahtnu DE
09:00am – 09:30am	Cold Realities: Overcoming Challenges of Winter Dewatering in Anchorage, Alaska	Kahtnu 1
09:00am – 09:30am	Beacon: Digital Pathways to Smarter Environmental Compliance	Kahtnu 2
09:00am – 09:30am	NEPA Assignment Program: Perspective on Benefits, Risks, and Future Directions for Transportation NEPA	Tubughnenq 3
09:30am – 10:00am	Networking Break w/ coffee	Tikahtnu Foyer
10:00am – 10:30am	AASHTO's Role in Supporting Environmental Professionals at State DOTs	Kahtnu 1
10:00am – 10:30am	NEPA GIS: Digitizing Historic NEPA Layers Using GeoAI	Kahtnu 2

10:00am – 10:30am	The Interior Alaska Veterans Cemetery: A Multi-Stakeholder Success Story	Tubughnenq 3
10:00am – 11:00am	Practitioner Perspectives on NEPA Implementation and Permitting Reform	Tikahtnu DE
10:30am – 11:00am	Closing the Participation Gap: Real Time, Place Based PIP Strategies	Kahtnu 2
10:30am – 11:30am	The Art of Figuring It Out: from To-do to Ta-da	Kahtnu 1
10:30am – 11:00am	Honoapi'ilani Highway Resilience Amid Crisis and Federal Changes	Tubughnenq 3
11:00am – 11:30am	Multi Agency Success on Chateau Road Reconstruction: Medora, North Dakota	Tikahtnu DE
11:00am – 11:30am	WriteNEPA: Human AI Collaboration Tool for Drafting and Auditing Environmental Reviews	Kahtnu 2
11:00am – 11:30am	Negotiating Paradise: Looking Forward After 65-year Military Leases	Tubughnenq 3
01:00pm – 05:00pm	NAEP Board Meeting	Tubughnenq 5