

2017 PNWER Annual Summit
Portland, OR
July 23-27

AGRICULTURE WORKING GROUP

Monday, July 24th, 2017 | 2:30 pm – 5:30 pm

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Co-Chairs:

Patrick Kole, Idaho Potato Commission

Larry Doke, MLA Saskatchewan

Welcoming Remarks (co-chairs)

Stakeholder Roundtable/Listening Session with Minister MacAulay on priority Canada-US Agriculture issues – Ten pre-identified stakeholders will make brief comments (2-3 minutes) related to cross border agriculture, regulatory cooperation and trade, followed by comments from Minister MacAulay.

Patrick Kole, VP Legal and Government Affairs, Idaho Potato Commission

Larry Doke, MLA, Saskatchewan

Alexis Taylor, Director, Oregon Dept. of Agriculture

Bev Yee, Deputy Minister, Alberta Agriculture and Forestry

Janice Tranberg, Executive Director, SaskCanola

Cort Jensen, Chief Attorney, Montana Dept. of Agriculture

John Masswohl, Director of Government & International Relations, Canadian Cattlemen's Association

Economic Impact of trade in agriculture sector

State, federal and industry Agriculture leaders highlight the economic impact of the agriculture sector on the regional economy and explore opportunities for expansion. Federal Agriculture trade leaders will provide input on the future of US-Canada Agriculture trade and opportunities for regulatory cooperation. The discussion includes how we can work as a region to expand our global reach into new markets and what is impacting increased market access. It will also focus on opportunities for continued regulatory alignment and expansion of Regulatory Cooperation Council initiatives.

Speakers:

Alexis Taylor, Director of Oregon Department Agriculture

Gary Martin, President and CEO, North American Export Grain Association

Frédéric Seppey, Chief Agriculture Negotiator, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada

Stakeholder dialogue on trade issues impacting the Agriculture sector.

How can our region work together to be more competitive?

What messages do we want to communicate around the NAFTA modernization process as it relates to agriculture?

Sustainability in Agriculture

This session will focus on creating awareness and reviewing the various components of sustainability as it relates to agriculture and food processing. The discussions are expected

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to review best practices that encourage growers/manufacturers to adopt sustainable practices including economic and institutional factors impacting choices will be covered. In addition, participants will explore potential impact of historically low commodity prices on efforts to adopt sustainable agricultural practices.

Nellie McAdams, Farm Preservation Program Director, Rogue Farm Corps

Pam Barrow, Energy and Sustainability Director, Northwest Food Processors Association

Action Item Discussion

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