**MISSION**
The Alaska Hydrography Technical Working Group (AHTWG) promotes a strategic vision that supports the maintenance, stewardship, and use of common hydrography datasets for state, federal and other partners. Specifically, the AHTWG:

- Promotes the implementation of a State-wide Stewardship Model
- Coordinates statewide hydrography editing standard operating procedures, standards and editing workflows
- Facilitates development of feature level metadata standards
- Provides input to improving the National Hydrography Dataset (NHD) data model and tools
- Communicates hydrography issues to leadership and technical staff

For the benefit of all digital hydrography editors and users in Alaska.

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**If you use, edit or are interested in water data in Alaska, the Alaska Hydrography Technical Working Group provides the support and guidance for you.**
**WHAT WE DO**

The Alaska Hydrography Technical Working Group, or AHTWG, is a committee focused on the coordination of current and future surface water hydrography mapping in Alaska. AHTWG is charted under the Alaska Climate Change Executive Roundtable, and is comprised of six federal agencies four State of Alaska entities, as well as numerous technical advisors from various groups.

The group is co-chaired by a representative from the USGS and the Alaska Hydrography Database at the University of Alaska. AHTWG has adopted AK Hydro as the preferred path forward to support hydrography mapping updates in Alaska.

**HOW TO PARTICIPATE**

- Connect with the AHTWG member representing your agency.
- Tell us where you have edited or updated hydrography.
- Use a common, reliable and up to date hydrography dataset.
- Improve the NHD by sharing your updated hydrography data.
- Provide funding to support hydrography updates in Alaska.

**FOCUS GROUPS**

The AHTWG addresses special tasks and issues with focus groups comprised of AHTWG members and technical advisors. These focus groups have developed hydrography data model and data editing standards, are creating communications materials and are developing standards for NHDPlus implementation in Alaska.

**AK HYDRO**

The AHTWG directs, oversees and promotes the Alaska Hydrography Database (AK Hydro) as the preferred hydrography editing method in Alaska when and where available.