

# National Center for Ecologically Sustainable Water Conservation & Management



## Welcome to the Request for Statements of Interest and Qualifications (RFIQ) Questions Webinar



Please enter your name and email in the chat for our record and for your potential collaboration with others



Please enter all questions into the chat for our record



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Please input all Questions into the Chat Box. The objective is to capture all questions whether we can or can't answer all today.



This meeting will be recorded

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- Introduction
- Meeting instructions
- Goal is to address as many questions as possible in the webinar and capture all questions in the chat box related to the RFIQ process
- RFIQ Stage 1 evaluation criteria, webinar recording, and summary of questions and answers will be posted by December 18:  
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Supporting state, provincial, and territorial agencies to conserve instream flow and water levels to protect, restore, and enhance aquatic ecosystems and uses

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Mission	Vision	Principles	Connect
The mission of the IFC is to improve the effectiveness of state, provincial, and territorial instream flow and water level programs and activities in conserving (protecting, maintaining, and restoring) aquatic ecosystems.	The vision of the IFC is that each water body in Canada and the United States has flow and water level regimes that sustain ecological integrity.	The work of the IFC is grounded in our public trust responsibility to conserve the integrity of natural aquatic ecosystems, not just for intrinsic reasons, but for the societal values these ecosystems provide.	<a href="#">Contact Us</a> <a href="#">Help Support the IFC</a> <a href="#">IFC Publications</a>

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### IFWLC CENTER\* PROJECT UPDATES PAGE (updated Nov 26, 2024)

\*The original Center name: the 'Instream Flow and Water Level Conservation (IFWLC) Training Center' used in the original [Feasibility Assessment Report](#) has been updated to:  
National Center for Ecologically Sustainable Water Conservation and Management (Center) (Check for updates monthly)

**NOTICE - RFIQ APPLICATION PROCESS NOW OPEN - INFORMATION AT END OF PAGE**

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### Project Background

For nearly two decades, interdisciplinary instream flow related conservation (protection, restoration and enhancement) training, research and development services were provided under the direction of the federal Cooperative Instream Flow Service Group (CIFSG) in Fort Collins, Colorado. After that group ceased to exist in 2001, no equivalent centralized uniform source of instream flow and water level conservation (IFWLC) training and support services has been established.

Many who received training by the CIFSG have subsequently retired or moved to other jobs. As a result, this interdisciplinary water conservation field has been losing a central focus, potentially leading to diminished knowledge, mentorship, and leadership for quantifying the effects of water uses, management, and research on effective conservation of instream flow and water levels on fish, wildlife, and habitat.


These and related concerns are being addressed by the [Instream Flow Council](#) (IFC) and [American Fisheries Society](#) (AFS) through a Multistate Conservation Grant (MSCG) project to first assess the needs and support for establishing a new IFWLC training, research, and development center (Center), and contingent on positive outcomes of the assessment, develop strategies and pathways forward to establish and operate the Center.

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# Request for Statements of Interest and Qualifications (RFIQ) to host a National Center or serve as an affiliate

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### Establishing a New National Center for Ecologically Sustainable Water Conservation & Management

**RFIQ NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY – NOVEMBER 16, 2024**

**Use 'Download RFIQ Document' button below to access RFIQ information & application**

#### Request for Statements of Interest and Qualifications (RFIQ) to Apply to Host the Center for Ecologically Sustainable Water Conservation & Management Center (or Serve an Affiliate)

**Application Deadline: January 21, 2025**

The Instream Flow Council (IFC) and American Fisheries Society (AFS) are requesting statements of interest and qualifications ("RFIQ") from institutions and organizations or teams of institutions or organizations that wish to be considered for hosting a National Center for Ecologically Sustainable Water Conservation & Management (Center) on a long-term basis (or serving as a network affiliate).

The objectives for this Center are to provide key interdisciplinary leadership, training, research, development, networking, and support functions to empower water stakeholders to achieve ecologically sustainable water conservation and management outcomes.

Specific details and background information about the Center may be found in a [Feasibility Assessment Document](#) prepared by the Steering Committee (SC) for this project. This report establishes the need, support, strategies, purposes, expectations, and pathways forward to develop the Center.

Steering Committee: *Tom Annear, Doug Austen, Andy Brummond, Daren Carlisle, Christopher Estes, Thom Hardy, Allan Locke, Don Orth, Dudley Reiser, and Clair Stalnaker (and formerly Dave Weedman).*

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RFIQ Q&A Webinar Recording, Materials, &  
Other Center [Updates](#) to be posted **Dec 18, 2024**

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