Northwest Regional Workshop- Draft Agenda

A partnership between NWHA and NHA

October 27th, 2020 9:00-12:00 PST

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9:00-12:00

Introductions

Updates

- Updates from the Hill - Malcom Woolf, NHA
  - FERC Part 12D Dam Safety NOPR
  - Clean Currents planning
  - Congressional session aftermath
- Regional Update – NWHA
- 401- Final Rule – "a year is a year" -- How does the change in Section 401 of the Clean Water Act affect licensees? How does it change the negotiation process? How do we get to better outcomes?

Hot Topics

- "Long-Fuse" Projects - Status updates on long re-licensing, build, and decommissioning projects in the Northwest
- Hydropower Communications Toolkit Update

Markets

- Energy Imbalance Market-How are the markets responding this year to changes in demand? Cameron Schilling, NHA
- Markets today
  - RPS and FERC's PURPA ruling and how it will change pricing tariff implementation
  - Possibly look at how bitcoin and grow operations, and other high-load factors are affecting markets - Baxter Gillette, Grant County PUD
- Markets in the future

- California ISO in 2020 – Do markets need to value hydro?

12:00-1:00
Break

1:00-2:00
Virtual Power Plant Tour
Tentatively Bonneville Dam

2:00-4:00
STEM to Hydro Dialogue Workshop
Are you interested in growing the hydropower workforce in an innovative and virtual way? Join the National Renewable Energy Lab (NREL) and the Hydropower Foundation as they take participants on a journey through the recently launched STEM Hydropower portal. There, participants will be presented with the portal structure and content at a high level. Dialogues will focus on expanding and enriching the portal content and identifying gaps and needs for additional information to foster the linkage between academia and industry. Participants will have the opportunity to provide feedback on its relevance, breadth of information and its ability to disseminate information and attract workers to strengthen the U.S. hydro industry. This workshop is a great opportunity to collaborate with industry and academia and contribute to a tool that is building the hydropower workforce of tomorrow. (Max participants = 25)