



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

National Conservation Training Center

Training Announcement

Scenario Planning toward Climate Change Adaptation

ALC3194

Course Description

Scenario planning is a valuable decision support method for integrating irreducible and uncontrollable uncertainties into climate change adaptation and other planning in natural resource management. This overview course will introduce the core elements of scenario planning and expose participants to a diversity of approaches and specific scenario development techniques that incorporate both qualitative and quantitative components. Participants will learn how scenario planning can be integrated into planning frameworks and be complementary with other decision support methods. This course will provide participants with the skills needed to assess the appropriateness of scenario planning for their needs, and identify the resources and expertise needed to conduct a scenario planning exercise that will meet established objectives. *The course is developed in partnership with the Wildlife Conservation Society and the USGS.*



Credit: Ryan Hagerty

Objectives

- Describe basic steps and appropriate uses of scenario planning; navigate the many approaches and understand their application.
- Construct situation-appropriate qualitative scenarios using a few scenario development techniques; and outline considerations for moving from qualitative to quantitative scenarios.
- Assess objectives, goals, and strategies across multiple scenarios, and articulate basic principles for using this approach to select management options
- Explain how scenario planning can complement other decision support methods and frameworks.
- Develop monitoring plans and decision timelines, and determine triggers for future decisions.

Date

May 6-8, 2014

Location

NCTC, Shepherdstown, WV

Who Should Attend

Natural resource managers and conservation professionals that will oversee and/or be directly involved in a scenario planning effort.

Length

3 days

College Credit

One semester hour is available on request.

Tuition

There is no tuition for FWS, NPS, BLM and USGS employees. For participants from other agencies and organizations, there is a tuition charge of \$597.

To Register

Register online at <http://training.fws.gov> using DOILearn, the Department of the Interior's Learning Management System.

Availability

Course is offered annually.

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Scenarios are...the most powerful vehicles I know for challenging our 'mental models' about the world and lifting the 'blinders' that limit our creativity and resourcefulness.

Peter Schwartz 1996