

Good morning,

We at the Kodiak Soil and Water Conservation District are hosting a **"Local Working Group" (LWG) meeting on February 9th via Zoom , 1:30 to 3:30 pm** for community members of the Kodiak Archipelago.

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Local Working Group meetings enable community members to sit down with conservation districts and their key federal partners—in particular, the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)—to help set priorities for conservation programs within district boundaries. In this way, local priorities such as erosion along trails or fish passage issues in our salmon streams can be added to state and national priorities addressed by USDA programs and activities. See the attached flyer for more information on LWG meetings and their role.

One of the main programs discussed at this meeting will be the NRCS Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), a federal conservation program that helps agricultural producers in a manner that recognizes agricultural production and environmental quality as compatible goals. EQIP offers technical and financial assistance to help landowners with needed conservation practices for protecting and improving water quality, soil health, wildlife habitat, and other natural resources. **The more accurately local concerns are identified, the more effectively programs such as EQIP can be tailored to address them.**

Soil and Water Conservation Districts represent all those within district boundaries who are interested in local natural resources. We really hope you'll be able to join us for this meeting!

See attached documents to help you prepare for the meeting. The pre-meeting survey can also be filled out on a google drive <https://forms.gle/tphZA8QLMu2cFegf6>. We welcome your comments even if you are unable to attend the meeting.

Thanks,

Kodiak Soil and Water Conservation District