

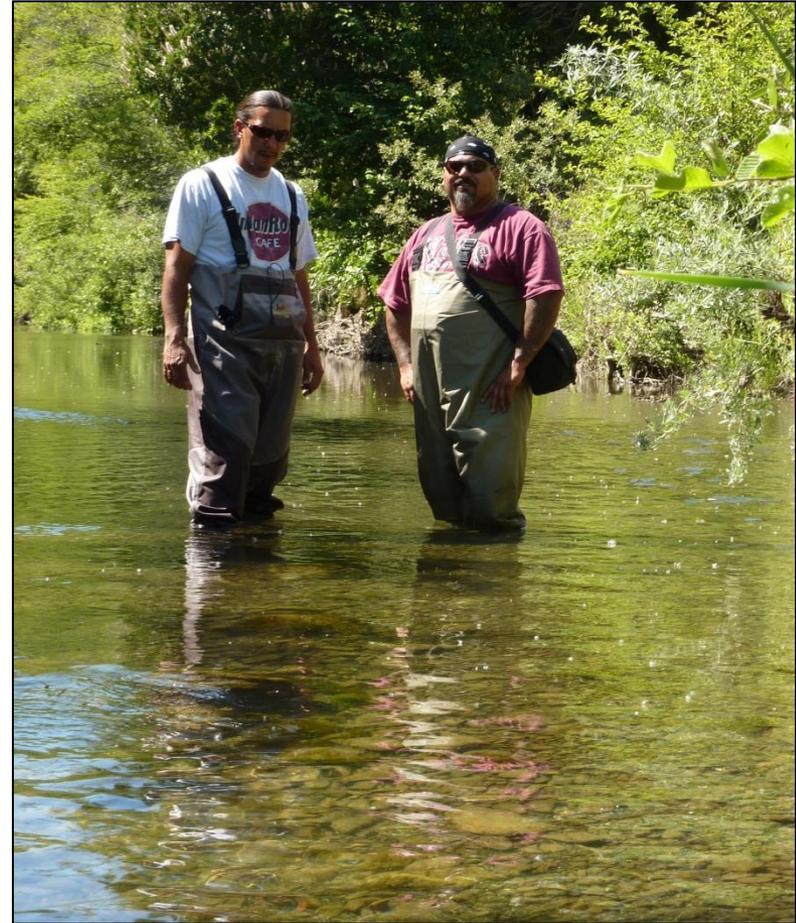
# U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Tribal Wildlife Grant Program

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# Goal of the Tribal Wildlife Grant Program

- Provide financial assistance to federally recognized tribes to support the development and implementation of programs that benefit fish, wildlife, and native habitats.



# Activities may include, but are not limited to...

- Planning
- Management
- Research
- Surveys
- Public education



**\*Create a story or narrative to tell why your project is important to your Tribe.**

# TWVG Scoring Criteria

- Resource Benefit (30 points)
- Capacity Building (25 points)
- Performance Measures (20 points)
- Work Plan (10 points)
- Budget (10 points)
- Contributions and Partnerships (5 points)

**\*Tell the reader how this project benefits natural and cultural resources from the perspective of your Tribe.**

# Eligibility for Tribal Wildlife Grants

- Only federally recognized tribes
- Non-Tribal entities must be subcontractors
- TWG projects 1-3 year timelines
- TWG is not a long-term funding source



# Planning for Climate Change

- At this time, no “extra” points are given for projects that relate to climate change.
- A TWG could...
  - Develop a Climate Adaptation Plan
  - Implement action to assist species that may be effected by climate change
  - Conduct public education to address climate change



# Suggestions for TWG Proposals that address Climate Change

- Connect climate change to natural and cultural resources that are significant to the tribe.
- Make the connection between a restoration project and regional or landscape goals related to climate change.
- Discuss how planning for climate change will increase your tribe's self-sufficiency in fish and wildlife resource management.
- Conduct on-the-ground projects that will make your tribe more resilient to the effects of climate change.

# Tips...

- Coordinate proposal with local USFWS Field Office
- Build partnerships with other Tribes, agencies, and organizations (USFWS, NRCS, State)
- Apply, even if you don't get the grant the first year you apply, you will get feedback on your application.



# How to apply...

- Download the 2016 Application Kit – [www.fws.gov/nativeamerican/grants.html](http://www.fws.gov/nativeamerican/grants.html)

- Applications due in October 30, 2015

- Contact Damion Ciotti for assistance:

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