

Fall Regional Workshop

October 9-10 Wenatchee, WA

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Wednesday October 9

12:45 – Tour participants meet in front of main lobby of Wenatchee Convention Center

1:00-3:30 PM – NWAHA Tour of Rocky Reach Hydroelectric Project

5:00-7:00-PM – Welcome Reception Hosted by Stoel Rives at the Wenatchee Convention Center

Thursday October 10

7:00-8:00- **Hearty Breakfast** at the Wenatchee Convention Center

8:00 – **Welcome** – Alene Underwood, Fish and Wildlife Manager, Chelan County PUD

Keynote – Steve Wright, General Manager, Chelan County PUD

8:30 – **Reinvigorating Hydropower Part 1**

In April 2019, Chelan County PUD partnered with the National Hydropower Association to release a whitepaper entitled, “Reinvigorating Hydropower.” The paper identified six key initiatives to retain and expand our nation’s hydropower assets. Six months later, a panel of industry experts will provide updates using real-life examples of the challenges, opportunities and progress being made in each area.

Moderator: Suzanne Grassell, Government Affairs Program Manager, Chelan County PUD

Markets

Josh Walter, Strategic Advisor Regional Affairs and Contracts, Seattle City Light

Technology Neutral Policies

Jeff Leahey, Executive Vice President, National Hydropower Association

Corporate Purchasing

Gia Schneider, Chief Executive Officer, Natel Energy, Inc.

9:30-10:00 – Break

10:00 Reinvigorating Hydropower Part 2

Hydropower Licensing

Chuck Sensiba, Partner Troutman Sanders

Research and Development

John Yale, Hydro Plant Engineering Manager, Chelan County PUD

Contracting and Quality Control

Daniel Arai, Senior Sales Manager, GE Renewables

11:20 Latest News and Topics from the Region

NWHA Update and Opportunities to Contribute, Committee Updates

Update on the Foundation for Water and Energy Education from Andy Dunau and Chuck Allen

11:45-1:00 Lunch

1:00 Water Quality Part 1

Moderator: Alene Underwood

Hot Topics in Water Law and Policy

Michael Campbell, Partner, Stoel Rives

Fish Entrainment Compliance at Cooling Water Intakes for Hydroelectric Facilities

Larissa Rohrbach, Valerie Oster, Anchor QEA, LLC

Water Temperature Conditioning at the Jackson Hydroelectric Project

Keith Binkley, Manager of Natural Resources, Snohomish County PUD

Hells Canyon 401 Certification

Jesse Naymik, Idaho Power

2:30-3:00 Break

3:00 Water Quality Part 2

Total Dissolved Gas Rulemaking on the Snake and Columbia Rivers

Bryson Finch, Natural Resource Scientist, Washington State Department of Ecology

Influence of Spill Operations on Supersaturated Gas Exposure to Incubating Salmonids and other Organisms in Regulated River Systems

Evan Arntzen, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

3:40 Hot Topics and Regional Discussion

Update on Columbia River Treaty

Former Congressman Norm Dicks, Current Senior Policy Advisor for Van Ness Feldman

Other Hot Topic Expert Presentations

Will Stelle, Former Regional Administrator NOAA Fisheries, Board Member and Senior Advisor for the Washington Water Trust

David Turner, Northwest Branch Chief, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

5:00 Closing Comments and Adjourn