

PNWER 24th Annual Summit, Whistler, B.C., July 20 – 24, 2014

DRAFT Preliminary Agenda

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Sunday, July 20

11:30am - 7:00pm	Registration - <i>Fairmont Chateau Whistler</i>
12:00pm - 5:00pm	Executive Board Lunch
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Welcome Reception - <i>Fairmont Chateau Whistler</i>
9:00 pm	Hospitality Suite

Monday, July 21

7:00am - 5:00pm	Registration - <i>Fairmont Chateau Whistler</i>
7:30am - 9:00am	Opening Ceremonies and Breakfast
9:15am - 12pm	Working Group(s) Session I

Session I

Market Access

Co-chairs: Scott Rudderham, Canpotex

- Expanding market access for natural resources in the Pacific NW: oil, natural gas, potash, coal
- Addressing regional rail, road, and port infrastructure needs
- Increasing public awareness of the benefits of the integrated supply chain and transportation system

Natural Gas Transportation

Co-chairs: Ian Burkheimer, Plum Energy; Hon. Rich Coleman, Minister of Minister of Energy, Mines and Natural Gas, British Columbia

- How PNWER can lead North America in Natural Gas Vehicles (NGV's) – rail, truck, and marine pilots; policy recommendations for increased adoption
- Best practices for off-the-grid natural gas industrial applications

Workforce Development

Co-chairs: Senator Maralyn Chase, Washington State; Colin Smith, Former President of APEG-BC and PNWER Private Sector Co-Chair

- Economic development opportunities through labor mobility
 - Best Practices between British Columbia and Washington State on trade certifications
- Mechatronics training programs
 - How cutting edge programs are adding skilled labor to the advance manufacturing and natural resource development workforce

Forestry

Co-chairs: TBD

- The opportunities and economic impacts of the forestry sector in the region
- Issues and trends in forest management, including forest health, fire prevention and best practices in climate change adaptation
- Regional best practices to market wood products, BC's Wood First Initiative: Creating a Culture of Wood

12:15pm - 1:45pm	Keynote Luncheon Featuring the Honourable Christy Clark, Premier of British Columbia <i>(invited)</i>
2:00pm - 5:00pm	Working Group(s) Session II

Session II

Energy: LNG Development

Co-chairs: Senator Cliff Larsen, Montana; Gary Weiling, Spectra

Brief Opening Presentations on LNG Export Initiatives In Our Region

- British Columbia – Hon. Rich Coleman, BC Minister of Energy, Mines & Natural Gas
- Alaska
- Oregon

LNG Panel Discussion

Moderator

1. Hon. Rich Coleman, BC Minister of Energy, Mines & Natural Gas
2. Doug Bloom, Spectra
3. Alaska, Oregon
3. *Other private sector reps*

Mining

Co-chairs: Karina Brino, Mining Association of B.C.; Sen. John Coghill, Alaska

- Mine Development, “Discovery to Reclamation.”
 - Workforce development
 - Research & Strategic Minerals
 - Financing
- Transparency
 - EITI and Dodd-Frank
 - Canadian Initiatives: Resource Revenue Transparency & Mandatory Reporting

Ocean Policy

Co-chairs: Sen. Arnie Roblan, Oregon; Molly McCammon, Alaska

Observing Station

- **Marine Spatial Planning**
 - *BC’s experiences with the Integrated Marine Planning Process*
 - Charlie Short, Co-founder and Chair of Coastal Wildlife Research Foundation
 - *Oregon’s Experience with Marine Spatial Planning and Marine Renewable Energy*
 - Paul Klarin, Oregon’s Marine Affairs Coordinator
- **Panel Discussion on Oil Spill Preparedness and Response**
- *Prospective Panelists:*
 - Jim Hoffweber, Executive Director, Environmental Emergencies and Land Remediation Branch (available)
 - Stephen Hawley, Policy Advisor, Energy Safety and Security, Natural Resources Canada (Potential)
 - Kristin Ryan, AK Department of Environmental Conservation OR Larry Hartig, Commissioner, Alaska Department of Conservation
 - Scott Wright, Director of Response Readiness, Western Canada Oil Spill Response Corporation (Potential –

requested availability)

- **Discussion on issues for Inter-jurisdictional Collaboration:**
 - *Existing responsibilities and division of powers for spill response in the USA and Canada.*
 - *Given proposed increases in shipping, what additional resources do we need to have in place for world class response?*
 - *What are the preparedness and response issues and strategies for remote areas?*
 - *How to better coordinate geographic response plans in transboundary areas.*
- **Discuss Past Action Items:**
- *Update on Ocean Acidification*
 - Washington State Senator Kevin Ranker (*Confirmed*)
- *Update on Ocean Energy*
 - Oregon State Representative Deb Boone (*Confirmed*)
- **Discuss Action Items**

Agriculture

Co-chairs: Patrick Cole, Idaho Potato Commission; Herb Cox, MLA Saskatchewan

- Importance of Asian Markets to PNWER
- Key agriculture issues in FTAs: geographical indicators, biotechnology, food safety, etc.
- i. Canada update on FTA engagement
- ii. U.S. update on FTA engagement
- Update on Mandatory Country of Origin Labeling

6:30pm - 8:00pm	Reception at Whistler Blackcomb's Roundhouse Lounge. Groups will travel 6,069 ft / 1,850 m via the Whistler Village Gondola. All participants must register to secure their spot.
9:00pm	Hospitality Suite

Tuesday, July 22

7:00am - 5:00pm	Registration - Fairmont Chateau Whistler
7:30am - 9:00am	Keynote Breakfast
9:15am - 12:00pm	Working Group(s) Session I

Session I

Energy & Environment

Co-chairs: Paul Manson, CEO Sea Breeze Power; Rep. George Eskridge, Idaho

- Energy efficiency: Overhyped or undervalued?
- Lowering costs for utilities and consumers
- High-performance buildings and industrial use case studies

Trade & Economic Development

Co-chairs: TBD

- Federal Officials from the U.S. and Canada will give an in-depth update on the progress of the Regulatory Cooperation Council (RCC)
- Discussion on the future of the RCC

Invasive Species I

Co-chair: Mark Sytsma, Portland State University

- Zebra and Quagga Mussel Prevention: Building a Perimeter of Protection
 - Efforts across the region
 - Emerging issues
 - B.C. Presentation
 - U.S. Perspective
 - Lake Powell and Lake Winnipeg Threats
 - Legislative Panel
- Industry Initiatives to Prevent the Spread of Invasive Species
- Invasive Controls: Success, Partnerships and Eradication

Cross-Border Livestock Health I

Co-chair: Mike Nikolaisen, British Columbia Association of Cattle Feeders

- RCC Working Group – Veterinary Drug Submission Harmonization

- RCC Working Group – Zoning for Foreign Animal Diseases
- RCC Working Group - Meat and Poultry Certification

Tourism

*Co-chairs: Dave Cowen, Butchart Gardens; Hon. Naomi Yamamoto, **Minister of State for Tourism and Small Business, British Columbia (invited)***

- Marketing and Product Potential in the PNWER Region
 - Tourism Dashboard
 - Aboriginal Tourism Development
- Tourism and Transportation
 - Visas, pre-clearance, Sichuan Air pilot, cost recovery
 - Two Nation Vacation and Norpass

12:15pm - 1:45pm	Keynote Luncheon featuring His Excellency Gary Doer, Ambassador of Canada to the United States of America (confirmed) and His Excellency Bruce Heyman, Ambassador of the United States of America to Canada (confirmed). Hosted by Cruise Lines International Association - North West & Canada
2:00pm - 5:00pm	Working Group(s) Sessions II

Session II

Energy Storage

Co-chairs: Rep. Jeff Morris, Washington, Chair of Committee on Technology and Economic Development, Member of Committee of Environment

- Trends and challenges in energy storage technologies
- State of energy storage technology industry in PNWER region

Border Issues

Co-chairs: Dr. Don Alper, Western Washington University; and Simon Gibson, MLA, British Columbia

- Ambassadors and Business Leaders Border Roundtable on the next generation of Beyond the Border
- PNWER Border Clusters Pilot Project
 - Introduction to Pilot Project – Matt Morrison, PNWER
 - NEXUS Business Traveler
 - WA-BC Software Cluster
 - Forestry/Mining Cluster – Rep. Mike Cuffe, Montana
- Border Modernization
 - Beyond the Border Update from U.S. and Canadian Federal Officials

Invasive Species II

Co-chairs: Mark Sytsma, Portland State University

- Early Detection and Rapid Response
- Pathways Based Risk Assessment
 - British Columbia's Recent Initiatives
 - California Ocean Science Trust

Cross Border Livestock Health II

Co-chairs: Mr. Mike Nikolaisen, British Columbia Association of Cattle Feeders

- Dairy Farm Audit
- Animal Welfare

Innovation

Co-chairs: Alana DeLong, MLA, Alberta and Dave Zepponi, Northwest Food Processors Association

- Cross border cluster development in the software industry
- Best practices in Energy Efficiency in the Northwest
- Pacific Northwest Innovation Summit

5:30pm	Light Reception, hosted by Association of Professional Engineers & Geoscientists of Saskatchewan - Fairmont Chateau Whistler
6:30 pm	Open evening - Enjoy Whistler!
9:00pm	Hospitality Suite

Wednesday, July 23

7:00am - 5:00pm	Registration - Fairmont Chateau Whistler
7:30am - 9:00am	Keynote Breakfast featuring Mike Hamilton, Partner, MK Hamilton and Associate, "Cybersecurity Meets Government, Meets Infrastructure: A Briefing for Legislators"
9:15am - 12:00pm	Working Group(s) Session I

Session I

Transportation I

Co-chairs: Bruce Agnew, Cascadia; Sen. Curt McKenzie, Idaho

- Aligning truck size and weights

- Regional rail and port capacity

University Presidents' Roundtable

Arctic Caucus

Co-Chairs: Senator Lesil McGuire, Rep. Bob Herron, Alaska

- Beaufort Regional Council
- Goals of the U.S. Leadership of the Arctic Council and the role the Caucus can play

Cross Border Livestock Health III

Co-chairs: Mr. Mike Nikolaisen, British Columbia Association of Cattle Feeders

- Disease Safeguards at the Border
- Porcine Epidemic Diarrhea (PED) in Canada and USA - effect on transport
- Action Items

Water Policy

Co-chairs: Sen. Jim Honeyford, Washington; David Hill, University of Lethbridge

- Water Governance
- Policy: Environment, Economics and Water Policy

12:15pm - 1:30pm	Keynote Luncheon featuring Governor Steve Bullock, Montana
1:45pm- 3:00pm	Plenary
1:45pm - 5:00pm	Columbia River Treaty Symposium
3:00 pm - 5:00pm	Working Group Session(s) II

Session II

Transportation II

Co-chairs: Bruce Agnew, Cascadia; Sen. Curt McKenzie, Idaho

- Greening supply chains, LNG locomotives
- Green Gateway Initiative

University Presidents' Roundtable

Cross-Border Livestock Health IV

Co-chairs: Mr. Mike Nikolaisen, British Columbia Association of Cattle Feeders

- Genetically Modified Organisms and Livestock Feed

- Genetically Modified Organisms – Regulatory and Food Safety Issues

Executive Committee Meeting

3:00pm - 5:30pm	Pemberton Agriculture Tour <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Visit organic focused Pemberton Distillery ● Register Online
6:00pm - 8:00pm	Reception at the Squamish Lil'wat Cultural Center, <i>hosted by Spectra.</i>
9:00pm	Hospitality Suite

Thursday, July 24

8:00am	Optional Continental Breakfast
	All-day Vancouver Policy Tour <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Tour begins at Port Metro Vancouver at 11:00 am. Port Metro Vancouver is North America's largest export port by tonnage and Canada's largest gateway, handling 19% of Canada's total goods trade. ● The tour will then proceed to FortisBC's LNG plant on Tilbury Island in Delta. ● Other tour stops under development include an energy efficient building project and technology company. ● Delegates can travel via their own car or tour bus. Bus will drop off passengers at Canada Place in downtown Vancouver at 5:00pm. ● Register online; more details are coming soon.
	Britannia Mine Policy Tour Visit the once-largest copper mine in the British Empire <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Delegates can view exhibits, pan for gold, and tour underground of the mine. ● Tour includes a visit to a water remediation facility. ● More details coming soon.
	All-day Abbotsford Agriculture Tour <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Tour will visit cutting-edge agriculture production facilities in the Abbotsford area.

- *Tour will end in downtown Vancouver.*
- *More details are coming soon.*