

2017 PNWER Annual Summit  
Portland, OR  
July 23-27

## **BORDER & TRADE WORKING GROUP**

Monday, July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017 | 9:15am – 12:15pm  
PNWER Annual Summit | Portland, Oregon | July 23-27, 2017

**Co-Chairs:** Rep. Mike Cuffe, Montana & Laurie Trautman, Border Policy Research Institute

### **Roundtable on border and trade issues**

Roundtable listening session on key Border and Trade issues – **Denis Stevens, Deputy Head of Mission Canadian Embassy in Washington DC, and US Charge d’Affaire Elizabeth Aubin from US Embassy in Ottawa** are invited to participate in roundtable with key sector stakeholders:

- **Bruce Agnew**, Director, Cascadia Center (PNWER Transportation Co-Chair)
- **Greg Wirtz**, President, Cruise Lines International Association – Northwest and Canada
- **Jim Phillips**, President and CEO, Can/Am Border Trade Alliance
- **Sara Partridge**, General Manager, Farm Equipment Sales
- **Gary Martin**, President and CEO, North American Export Grain Association
- **Dan Ujcz**, Dickinson Wright, Co-Founder of the Canada-US SAGE Group
- **David Miller**, Assistant VP Government Affairs, CN
- **Dave Cowen**, General Manager, The Butchart Gardens (PNWER Tourism Co-Chair)

### **Border Facilitation**

- a. Future of Beyond the Border
- b. Preclearance update, including Preclearance of cargo
  - **Deborah Meyers**, Department of Homeland Security

PNWER Preclearance Task Force overview, pilot, implementation  
Discussion from those involved in task force on next steps

### **PNWER NAFTA Survey Overview - Analysis of priority issues impacting the region related to the Nafta modernization process.**

- **Laurie Trautman**, BPRI

### **Moving forward - What steps are being taken to inform leaders on the benefits of US-Canada trade?**

- **Andrea van Vugt**, Vice President Policy, North America, Business Council of Canada

Process and path to negotiations and the role of congress in the process

- **Dan Ujcz**, Dickinson Wright

PNWER’s role going forward with these issues, how should PNWER engage with the NAFTA negotiations?

### **ACTION ITEM DISCUSSION**

**Next steps for PNWER** Action items and statement to urge both countries to recommit to a focus on regulatory cooperation and the principles of the Beyond the Border and Perimeter Security Declaration.