

## WORKSHOP

# SURVEYING LOCAL WATER QUALITY EDUCATION NEEDS

**CHAIR:** R. L. Mahler, University of Idaho

**1:00 – 3:30 p.m.**

This workshop is designed to talk about the USDA-CSREES water quality needs assessment surveys that have been conducted in regions I, II, III, VII, VIII, IX and X over the last five years. The goals of this workshop are to:

1. Learn about some of the interesting water needs assessment results that have come from the surveyed regions.
2. Determine how we can best share and use these results.
3. Develop a plan (through discussion) on how we can pool state and regional results into a more useful data set.
4. Discuss how the collected base line information can be used to measure educational progress and actions taken by the public toward water issues over the next five years.

The first hour and fifteen minutes of this workshop will consist of three following presentations plus a look at the regional data base web site:

**1:05 – 1:30** Water Issues in the Heartland: Urban and Rural Perspectives. *Lois Wright Morton, Ph.D. Iowa State University Department of Sociology*  
*Susan S. Brown, Ph.D. Iowa State University Department of Agronomy*

**1:30 – 1:50** Priority Water Issues in Hawaii and in the U.S. Affiliated Pacific Islands. *Carl Evensen and Luisa F. Castro, University of Hawaii*

**1:50 – 2:15** Public Perceptions on the Ideal Balance between Natural Resource Protection and Use in the Western USA. *Robert L. Mahler and Bahman Shafii, University of Idaho.*

**2:15 – 2:30** A Look at the National Survey Database Web Site.

The second hour (2:30 – 3:30) will consist of a moderated discussion to address objectives 2, 3 and 4 listed above. We will have an interactive discussion with (people from) other states about how we can combine the surveys and do several analyses to discover trends and factors across the US that might provide future Extension programming directions. Thus we will be brainstorming ---

"What are the important relationships that we should be exploring?"....Are they demographic? Are they ideological? Are they regional? etc.

We will adjourn at 3:30 p.m.