Alberta Wetland Rapid Evaluation Tool Training Course

SALMTEC

ABWRET Training Course Overview

This course provides participants with a <u>strong</u> understanding of the Alberta Wetland Rapid Evaluation Tool. Both on-line learning and hands-on field training from the creator of the wetland evaluation tool, Dr. Paul Adamus, are combined in this easily accessible course, to prepare you for the 2017 field season.

Course Format

➢This course consists of eight 1 to 2 hour on-line modules and a 1-day of field training component.
➢On-line modules will be released two at a time starting <u>April 1, 2017</u>, through SALMTEC's on-line learning platform.
➢A field training day led by Dr. Adamus, will be scheduled for late <u>June 2017</u>.
➢Field training will be offered in both Calgary and Edmonton areas.
➢On-line modules, including associated tests, must be completed before the field training day.

What is ABWRET?

Alberta Wetland Rapid Evaluation Tool is a standardized method for assessing the important natural functions of all types of wetlands present in Alberta. Use of this method is a requirement through the Government of Alberta's Wetland Policy where *Water Act* approval is sought and wetlands will be permanently impacted.

A strong understanding of this tool is required at three sign-off points in the *Water Act* approval process for wetlands: at the pre-disturbance stage in the Wetland Assessment and Impact Report (WAIR), at the wetland restoration design stage in the Wetland Restoration Plan, and at the final verification stage in the Verification Report.

Who should take this course?

➢Professional wetland science practitioners who intend to sign-off on WAIRs, wetland restoration plans, or verification reports
➢Wetland science practitioners who, although not able to sign-off, can participate on wetland assessment teams and who want to provide a level of due diligence when using ABWRET
➢Any practitioner who works with the Alberta Wetland Policy, the Alberta *Water Act,* or at any level of wetland assessment, removal, replacement, or reclamation who needs to understand how wetland value is determined

Learning Objectives

➢Understanding the context for using ABWRET (green and white areas)
➢Understanding the methods used to create ABWRET
➢Understanding the basic theory behind the four wetland function categories
➢In-depth understanding of ABWRET indicators and wetland functional models
➢Using the ABWRET-A Tool
➢Submitting and interpreting ABWRET-A Results

Competencies

➢Skills, such as regional analysis, sampling methodology, plant ID and field techniques are beneficial.
➢Participants who successfully complete the course will be issued a certificate of completion and a username to join SALMTEC's on-line ABWRET Community Discussion Forum.

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Course Fees: $850.00 (plus GST)

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