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<b>Health Care PNWER 2010</b>			
<b>Discussion Topic</b>	<b>Action Items</b>	<b>Project Team</b>	<b>Initial Project Lead</b>
<b><u>Special Session organized on Mental Health and Addictions –</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create a newsletter focusing on Mental Health in the Workplace: available for handout and post on web.</li> <li>• Develop a PNWER Mental Health Resources Guide (Canada and US) <i>on current research, evidence of effective programs, tools and policy options for jurisdictions to addressing mental health and addictions in the workplace.</i></li> <li>• Archived Video-cast of presentations from Mental Health and Addictions in the Workplace Symposium will be made available for broader dissemination (September, 2010).</li> </ul>	<i>Institute of Health Economics, Mental Health Commission of Canada Workplace Mental Health Committee.</i>	John Sproule
<b><u>Health Evidence Network: Forum on Best Practices from PNWER Region.</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Hold a meeting of health evidence centres and key decision makers and industry in association with the 2011 Portland PNWER meeting.”</li> </ul>	<i>Institute of Health Economics, Centre for Evidence-based Policy (Oregon).</i>	John Sproule
<b><u>Pacific Northwest Border Health Alliance.</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “PNWER encourages all jurisdictions to sign the MOU to create the <i>Pacific Northwest Border Health Alliance.</i>” (Status: All jurisdictions have signed except for Alberta and Montana.)</li> </ul>	Pacific Northwest Border Health Alliance	Wayne Dauphinee

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Border Issues PNWER 2010			
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PNWER should capitalize on momentum from the 2010 Olympics and continue to strengthen efforts to integrate border stakeholder groups, especially from the interior region in the border coordination council.</li> <li>• Work with DHS in the development of specific policy goals in the creation of the northern border strategy.</li> <li>• Work with CBSA and DHS to examine the US regulation that requires re-screening of checked baggage originating in Canadian Airports and arriving in US ports.</li> <li>• PNWER supports the permanent operation of the 2<sup>nd</sup> daily Amtrak train and calls on the government of Canada by Sept. 30, 2010, to permanently waive the inspection fee under the cost recovery pilot program of CBSA and continue to work with Amtrak, WSDOT, CBP, CBSA on the expansion of pre-clearance procedures at Pacific Central Station in Vancouver.</li> </ul>	Border Coordination Council	Don Alper, Len Mitzel

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<b>Energy II PNWER 2010</b>			
<b>Discussion Topic</b>	<b>Action Items</b>	<b>Project Team</b>	<b>Initial Project Lead</b>
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Increase cooperation amongst regulatory bodies:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Invite regulatory agencies to meet with policy makers at the Winter PNWER meeting, November 17-20</li> <li>b. At the above meetings with regulators/policy makers, include in the agenda a discussion amongst PUCs regarding</li> <li>c. cost of integration, balancing, firming, and capacity of renewable (cost allocation)</li> <li>d. how they make their decisions within the context of other regulatory decisions made throughout the region</li> <li>e. obstacles they are concerned about or suggestions for new legislative solutions.</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Request a breakout session involving policy makers and regulators at the NARUC annual meeting in February , 2011               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Invite NREL and NIPPC, and IPPBC to have a dialogue about a Renewable Energy Exchange at the PNWER Winter meeting</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. Initiate a dialogue within the PNWER region on what mutual benefits the region has in energy transactions with CA               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Invite CA entities to a subsequent meeting based on conclusions of meeting cited above</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. Develop a list of impediments to holistic and efficient regional transmission systems with input from PNWER jurisdictions and entities</li> <li>5. Global energy demand is expected to continue to grow, creating significant new export opportunities for energy products in the PNWER region. Bringing energy to market –</li> </ol>		

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	<p>whether by pipeline, rail, through transmission lines and a western power grid – is an important aspect of seizing economic development opportunities.                  PNWER members agree on the importance of increasing opportunities for North American trade in clean energy. This requires enhanced east-west/north-south infrastructure to meet future national and global energy demand across North America. PNWER members commit to cooperate on energy supply and import and export initiatives between Canada and the United States. This will be part of our agenda for the DC and Ottawa capital visits</p> <p>6. Assemble data sets from each jurisdiction to compare the regulatory costs per kilometre (average cost per interconnection and length of time.)</p> <p>7. Complete a study examining the carbon footprint of a jurisdiction/area per unit of GDP</p> <p>8. Support the continuation of the Legislative Energy Horizon Institute</p> <p>9. Partner with the University of Regina to hold a CCS meeting in the fall of 2010</p>		
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**Invasive Species  
PNWER 2010**

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Send a letter to all federal legislators from PNWER member states regarding prevention of Source Point Contamination at Lake Meade and follow up on the letter sent last year to Secretary Salazar</li> <li>Draft a letter of Support from the PNWER executive Board to be used for support of grants for regional invasive programs</li> <li>Distribute the Oregon Invasive Species Economic Impact assessment and recommend similar assessments be done by all member jurisdictions in order to obtain a regional picture of Invasive Species</li> </ul>	Eric Anderson, Mark Sytsma,	Mark Sytsma

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	Economic impact		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain an active year-round invasive species group, including quarterly webinars to increase regional collaboration and information sharing.</li> </ul>	Eric Anderson, Mark Sytsma	Mark Sytsma
<b>Disaster Resilience PNWER 2010</b>			
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<b><i>Collaboration to Develop a Cross-Border Regional Resilience Strategy</i></b>	<p><b>PNWER should build on existing capabilities to undertake four priority initiatives to help implement the July 2010 <i>Canada-United States Action Plan for Critical Infrastructure</i>:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strengthen and expand regional collaboration utilizing PNEMA, the PNW Partnership for Regional Infrastructure Security and Resilience, the PNW Border Health Alliance, and other mechanisms.</li> <li>Provide a forum to discuss and harmonize cross-border roles and responsibilities to improve preparedness, response and recovery for all-hazards incidents and disasters.</li> <li>Work toward developing a cross-border information sharing process focusing initially on health and safety-related data that can be expanded to other types of information needed for infrastructure protection and disaster resilience.</li> <li>Utilize the PNWER Summit to work toward developing a</li> </ul>	<p>Paula Scalingi, Center for Regional Disaster Resilience</p> <p>David Hodgins, Managing Director, Alberta Emergency Management</p> <p>Kevin Roche, Director Saskatchewan Protection and Emergency Services</p> <p>Wayne Dauphinee, Executive Director, PNWBHA.</p>	<p>Brandon Hardenbrook, PNWER</p>

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	campaign to create a culture of public safety and disaster resilience to raise the level of awareness among government and private sector leaders, media and the general public by integrating the topic into other working groups.		
<b>Innovation PNWER 2010</b>			
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Have a session at the Winter Meeting on Identifying Barriers to Regional Innovation Collaboration</li> </ul>	Joy Howland, Rep. Glenn Anderson,	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Generate a Map of Regional Innovation Clusters throughout the PNWER Region</li> </ul>	Joy Howland, Rep. Glenn Anderson,	
<b>Tourism PNWER 2010</b>			
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Tourism working group will work with a core team of initial stakeholders to broaden the involvement of the tourism sector in the Annual Summit</li> </ul>	Rob Gialloreto, Karen Ballard	Karen Ballard
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The tourism working group should consider a session or integration of cultural tourism into the 2011 Summit, including the possibility of a culturally oriented Policy tour</li> </ul>		Patricia Dewey
<b>Trade &amp; Economic Development</b>			

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To be provided</li> </ul>		
Transportation PNWER 2010			
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	<p>Popularity of the Amtrak Cascades and the international exposure received by the region during the 2010 Winter Olympic Games opened the door for new tourism opportunities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PNWER supports the permanent operation of the 2<sup>nd</sup> daily Amtrak train and calls on the government of Canada by Sept. 30, 2010, to permanently waive the inspection fee under the cost recovery pilot program of CBSA and continue to work with Amtrak, WSDOT, CBP, CBSA on the expansion of pre-clearance procedures at Pacific Central Station in Vancouver</li> </ul>		Bruce Agnew
Overview of the changing face of trade patterns in North America and globally	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Transportation working group will hold a session at the PNWER Winter meeting to discuss opportunities for integration of transportation and energy infrastructure development in the Cascade Corridor (Vancouver, BC to Eugene, OR). The Oregon and Washington legislative Transportation committees will be invited to participate as well as British Columbia transportation leaders.</li> <li>The Transportation working group recommends the examination of the relationship between trade corridors and increasing exports. (The Van Horne Institute is undergoing research on this topic.)</li> </ul>	Cascadia Center for Regional Development	Bruce Agnew
Water Policy PNWER 2010			



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	in Portland Oregon		
<b>Energy I PNWER 2010</b>			
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	PNWER should support the development of the Legislative Energy Horizon Institute as a sustainable PNWER Program, and implement plans for the second class for 2011-2012	Jeff Morris Yvonne Sertich, U of Idaho	Jeff Morris
<b>University Presidents PNWER 2010</b>			
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The University President's at the request of the PNWER President, nominated Portland State President Wim Weivel to be the representative of the University President's Roundtable to the PNWER Executive Committee.</li> <li>Hold the University President's Roundtable at the 2011 Summit in Portland</li> </ul>	Wim Wiewel	
<b>Sustainable Development PNWER 2010</b>			
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Seek support of the public and private sector to query state and provincial data and Produce an Inventory/Overview of renewable energy projects of one mega-watt or greater underway on a regional basis by jurisdiction</li> <li>Produce an inventory/matrix of projects/programs in the</li> </ul>		

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	region that are providing economic incentives for the development of sustainable technologies		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Initiate a workshop at the 2011 Summit or before that can develop consistent measurement standards and terminology for defining success in the areas of sustainable development amongst different user groups</li> </ul>		
<b>Arctic Caucus PNWER 2010</b>			
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hold the first official meeting of the Arctic Caucus in Barrow Alaska in Sept. 2010 with a primary focus on infrastructure development.</li> </ul>	Arctic Caucus members, city of Barrow	Sen. Lesil McGuire
<b>Women in Natural Resources PNWER 2010</b>			
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	Make the Women in Natural Resource Session an Annual Event during the PNWER Summit	Sen. Lesil McGuire	Sen. Lesil McGuire
<b>Environment PNWER 2010</b>			
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	Encourage PNWER members, especially Legislators, to share accurate information regarding the Oil Sands with their colleagues and constituents		

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<b>Agriculture – Cross-Border Livestock Health Conference PNWER 2010</b>			
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<i>Small ruminants</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expedite rule making process to restore trade of sheep and goats to the US and allow for transit of Canadian sheep and goats through US</li> </ul>	Kathleen Parker Lynn Tait	Rick McDonald
<i>Animal Disease</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Address the speed of non-negative animal disease test results reported across the border so as to not negatively affect cross border trade (border interruption).</li> <li>• Develop a mutual recognition of zoning and regionalization in both countries. Investigate status of this between USDA and CFIA?</li> </ul>	Kevin Boon	Bill Barton  Ron Barker
<i>Emergency Response Preparedness</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sharing of best practices. Encourage the development of a North American template for crisis or incident management and encourage commodity organizations to include emergency preparedness and response management in their organizational structure.</li> <li>• Explore opportunities too share supplies and expertise across the border with an emphasis on USDA/CFIA</li> <li>• Invite and engage the industry supply chain (processing) to participate in discussions on communication and recovery.</li> </ul>	Nadia Shah Jagdish Patel	Brad Andres

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Executive Committee Action Items PNWER 2010			
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<i>Executive Committee Action Items</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PNWER should look at utilizing new tele-presence technology</li> </ul> <p>British Columbia is establishing a tele-presence technology network to encourage new and innovative business approaches; reduce the government’s travel costs and carbon footprint; and improve productivity towards faster decision-making and hours/days saved in travel time.</p> <p>Businesses and governments around the world are installing these systems which could have tremendous potential for changing the way inter-jurisdictional organizations like PNWER do business. This would require other PNWER jurisdictions to also establish networked tele-presence rooms.</p> <p>PNWER will follow suit and explore opportunities to pilot tele-presence technology (for example the PNWER Winter Meeting in November or the Executive Officers missions to Ottawa/Washington, DC) within the next 12 months.</p> <p>British Columbia commits to organize a tele-presence meeting of interested members to demonstrate the merits of this technology.</p>	BC Government to initiate	Minister Naomi Yamamoto
<i>Executive Committee Action Items</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PNWER should provide in-kind support for an Energy Summit proposed by the University of Regina to be held sometime in the Fall or early 2011.</li> </ul>	University of Regina, INL	Malcolm Wilson, U of Regina

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