



Pacific NorthWest Economic Region

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Regional Economic Summit Coming to Whitehorse, Yukon, Nov. 13-15

WHITEHORSE, YUKON – Regional legislators and business leaders from Western Canada and the US Pacific Northwest states will convene at the Pacific Northwest Economic Region (PNWER) Economic Leadership Forum, November 13-15, in Whitehorse, Yukon, to discuss critical issues impacting the 10-jurisdiction region. Discussions will take place on the impact of the US midterm elections to the bi-national region, trade, tariffs, and the US-Canada relationship; First Nations economic development, governance, and tourism; energy solutions in the North; sustainable economic growth; recent infrastructure developments; the United States, Mexico, Canada Agreement (USMCA), and more.

Premier Sandy Silver will provide a keynote address at the opening session on Wednesday morning. Other key speakers include US Consul General in Vancouver Katherine Dhanani, Canadian Consul General in Seattle Brandon Lee, US Consul General in Calgary Lucia Piazza, and Grand Chief Peter Johnston.

Key legislators and business leaders from Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington, Alberta, British Columbia, Saskatchewan, Yukon, and the Northwest Territories will meet at the Westmark Hotel in Whitehorse to address how the region and both countries can work together to find solutions to some of the pressing problems they share.

Topic highlights include:

- Trade and the new US-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA)
- First Nations Economic Development and Tourism
- First Nations Leadership and Governance
- Impacts of Recent US and Canadian Elections to the Region

- Northern Energy Challenges and Solutions
- Innovation as an Economic Driver
- New Opportunities for Infrastructure Development

“The PNWER Winter Meeting is an opportunity for leaders in both government and the private industry to come together and address how we as a region can find solutions to the major challenges we share,” said PNWER President MLA Larry Doke (SK). “Now more than ever before, the building of trust that PNWER provides among key decision makers on both sides of the border is not only relevant, but crucial.”

“Yukon is pleased to host the 2018 PNWER Economic Leadership Forum in Whitehorse,” said Minister of Economic Development, Ranj Pillai (Yukon). “Our territory is home to a growing number of innovative partnerships in areas such as energy, tourism, the digital economy and resource development that are growing and diversifying our economy. We look forward to sharing our successes and identifying opportunities for regional cooperation with our PNWER partners.”

For more information on the meeting and to view the latest agenda, visit: <http://www.pnwer.org/2018-economic-leadership-forum>.

Download a media accreditation form: <http://www.pnwer.org/media2.html>

Contact Nate Weigel for additional information on how to attend the event as media: 206-443-7723.

ABOUT PNWER

The Pacific NorthWest Economic Region (PNWER) is a public/private organization created by statute in 1991. Member jurisdictions include the US states of 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.

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