

# Invitation to Participate

## Joint NWA-NHA Northwest Regional Meeting

October 29, 2009  
8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
Portland, Oregon

The National Hydropower Association and the Northwest Hydroelectric Association are pleased to be co-hosting their second joint Regional Meeting on Thursday, October 29 at the World Trade Center Portland, Oregon. The event is open to owners and operators of hydro projects, and to service and equipment providers (you don't have to be an NHA member to attend). **There is no fee for the meeting; however, pre-registration is required.** Come discuss current hot topics affecting the hydro industry.

Registration and an opportunity for networking will start at 8:00 a.m., with the program starting promptly at 9:00 a.m. Focus topics will be addressed by regional participants, including energy storage and its role in backing other renewable such as wind and solar—how much backup is needed in the region and what is the resolution? Balancing non-anadromous fish needs is a critical topic--when does the non-native have to be eradicated and who pays... the future of bioenergetics. The cost creep between licensing settlement agreements and implementation is an issue—how do you calculate and report costs, what's worked, what hasn't, dealing with significant cost increases. New hydro in the region is taking several forms—filing retrofits on federal reservoirs, conduit projects, and kinetic energy.

NHA and NWA especially thank Portland General Electric for hosting this meeting and for NHA member companies, HDR|DTA, Normandeau, Longview Associates, The Louis Berger Group, and Puget Sound Energy for sponsoring this event.

To reserve your spot [click here](#) to register online.

Sign up early!! This Meeting will provide an excellent opportunity for participants to informally discuss regional issues and to share experiences.

In 2009-10 NHA will be holding similar Regional Meetings in other areas of the country. Please check the events page at [www.hydro.org](http://www.hydro.org) for details. If you have any questions regarding these events, contact Diane Lear ([diane@hydro.org](mailto:diane@hydro.org)), George Waldow ([gwaldow@hdrinc.com](mailto:gwaldow@hdrinc.com)), or Sarah Verville ([sverville@pierceatwood.com](mailto:sverville@pierceatwood.com)).