



## Climate Change Adaptation Planning Checklist

### Getting Started

- Gather information about how climate is changing in your region
- Initial scoping of climate change impacts on sectors/resources important to tribe
- Build and maintain support with tribal leadership and community (outreach/ education)
- Seek tribal council approval of resolution supporting the climate change adaptation initiative
- Create climate change planning team and select team leader (point person)
- Develop tribe's adaptation planning guide that outlines the goals, process, schedule, responsibilities, and products of the climate change adaptation initiative
- Build internal and external partnerships
- Seek funding to support the climate change initiative

### Impact and Vulnerability Assessments

- Develop climate change scenarios based on available information
- Identify/characterize current and projected impacts on sectors and planning areas of interest (more in depth than initial scoping)
- Assess vulnerabilities of sectors and planning areas to those impacts

### Risks and priorities

- Assess risks
- Prioritize sectors and planning areas for development of adaptation strategies

### Adaptation Strategies: Goals and Actions

- Develop goals for adaptation for high priority sectors and planning areas
- Develop and prioritize adaptation actions to achieve the goals

### Write and Integrate Adaptation Plan

- Write adaptation plan, provide draft for review by others, finalize plan
- Seek tribal council approval of climate change adaptation plan
- Integrate the plan ("mainstream") into other management/planning activities/documents

## **Implement Plan**

- Identify feasible first steps
- Build leadership and community support
- Build partnerships for implementing adaptation actions
- Locate funding; be ready for “windows of opportunity”
- Ensure you have the right implementation tools
- Implement adaptation actions

## **Measure your progress and update your plan**

- Track progress in implementing actions, attaining goals; evaluate effectiveness of adaptation actions (annually)
- Continue monitoring changes in climate and its impacts, regularly review basic assumptions (annually)
- Update adaptation plan to respond to changing circumstances and/or as new data or information becomes available (such as every 5 years)