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NW Economic Summit, Portland, Oregon, July 23-27

PORTLAND – Over 700, state and provincial legislators and business leaders from the Pacific Northwest, and western Canada will convene at the Pacific Northwest Economic Region (PNWER), Summit, July 23-27, in Portland, OR, to discuss sustainable economic development in the Northwest, climate change, invasive species, forestry, energy, water policy and more.

Legislators and business leaders from Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington, Alberta, British Columbia, Saskatchewan, Yukon and the Northwest Territories will meet at the Portland Marriott Downtown Waterfront Hotel, presented by the Pacific NorthWest Economic Region and the State of Oregon.

At the PNWER Summit, we have a number of high profile plenary speakers who will address attendees at plenary sessions during the three day meeting. The following are some of the keynotes:

- **Denis Stevens, Deputy Head of Mission, Canadian Embassy in Washington**
- **Chargé d’Affaires Elizabeth Moore Aubin, United States Embassy, in Ottawa**
- **Honorable Lawrence MacAulay, Minister of Agriculture, Federal Government of Canada**
- **Dr. Joe Robertson, President, Oregon Health Sciences University**

- **Mayor Don Iveson, City of Edmonton**
- **Dr. Stephen Flynn, Director of the Global Resilience Institute, Boston, MA**
- **Dr. Randy Kirchain, Co-Director of the Concrete Sustainability Hub, MIT**
- **Judge Edward Leavy, Senior Judge, Ninth Circuit Court**
- **Oregon Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum**
- **Brad Smith, President and Chief Legal Officer, Microsoft**

"At the PNWER Annual Summit, leaders in government, private industry and academia will meet to develop working solutions to the major challenges we share in the region," said, Dan Ashton, PNWER President. "We're excited to host this year's Annual Summit in Portland," Senator Arnie Roblan, PNWER Vice President said. "Trade, energy, transportation, environment, and disaster resilience are just a few of the important topics we'll be addressing during our summit sessions. I'm particularly pleased to have the Oregon Coastal Economic Summit meet concurrently at the PNWER Summit in Portland."

For more information, on the Summit visit: <http://www.pnwer.org/2017summit.html>

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ABOUT PNWER

The Pacific NorthWest Economic Region (PNWER) is a public/private organization created by statute in 1991. Member jurisdictions include Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, Montana and Washington, and the Canadian provinces and territories of British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, the Northwest Territories and Yukon. PNWER's mission is to increase the economic well-being and quality of life for all citizens of the region; identify and promote "models of success;" and serve as a conduit to exchange information.

For more information on PNWER, visit www.pnwer.org.