

Fall Hydro Camp

October 6-7 Virtual



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Wednesday, October 6

9:00 – Welcome – Mary Gail Sullivan, President of NWA, Northwestern Energy

9:15 – Meet the Regulators

Attendees will have a chance to hear from local, state, and federal regulators from our region. Hear the view from their desks, what the horizon line looks like, and get a unique opportunity to connect and learn from each other.

Moderator- Finlay Anderson, Kleinschmidt Associates

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife- Kregg Smith

Oregon Department of Environmental Quality- Chris Stine

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife- Benjamin Blank

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission- Douglas Johnson, P.E. Regional Engineer

EPA –Anna Wildeman, Former Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator for EPA’s Office of Water, Counsel, Troutman Pepper

10:30-11:00 – Break

11:00-12:00 Fish Passage Updates, Lessons, and Outcomes

A lightning round update from four different projects throughout the region to include updates, lessons learned as well as outcomes from initiatives.

Moderator: Dana Postlewait, R2 Kleinschmidt

Lewis River- Chris Karchesky, PacifiCorp

Trail Bridge- James Kapla, Jacobs

Pelton Round Butte and Opal Springs- PGE Megan Hill, Pelton Round Butte Natural Resources Manager, Portland General Electric

Other Project Updates- Joseph Miller, Four Peaks Environmental Science & Data

Thursday, October 7

9:00 - Tribal Relations

This session will ask questions of different tribal representatives. Questions could include, how can our industry do appropriate land acknowledgments or how can relationships be built that respect cultural differences? The moderator will ask nuts and bolts questions surrounding consultations. What is the typical hierarchy and structure of tribes to ensure that nobody is left out from the negotiation process? What does consultation mean for the Bureau of Indian Affairs versus the Tribes? Following the panel, a case study will be presented from the Skokomish Tribe and Tacoma Power to explore lessons learned and how this case study could guide future collaborative efforts.

Moderator: Matt Love, Partner, Cascadia Law Group

Jennifer Frozena, Department of the Interior

Joseph Pavel, Skokomish Tribe

Jim Manion, General Manager, Warm Springs Power Enterprise

Elizabeth Molloy, Of General Counsel- Indian Matters, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

10:00-10:30 a.m. National Update

Zolaikha Strong, Vice President Government Affairs, National Hydropower Association- What 2021 has held, tax credits, 401, NEPA, infrastructure bills, and how NWA members can leverage these initiatives to help in the Northwest.

10:30-10:45- Break

10:45-12:00 Beyond the Heat Dome

Are we ready for the new way of operating? The discussion will focus on looking ahead for transmission planning, changes in precipitation patterns (both challenges and opportunities) how operations will be changing moving forward, and how utilities are thinking about the period of record and how that affects FERC licenses and forecasting, how owners may be looking at how modeling is changing with extreme weather events, and how utilities are thinking about staffing, recreation.

Moderator: Bree Sheron, HDR, Inc.

John Chandler, Water Resources Technical Lead, Puget Sound Energy- Period of Record- Should we use shorter or longer data sets? What does 100 years ago tell us now?

Scott Spahr, Snohomish County PUD- Planning, Forecasting, & Modeling

Nathalie Voisin, Water Resources Engineer, Pacific Northwest National Lab, Hydropower's Contribution to Grid Reliability Under Environmental Constraints

Rachel Hansen, Senior Communications Strategist, Chelan County PUD, Chelan County PUDs Development of a Fire Safety Outage Plan

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