

# PNWER CANADA

## About PNWER Canada

In 2005, PNWER incorporated PNWER Canada Inc., a Canadian non-profit entity based in Vancouver, British Columbia. In 2022, PNWER President and BC MLA Rick Glumac was instrumental in securing a grant of \$500,000 from the BC Government to PNWER Canada to develop sustainable programming to leverage PNWER's regional success in the Western Canadian provinces and territories.

## Current Projects

### Pacific Northwest Hydrogen Analysis

PNWER is conducting a first-of-its-kind study exploring cross-border opportunities and linkages for building out the regional hydrogen economy. PNWER secured a cost share agreement with British Columbia Ministry of Energy and Climate Solutions and Washington State Department of Commerce to expand the analysis, and contracted Deloitte to conduct the study. Learn more on page 17.

### Cross-Border Livestock Health Foreign Animal Disease Exercise

WA Department of Agriculture and PNWER Canada provided funding for a tabletop exercise for animal health leaders to develop and enhance cross border foreign animal disease response planning.

### Regional Tourism and Travel Resilience

PNWER created a Regional Tourism Council to develop a comprehensive strategy for regional tourism cooperation ahead of the 2026 FIFA World Cup and beyond. In early 2024, PNWER submitted a funding application to PacifiCan for the Accelerating International Tourism & Travel Resiliency in BC Project, and 2025 looks promising for next steps. Learn more on page 18.

## Proposed Projects

### Electrification Workforce Training Initiative

The proposed concept advancing workforce training and applied research to build skills for the electrified economy. This initiative now expands to include the clean energy and green hydrogen sectors, paving the way for a sustainable future.

### International Zero-Emission Freight Corridor Initiative

Working with both BC and WA state, this initiative would develop coordination for a zero-emissions freight corridor for both rail and trucks, identifying criteria and the process to establish the international corridor along I-5 including both hydrogen and electric charging stations.

### Aquatic Invasive Species

The proposal seeks to enhance response strategies, coordination efforts and leadership awareness across the Northwest. The focus of this work is to bring partners together across PNWER to improve collaboration and develop an Elected Officials Workshop focused on educating leadership, including legislators and government officials, on invasive species threats and improve awareness of the ongoing prevention and response coordination work happening through the Columbia River Basin Interagency Invasive Species Response Plan and other transboundary working groups.



*PNWER Canada  
President BC MLA Rick  
Glumac at the 2024  
Annual Summit.*

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