



*Pacific North West
Economic Region*

2012 Saskatoon Summit Action Items

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Executive Committee					
Discussion Topic	Number	Action Items	Project Team	Initial Project Lead	Status Update
	1	Executive Committee shall establish a site selection committee made up of PNWER Past Presidents and the Host Committee Chair of the last 4 PNWER Summits. The Secretariat will develop a spec sheet for both the annual summit and the winter meeting. This will be distributed by the September board call.			
	2	At the 2013 Summit in Alaska, PNWER will include a working group session dealing with Wave and Tidal Energy Issues.			

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Agriculture					
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Regulatory Cooperation Council	1	Statement in support of the Regulatory Cooperation Council (RCC) Joint Action Plan initiatives	Co-chairs		
		The Pacific North West Economic Region (PNWER) Agriculture Working Group strongly endorses the Canada - United States Regulatory Cooperation Council (RCC) Joint Action Plan initiatives to develop:			
		-common approaches to food safety;			
		-mutual reliance on food testing results; and			
		-aligned crop protection (e.g., pesticides) approvals and maximum pesticide residue limits/tolerances.			
	2	Statement requesting Canada and United States (U.S.) maintain the RCC Joint Action Plan as priorities	Co-chairs		
		The PNWER Agriculture Working Group recognizes the importance of the RCC Action Plan to the region's agriculture sectors. We call on the governments of Canada and the U.S. to reaffirm their commitment by ensuring adequate resources are dedicated to the Action Plan initiatives.			
	3	Statement committing to supporting the RCC Joint Action Plan consultation process	Co-chairs		
		The PNWER Agriculture Working Group commits to collaborating in RCC consultations and seeking input from the regions' agriculture stakeholders.			
	4	The working group commits to:	Co-Chairs		
		-work with RCC officials to address information gaps;			
		-provide clarity to industry stakeholders with respect to roles, processes and opportunities for input;			
		-identify new areas of collaboration; and			
		-seek timely and successful conclusion on initiatives.			

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Arctic Caucus					
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Strategic Planning	1	Explore the options for holding an Arctic Caucus Meeting between now and the Anchorage Summit in 2013.		Minister Ramsay	
Strategic Planning	2	Hold regularly scheduled monthly conference calls with Arctic Caucus team to refine the working group's mission and role.		PNWER Staff	
Strategic Planning	3	Engaged the PNWER Working Group Co-Chairs on Arctic Issues that should be addressed at the 2013 Annual Summit.		PNWER Staff	

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Border Issues					
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	1	Urge Canadian Border Service Agency (CBSA) and other US and Canadian agencies to publish Port of Entry (POE) specific northbound traffic data for research that will help streamline the border crossing process.	Co-chairs		
	2	PNWER encourages private companies to give their stories/information to the Beyond the Border Working Group about their current costs associated with crossing the border and potential savings with further border management improvements.	Co-chairs		
	3	PNWER urges US and Canada RCC not to view New Port Operating Committees (POCs) as substitutes, or divert attention and resources away from highly successful regional assets such as the International Mobility and Trade Corridor (IMTC) in the Cascade Corridor.	Co-chairs		
	4	Because independent assessment and evaluation of new border initiatives under Beyond the Border is critical to continuing success of these initiatives, PNWER calls on the US and Canada to support independent university based research institutes such as the Border Policy Research Institute at Western Washington University to conduct data-driven performance studies of how the border is performing.	Co-chairs		
	5	Because Enhanced Driver's License (EDL) usage significantly improves border efficiency, PNWER encourages BC to take every action possible to increase the number of British Columbians who hold EDLs.	Co-chairs		
	6	PNWER will communicate these action items to lead US-Canada Beyond the Border officials (CBP, CBSA, DHS, Public Safety Canada, etc.).			

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Cross Border Livestock Health Conference					
Discussion Topic	Number	Action Items	Project Team	Initial Project Lead	Status Update
Active Involvement in livestock based RCC initiatives	1	Provide continued support for livestock based RCC initiatives. Provide a forum for communication for stakeholder engagement.	TBD on conference calls		
E-Certification and live cattle	2	Cross Border Livestock Health Conference (CBLHC) to re-submit proposal for pilot project on and support e-certification in live cattle. Request specific criteria for system needs to fulfill data and security requirements from the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) and Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA).	TBD on conference calls		
Animal Welfare	3	Support further of animal welfare initiatives for the development of science based guidelines/requirements. Need for consistency of requirements for animals crossing international, state and provincial borders.	TBD on conference calls		
Disease Prevention, Detection and Response	4	Reevaluate past action item to include aspects of disease prevention and detection as part of emerging animal disease.	TBD on conference calls		

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Disaster Resilience					
Discussion Topic	Number	Action Items	Project Team	Initial Project Lead	Status Update
Maritime commerce recovery	1	PNWER will work with supply chain stakeholders to develop a bi-national framework to restore commerce after a disaster.	US Coast Guard, Transport Canada, PNWER, BC and WA Maritime Stakeholders	Brandon Hardenbrook	
Memorandum of Understanding on cross border skilled labor	2	PNWER encourages the development of cross border Memorandum of Understandings (MOUs) to allow critical skilled individuals to assist in restoring critical infrastructure, including engineers/inspectors and other specific critical skilled labor. As part of this process, PNWER encourages jurisdictions to create an inventory of critical skills needed and potential shortages. PNWER also encourages jurisdictions to develop good samaritan laws to protect assisting workers during a disaster.	PNWER, The Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of British Columbia (APEGBC)	APEGBC (BC-WA structural engineers)	
Regional updates on resilience planning	3	PNWER will host a conference call to update the region on progress made on the development of resilience planning initiatives across the region.	Oregon, Saskatchewan, BC Institute of Justice, PNWER	Brandon Hardenbrook	

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Energy					
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	1	<p>Within the PNWER region, the most advanced global CCUS (Carbon Capture, Utilization, and Sequestration) demonstration project, headed by SaskPower and supported by the Petroleum Technology Research Centre (PTRC), is currently under construction and more than 50% complete. The goal of this project is to demonstrate at commercial scale the economics of carbon capture and sale of CO2 into the enhanced oil recovery market and to identify cost saving for the next generation of facility. PNWER will seek funding to bring together industry decision makers in the coal mining and utility sector in the region to a create understanding of and support for this groundbreaking project. PNWER should use this meeting and others to encourage western coal producers to support continuing research on CCUS.</p>			

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Health Care					
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Health cost drivers	1	PNWER will work with states and provinces to continue to examine primary health cost drivers and share best practices on innovative ways to address these issues.	Co-chairs		

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Invasive Species					
Discussion Topic	Number	Action Items	Project Team	Initial Project Lead	Status Update
		To be provided at a later date.			

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Innovation					
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Regional Collaboration	1	Encourage participation in the Seattle Next 50 PNWER Innovation Summit (Sept 17-18, 2012).	Egils Milbergs, PNWER Secretariat, Work Group	Steve Myers	Agenda for Sept 17-18 on web site, 4 additional NGO's signed up as sponsors
Regional Collaboration	2	Continue to work with Western Economic Diversification Canada on the PNWER Innovation Asset Inventory Survey.	Dave Zepponi, Steve Myers		Survey released, accepting responses (August 2012)
University Engagement	3	Encourage greater participation in the Royal Roads University PNWER Business Ideas Competition.	Work Group, PNWER Secretariat	Brian Cahoon	
Continuing Action Items	4	Refine the Purpose Statement of the Innovation Working Group.	Work Group		
Intellectual Property	5	Explore non traditional models of intellectual property management and bring suggestions to the working group.	Alana DeLong, MLA		
	6	Develop policy principles that jurisdictions could adopt for greater innovation collaboration and economic development.	Egils Milbergs		Plan to Share Draft at Sept. 17-19, 2012 Innovation Summit

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Natural Gas Vehicles					
Discussion Topic	Number	Action Items	Project Team	Initial Project Lead	Status Update
	1	PNWER encourages the Government of British Columbia to summarize their experience with new natural gas incentives and regulatory changes to be shared with other members of the region. This summarization will aid PNWER in creating a list of the most effective government incentives (economic and non-economic) for encouraging the growth of natural gas vehicle industry throughout the region.	Co-Chairs, PNWER Secretariat		
	2	PNWER will create a resource list of individuals interested (government and private sector) in the growth of natural gas vehicle industry.		Ian Burkheimer, Joe Larsen	
	3	PNWER will work with regional stakeholders to update the regional map of public and private natural gas refueling stations (including planned and projected).	Work Group, Encana		
	4	PNWER supports the marine application of natural gas and should help identify opportunities to use natural gas in different applications (shipping, cruise ships, ferries, etc...).			
	5	PNWER encourages the adoption of common regional safety standards for natural gas related equipment, including refueling stations and vehicles/vessels.			
	6	The working group will hold a series of conference calls to develop suggestions for common industry standards (explore New West Partnership and for submission to the Regulatory Cooperation Council (RCC).	Work Group		
	7	These Action Items shall be distributed to relevant agencies in US and Canada, and state and provincial officials in the region			

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Energy II (Renewable Energy)					
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	1	PNWER to explore best practices by PNWER jurisdictions on leasing agreements that would provide annual compensation to states and/or private landowners for infrastructure leases.		Jim Peterson, Montana Senate (President)	
	2	Working Group and member jurisdictions to provide examples of cooperation / collaboration between private sector and government entities on building renewable generation. PNWER to assemble into a regional document of best practices.		Nadine Wilson, Saskatchewan	
	3	Seek resources for an analysis to compare cost of electric generation resources with and without incentives in the PNWER region.	Co-Chairs, PNWER Secretariat		
	4	Develop a proposal to research foreign ownership of critical energy infrastructure in US and Canada, and seek funding to do an analysis.		Eric Anderson, ID	
	5	Seek resources to develop a comparative study of the benefits of diverse renewable generation resources in the region and seek funding sources.		Paul Manson	
	6	PNWER to compile regional natural gas prices and forecasts of future prices.		Dan Kirschner, Northwest Gas Association	
	7	Encourage individual utilities within the region to cooperate at a higher level with each other in meeting their resource needs.		George Eskridge	
	8	During PNWER's Energy Storage Coalition meeting in October with the Oregon and Washington Power Utility Commission directors, discuss these issues and subsequently organize a conference call with the Energy Chains & Energy Ministers Task Force to follow up with any suggestions that come out of this October meeting.		Jeff Morris	

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Sustainable Development/Mining					
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		In PNWER Region over \$35 B in value of minerals produced in 2011. There are also billions of dollars in investment in major projects related to mining in PNWER region. The PNWER region would benefit from a better understanding of the mineral resource potential of the region and how it supports economic development and increased standard of living in the region and the mining sector would benefit from Legislators having a better understanding of the potential and infrastructure-related needs (human and hard infrastructure) of the sector.			
	1	Facilitate member jurisdictions to catalogue best practices in mining industry in corporate social responsibility, and assemble in a regional framework.			
	2	Working Group to endorse, encourage, and advocate for a single window environmental assessment process.	Co-Chairs		
	3	Formally establish a mining working group as part of PNWER.			
	4	Seek funding to pursue an interactive mapping project on mineral resources and infrastructure in PNWER region, and work with the Arctic Caucus to expand their efforts to the entire region.	PNWER Secretariat, Arctic Caucus		
	5	Integrate mining into workforce development sessions and transportation sessions at future PNWER meetings.	PNWER Secretariat, Anchorage Host Committee		
	6	Working Group to encourage Aboriginal participation.	Co-Chairs / PNWER		

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Tourism					
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Support PNWER in a foreign visa pilot project	1	Support PNWER facilitating a pilot project to embed Citizen and Immigration Canada officials in U.S. state department offices in a target cities overseas to allow tourists to potentially qualify for both a US and Canadian visa during one interview. This would be part of the Beyond the Border Perimeter Security initiative, and will assist in informing US and Canadian officials of each other's procedures, and could provide a framework for expanded cooperation.	Dave Cowen, Bruce Agnew, Gabrielle Nomura, Andrew Little	Dave Cowen	
Improve and Expand Tourism discussions	2	Explore changing format of PNWER summit tourism for the 2013 Summit. Combine transportation (include air access in the discussion), tourism and border. Include Tourism in the 2012 winter meeting, as well as the 2013 Annual Summit.	Dave, Bruce, Gabrielle, Andrew	Dave Cowen	
Marine Tourism	3	Facilitate further NORPASS discussion/development with AK State Ferries, WA State Ferries, BC Ferries and Blackball Transport by holding a meeting in the fall.	Dave Cowen, Bruce Agnew, Gabrielle Nomura, Andrew Little	Dave Cowen	
Design/Annually Publish PNWER Tourism Dashboard	4	Work with states and provinces to launch a common set of tourism metrics to measure the economic impact of tourism. Data points could include number of jobs created, GDP, marketing return on investment, hotel occupancy, number of foreign visitors, export dollars generated etc. Data must be collected by independent universities in each jurisdiction, and an agreement must be signed by each state and provincial government indicating that they support the objectiveness of the metrics and agree to the report format.	Dave Cowen, Bruce Agnew, Gabrielle Nomura, Andrew Little	Dave Cowen	
Improve communication to public about Enhanced Driver's Licenses (EDL) and Border Requirements	5	Facilitate communication between border and transportation experts with tourism professionals to craft and convey a simple message to US and Canadian citizens about border requirements.	Dave Cowen, Bruce Agnew, Gabrielle Nomura, Andrew Little	Dave Cowen	
Two Nation Vacation	6	Develop strategy to facilitate intraregional tourism that connects PNWER jurisdictions. Facilitate development of themed routing that connects PNWER states and provinces. Facilitate development of a "one sheet" with 10 high quality regional themed routes with iconic imaging that contains cultural, historical, and culinary experiences.	Dave Cowen, Bruce Agnew, Gabrielle Nomura, Andrew Little	Dave Cowen	

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Trade and Economic Development					
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TransPacific Partnership	1	PNWER to send letter supporting the inclusion of Canada in the TransPacific Partnership negotiations		PNWER Staff	
Regulatory Cooperation Council	2	PNWER continues to support the Regulatory Cooperation Council and will work with PNWER members to identify and quantify when possible, specific regulatory barriers impacting trade between the US and Canada. Example, Buy American policy approvals (Keystone pipeline, unnecessary bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) testing required of fish oil).			
Beyond the Border	3	PNWER continues to support the Beyond the Border Action Plan and encourages the development of an economic impact analysis of its implementation.			
	4	PNWER will put together a package to send to Canadian Border Services Agency regarding extending the hours of operation for northbound freight at the Roosevelt crossing in Montana and British Columbia .		Rep. Cuffe	

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Transportation					
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Legislative primer for potash, coal, grain, wood and other exports	1	Secure additional resources to develop a legislative primer which will include a matrix on investments made in Western Canada and Northwest states to handle projected increases of exports in shipment of coal, potash, grain and wood and the symmetry between inbound containers, outbound commodities to the Asia-Pacific market. This would help guide decision-makers in their investment in infrastructure with respect to rail and port facilities. The primer would incorporate the results of the Portland 2011 Summit and the Saskatchewan 2012 Summit. The primer would also utilize social media platforms.	Bruce Agnew and Minister Don McMorris		
	2	PNWER should consider an Asia-Pacific legislative tour in 2013 of Prince Rupert, Vancouver, Alberta gateways and inland ports.	Co-Chairs, PNWER Secretariat		

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Water Policy					
Discussion Topic	Number	Action Items	Project Team	Initial Project Lead	Status Update
	1	Hold a full-day session for the 2013 Summit and possibly partner with the Agriculture working group to explore below topics.	Co-chairs		
	2	Partner with the Agriculture group to explore better monitoring and reporting of soil moisture, as an early indicator of fire potential (forest and grass) and perhaps as a means of mitigating the economic costs of drought.	Co-chairs		
	3	Continue to provide updates to the region on the Columbia River Treaty and explore linkages with other working groups including invasive species.	Co-chairs	PNWER Staff	
	4	Explore best practices for aquifer storage and recharge as a topic in 2013.	Co-chairs		
	5	In 2013 explore water re-use (particularly re-use of treated municipal and industrial effluents) as a new treated-for-purpose water supply.	Co-chairs		

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Workforce					
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Workforce Marketing Campaign	1	PNWER to produce a brief electronic piece on Request all OR and WA PNWER legislative delegates highlight or showcase the marketing campaign in newsletters, website, and social media.	PNWER Secretariat	Steve Myers	
		Build upon 2012 recruiting pilot to facilitate skilled labor mobility from Montana and Alaska to/from all Canadian jurisdictions.			
First Nation Engagement	2	Present an Alaskan Native workforce session or presentation in 2013 Annual Summit.	Sen. Giessel		
Continuing Action Items	3	<p>Professional Credential Recognition 2005: Licensing Reciprocity - Urge licensing bodies to adopt reciprocal professional credential recognition for engineers who have successfully practiced for a set number of years. Assist licensing bodies in preparing amendments to rules or policies to enable reciprocity of licensure.</p> <p>2010 (amended 2011): Pursuant to PNWER's 2006 resolution calling on all PNWER jurisdiction licensing bodies for engineers to adopt policies or present amendments to their respective legislative bodies which allows them to waive the requirement for satisfaction of prescriptive credentials in education and examination if the applicant meets specific criteria adopted by each jurisdiction, PNWER continues to encourage Alaska, Washington, Oregon and Montana to join with Idaho in facilitating this resolution.</p>	Colin Smith		

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University Presidents					
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PNWER BIC	1	Support the University President's PNWER Business Ideas Competition Challenge by assisting on Marketing of the challenge to PNWER University Presidents.	Royal Roads University		
President Involvement	2	Explore the opportunity of having U.S. Vice Presidents of Research invited to the Canada Vice Presidents Meeting.	Kathryn Warden - will get the contact		