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FROM THE BALCONY

News and Updates from the NCLI



NCLI Alumni Virtual Conference

We are happy to announce the 2021 NCLI Alumni Virtual Conference.

It's been a long time coming but plans are currently underway! We are developing a three, half-day virtual NCLI Alumni Conference to occur in Mid-May 2021. We have scheduled an Alumni Session on November 19th to solicit guidance on topics, timing, format, and costs. Please help shape this historic event to better customize it towards your needs. An electronic survey is also available to provide your thoughts and guidance on the conference. For additional information you can contact Gina at gjackson@fishwildlife.org.

NCLI Staff Update

NCLI Alumni Virtual Conference INPUT SESSION

November 19th, 1-2:00pm Eastern



Please join us on November 19th, from 1-2:00pm Eastern via Zoom to provide input and help shape the creation of the First Ever NCLI Alumni Virtual Conference!

To join the Zoom Session on November 19th please use the below information:

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

[https://zoom.us/j/95866687368?](https://zoom.us/j/95866687368?pwd=RWRFeCsvV2xZaGJMT0xOSzFVb1pNUT09)

[pwd=RWRFeCsvV2xZaGJMT0xOSzFVb1pNUT09](https://zoom.us/j/95866687368?pwd=RWRFeCsvV2xZaGJMT0xOSzFVb1pNUT09)

Meeting ID: 958 6668 7368

Passcode: 028852

You may also provide feedback through our online survey [here](#) until Dec. 6th.

We are pleased to introduce two new members to the NCLI Staff.

Elena Takaki, who is the Director of Project WILD with AFWA will serve as the Interim Director for the Management Assistance Team half time.

Kelly Reynolds, who is a Project Manager for Project WILD, will serve as a Project Manager on the MAT Team half time as well. We welcome their wisdom and contributions to the team.

NCLI Alumni Continuing Ed

The National Conservation Leadership Institute took advantage of the heightened virtual world that this Pandemic hurled us into in 2020. Over the summer the NCLI was able to provide twelve (12) free Alumni Webinars providing a deeper dive into Adaptive Leadership Principles during this challenging time. Webinars were facilitated by Jill Hufnagel. These webinars were very well received with high participation and engagement serving 87 Alumni who participated in multiple sessions each. We encourage you to complete the [survey](#) for the Alumni Conference listed above to help identify topics and modalities for future Alumni offerings.

NCLI Board Update

Cohort 15

The NCLI Board met over the summer to select the Fellows for Cohort 15. However, due to COVID-19, The NCLI Board postponed the first residency for Cohort 15 to October 2021. There will not be an application/nomination period in 2021.

New Board Member

The NCLI welcomed a new board member this summer, Martha Williams. Martha is the Director at Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks. For a complete list of board members please visit [Board Members List](#).

Alumni Portal

Just a reminder that there is a private, virtual space for Alumni to connect and collaborate. But it's only as good as what you put into it. Please visit [here](#) to create your profile and contribute to the discussion. Download the [Portal Directions](#) for further guidance on the portal.





COHORT 14 GRADUATION

NCLI Cohort 14 Graduates... VIRTUALLY!

After almost a year-long intensive journey that began at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's National Conservation Training Center in October 2019, the Fellows of NCLI Cohort 14 completed their NCLI experience on September 3, 2020 during the first ever NCLI second residency online event. Although not the intended closure for this cohort, they leaned into the challenge and shared their NCLI experiences, discussed the progress of their adaptive leadership learning, and engaged in intense and thought-provoking discussions while further cementing their high-trust relationships.

Cohort 14 Fellows join an ever-growing network of more than 460 conservation professionals who have come together from natural resource related organizations across the nation to further develop their leadership capacity. Congratulations C-14!

Leadership Lens



We Need You!!
Last issue we announced "The Leadership Lens", a new addition to the *From the Balcony* E-newsletter. It is a place to showcase blogs, articles, and inspiration from NCLI Alumni. Please reach out to Gina Jackson, gjackson@fishwildlife.org if you would like to contribute.

NCLI Board and Staff

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Elena Takaki

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