2012 PNWER Economic Leadership Forum Schedule

Wednesday, November 14th

4:00 pm - 7:00 pm	**Registration -** *Coeur d'Alene Resort Hotel Lobby*
7:00 pm - 10:00 pm	**Hospitality Suite** hosted by Monsanto - *Hagadone Penthouse Suite 1801, Coeur d'Alene Resort*

Thursday, November 15th

7:30 am - 5:00 pm	**Registration -** *Conference Center Lobby, Coeur d'Alene Resort*
8:00 am - 9:15 am	**Breakfast Plenary** featuring **Lieutenant Governor Brad Little,** Idaho. Hosted by Avista - *Bay 4, Coeur d'Alene Resort*
9:15 am - 12:00 pm	**Border and Regulatory Cooperation: Year Two** - *Bays 5 & 6, Coeur d'Alene Resort* Moderated by **Dr. Don Alper**, Border Policy Research Institute, Western Washington University • **Dr. Chris Sands**, *Senior Fellow,* Hudson Institute; **Dr. Laura Dawson**, *President,* Dawson Strategic ◊ Where are we after year one of the Beyond the Border and Regulatory Cooperation Council? ◊ What have we learned? ◊ What do we need to go forward? • **Alan Langford,** *Attaché U.S. Embassy in Ottawa,* U.S. Customs and Border Protection; **Kevin O'Shea,** *Assistant Secretary, Border Action Plan Implementation,* Privy Council Office; Consul General **Denis Stevens**, Consulate General of Canada, Seattle • Private Sector Panel: **Ron Nilson,** *President,* Ground Force Mfg., **Cristina Falcone**, *Public Affairs,* UPS Canada; **Dan Joyce,** *Executive Director,* Strategic Development of Rocky Mountaineer ◊ Why does this matter to the Region? ◊ What are the mechanisms for input from states and provinces?
	Roundtable Discussion on Innovation Principles - *Casco Bay, Coeur d'Alene Resort* Co-Chairs: **Alana DeLong**, *MLA,* Alberta; and **Dave Zepponi,** Northwest Food Processors Association; • Review working group purpose statement and goals • Plan objectives and goals for the Anchorage Annual Summit • Discussion of Innovation Principals/Roadmap for the Region
12:15 pm - 1:30 pm	**Luncheon Plenary** featuring a panel discussion on Assessing Foreign Takeover Bids for Key Natural Resource Assets in the Region; moderated by **Jeff Morris**, *Director*, PNWER's Energy Horizon Program. Featuring **Barry Penner,** Davis LLP (BC) and **Laura Dawson**, *President,* Dawson Strategic. Hosted by Arkoosh Eiguren - *Bay 4, Coeur d'Alene Resort*
1:45 pm - 3:30 pm	**Invasive Species** - *Bays 5 & 6, Coeur d'Alene Resort* • Panel featuring **Amy Ferriter**, *Invasive Species Coordinator,* Idaho Department of Agriculture; **Phil Rockefeller**, *Council Member*, Northwest Power and Conservation Council; **Rep. Eric Anderson**, Idaho Legislature; and **Gail Wallin**, *Executive Director,* Invasive Species Council of British Columbia. ◊ A look at the economic impact of invasive species on the Region and how to champion invasive species control Moderated by **Mark Sytsma**, *Associate Vice-president for Research,* Portland State University
Break	Coffee break hosted by Idaho Farm Bureau Federation
3:45 pm - 5:00pm	**Energy**, *Bays 5 & 6, Coeur d'Alene Resort* • Legislative Energy Chairs Panel: Key Energy Issues for 2013 Legislative Sessions featuring **Rep. George Eskridge** and **Sen. Curt McKenzie**, *Co-chairs,* Idaho, Energy, Environment & Technology Interim Committee; **Rep. Deb Boone,** *Co-Vice Chair,* Oregon, Energy, Environment and Water; **Sen. Alan Olson**, *Chair,* Montana, Energy and Telecommunications; **Hon. David Ramsay**, *Minister of Industry, Tourism and Investment, Minister of Transportation,* Northwest Territories; **Sen. Kevin Ranker**, *Chair*, Washington, Energy, Natural Resources & Marine Waters; and **Sen. Lesil McGuire**, *Vice Chair,* Alaska, Resources Moderated by **Jeff Morris,** *Director,* PNWER Energy Horizon Institute ◊ What is the most significant energy issue your legislature will address this year? In your opinion, what is the most important energy issue in the region? Which area do you wish you had more information on? What important energy issue will your legislature will not address? • Report out on the Energy Storage Coalition
5:30 pm	**Reception** hosted by APEGA, APEGS, APEGBC - *Hagadone Event Center, Coeur d'Alene Resort*
9:00 pm	**Hospitality Suite** hosted by TransCanada - *Hagadone Penthouse Suite 1801, Coeur d'Alene Resort*

Friday, November 16th

7:30 am - 2:00 pm	**Registration** - *Conference Center Lobby, Coeur d'Alene Resort*		
8:00 am - 9:00 am	**Breakfast Plenary** featuring a presentation on "Creating Customers: Economics, Government, and Business" from **Dr. Ed Schweitzer**, *President*, Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories. Hosted by Ground Force Mfg. - *Bay 4, Coeur d'Alene Resort*		

9:00 am - 12:00 am	**Transportation** - *Bays 5 & 6, Coeur d'Alene Resort*
	Co-Chairs: **Bruce Agnew**, *Director,* Cascadia Center*;* **Sen. Curt McKenzie**, Idaho.
	• Federal update on Map 21 featuring **Larry Ehl,** *Publisher/Principal,* Transportation Issues Daily
	• Idaho's strategic plan; economic opportunity, analysis and freight study. Featuring **Jerry Whitehead**, *Chairman,* Idaho Transportation Board; **Scott Stokes**, *Chief Deputy,* ITD
	• Addressing regional, multi-modal rail system capacity. Featuring **Maureen Gresham**, Freight and Special Projects*,* ITD**; Terry Finn**, *Director Government Affairs,* BNSF*;* **Daniel Harbeke** *Director Public Affairs,* UP*;* **John Sibold,** *State Rail and Marine Director,* WSDOT*;* **Colleen Weatherford,** *Director of Public Private Partnerships,* BNSF
	  • What are the critical rail bottlenecks to increasing commodity shipping in the region?
	  • Expanding passenger rail
	  • Facilitated discussion: "Addressing bottlenecks in the region cooperatively."
		Workforce Development - *Casco Bay, Coeur d'Alene Resort*
		Co-Chairs*:* **Colin Smith**, APEGBC*;* **Sen. Cathy Giessel,** Alaska, Labor and Commerce Committee
		• Panel: Tapping regional talent to fill cross-border workforce gaps. Featuring **Mike Wo,** Executive Director*, Edmonton Economic Development Corporation*.
		  • Update on Alberta outreach programs in Seattle
		• Panel: Meeting Workforce Training Challenges in the Region. Featuring **Steven Griffitts**, *President,* Jobs Plus and **Ricia Lasso,** *Regional Business Specialist*, Idaho Department of Labor
			Arctic Caucus Work Session - *Kidd Island, Coeur d'Alene Resort*
			Jurisdictional Leads: **Hon. David Ramsay,** Northwest Territories*;* **Sen. Lesil McGuire**, Senate *Rules Chair, Ala*ska
			• Planning Meeting for 2013 Arctic Caucus Events
			• Yellowknife Capitol Visit, February 2013
			• 2013 PNWER Summit in Anchorage, Alaska

12:15 pm - 1:45 pm	**Luncheon Plenary** featuring **U.S. Senator Mike Crapo**, Idaho, member of the Senate Finance Committee, and "gang of eight," the bipartisan group of senators working on crafting a deficit-reduction deal to avoid the "fiscal cliff." (via teleconference). Moderated by **Lt. Gov. Brad Little.** Hosted by Sunshine Minting - *Bay 4, Coeur d'Alene Resort*		
1:45 pm - 3:00 pm	**Plenary on the Economy** - *Bays 5 & 6, Coeur d'Alene Resort* • State and Provincial Economic Forecast featuring **Grant Forsyth,** *Chief Economist,* Avista Corp. • Business Leaders Panel on the Economy featuring **Tom Power,** *President,* Sunshine Minting*;* **Steve Wilson**, *President and CEO,* Coeur d'Alene Chamber of Commerce*;* **Matt McCoy**, International Trade Alliance*;* **Dan Kirschner,** *Executive Director,* Northwest Gas Association*;* **Grant Forsyth,** *Chief Economist,* Avista Corp.		
3:15 pm - 5:00 pm	**Manufacturing Tour** *Buses depart from the Resort at 3:15 pm.* • **Sunshine Minting Inc.,** a leading domestic and global supplier of precious metal and base metal mint products with $1.7 billion in annual revenues. Sunshine Minting is the primary supplier of silver coins to the U.S. Mint in Washington D.C. as well as supplying the Canadian Mint. **(PLEASE DO NOT BRING ANY BAGS/PURSES OR ANY METAL ITEMS (I.E. CAMERA, CELL PHONE, COINS OR POCKET KNIVES). WEAR CLOSED-TOE SHOES, NO HEELS).** • **Ground Force Worldwide,** manufactures a wide variety of truck bodies and accessory equipment for the mining and construction industries around the world, including the Alberta Oil Sands. With four factories in North America, Europe and South America, Ground Force builds the world's largest fuel & lube trucks and the world's largest water trucks. • **Kootenai Technical Education Campus,** a partnership between business and industry leaders, local school districts and local manufacturers created a high school hybrid. KTEC offers dual enrollment credits, industrial certifications and a new route to success through applied skill learning.		
5:00 pm - 8:00 pm	**Reception hosted at Ground Force Worldwide**		
9:00 pm	**Hospitality Suite** hosted by Capital Power - *Hagadone Penthouse Suite 1801, Coeur d'Alene Resort*		

Saturday, November 17th

7:30 am	**Breakfast** - *Casco Bay, Coeur d'Alene Resort*
8:00 am - 12:00 pm	**Executive Committee Meeting** - *Casco Bay and Kidd Island, Coeur d'Alene Resort.* Featuring **Roger Woodworth**, *Chief Strategy Officer,* Avista. Open to all participants