

2009 CONFERENCE AGENDA

MONDAY, APRIL 13

10:00 - 10:30

Welcome

Pennington A&B

10:30 - 12:00

General Session

Operating the Columbia for Fish, Power and Other Purposes

Pennington A&B

Holly Harwood, Bonneville Power Administration; Kate Puckett, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, Dave Ponganis, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Representatives from the Bureau of Reclamation, Army Corps of Engineers, Bonneville Power Administration and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration will provide an overview of actions and activities most influencing operation of the Columbia for fish, power and other purposes.

12:00 - 1:15

Lunch Speaker

*Elliot Mainzer, VP for Corporate Strategy
Bonneville Power Administration*

Pennington A&B

1:15 - 2:45

Concurrent Sessions

Columbia River Treaty: Update on Preparations for Columbia River Treaty Planning

Pennington C

Rick Pendergrass, Bonneville Power Administration; Jim Barton, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

The Columbia River Treaty is an international agreement between Canada and the United States on the development and operation of dams in the upper Columbia River basin. This session will provide a brief overview of treaty requirements and future considerations.

Roundtable: Upper Columbia United Tribes (Policies and Perspectives for Achieving Environmental, Cultural and Economic Integrity)

Elizabethan A

Upper Columbia United Tribes policy committee members

UCUT members will discuss priorities, opportunities and challenges area tribes face in protecting and enhancing fish and wildlife in the area. Members include the Coeur d'Alene Tribe, Colville Confederated Tribes, Kalispel Tribe of Indians, Kootenai Tribe of Idaho and Spokane Tribe of Indians.

Water Storage Grants for Upper Columbia

Elizabethan B

Mike Barber, WSU; Dick Price & Lloyd Henry, Stevens County PUD; David Lundgren, Lincoln County Conservation District; Gene St. Godard, Water and Natural Resource Group; Brian Walker, The Lands Council

Washington Department of Ecology funded more than \$46 million dollars of grants in eastern Washington to support developing additional water supplies. Grant recipients from the Lake Roosevelt area will discuss their projects and potential outcomes.

2:45 - 3:00

Break

Hall of Doges

3:00 - 4:30

Concurrent Sessions

Columbia River Water Management Program: Lake Roosevelt Incremental Storage Release

Pennington C

Derek Sandison, WA Dept of Ecology; Bill Gray, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation; Teresa Scott, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

The Lake Roosevelt Incremental Storage Releases would result in an additional 12 to 18 inch reduction in lake levels over existing operations to support downstream fishery, agricultural, municipal and industrial needs. While releases would be spread over a six month period each year, the full effect of the releases would be seen in the second half of August. Panelists will review the status of this initiative, including likelihood of 2009 being the first year the drawdown is implemented.

Fisheries Management and Research on Lake Roosevelt

Elizabethan A

Chris Donley & Danny Didricksen, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife; Bret Nine, Colville Confederated Tribes; Ray Beamesderfer, Consultant

The management entities for the Lake Roosevelt fishery (Spokane Tribe of Indians, the Colville Confederated Tribes and the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife) are examining the current status of the fishery, pressures and impacts to the fishery and the effects of the fishery regionally. This session will examine the most current research and processes that are driving current management direction and focus.

Grand Coulee Third Powerhouse Renovations

Elizabethan B

Eric Corbin and Scott Ross, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation

The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation will present an overview of the complex work plan to overhaul all the generating units in the Third Power House in order to ensure their continued operation for the next 25 years.

5:00 - 6:30

Reception

Isabella Ballroom



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TUESDAY, APRIL 14

8:30 - 9:15

Morning Refreshments

Hall of Doges

9:15 - 10:45

General Session

Lake Roosevelt RI/FS Work Plan and Work Plans for Ecological and Human Health Risk Assessments **Pennington A&B**

Kevin Rochlin & Marc Stifelman, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; Marko Adzic, Teck

EPA and Teck will provide a status report regarding the upper Columbia (Lake Roosevelt) Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study (RI/FS). A major focus will be the RI/FS Work Plan (released in January, 2009), and the Work Plans for the Risk Assessments to be conducted at the site. These are the guiding documents for carrying out studies that will lead to human health and ecological risk conclusions.

10:45 - 11:00

Morning Break

Hall of Doges

11:00 - 12:30

Concurrent Sessions

2009 RI/FS Sampling Plans **Pennington C**

Kevin Rochlin & Marc Stifelman, EPA; Marko Adzic, Teck; Anne Fairbrother, Exponent, Inc.; Dina Johnson & Betsy Day, Integral Consulting, Inc.

EPA and Teck will review 2009 sampling plans for testing surface water, fish tissue, plankton, beaches and other media.

The Future of Recreation on Lake Roosevelt **Elizabethan B**

Debbie Bird, National Park Service; Sean Smith, National Parks Conservation Assn; Tom Robertson, Tom's Boat Shop; Fran Bolt, Mayor of Marcus, WA; Steve Randell, Camp Na-Bor-Lee Assn; Smoker Marchand, Colville Confederated Tribes; Lyle Parker, Seven Bays Marina

What's the future hold for enjoying Lake Roosevelt? Panelists will discuss the direction of camping and boating opportunities, marina concessions and fees, regulatory actions and more.

Regional Fisheries **Elizabethan A**

Todd Andersen, Kalispel Tribe of Indians; Chris Donley & Jason McLellan, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife; Ed Shallenberger, Colville Confederated Tribes

State, tribal and community groups work together to improve and protect our regional fisheries and to increase recreational opportunities. This session highlights recent efforts of local net pen projects and fishery rehabilitations such as the massive treatment of Sprague Lake and the complicated Cee Cee Ah Creek in Pend Oreille County.

12:30 - 1:45

Lunch Speaker

Pennington A&B

Jon Jarvis, Regional Director, Pacific West Region, National Park Service

1:45 - 3:15

Concurrent Sessions

Protection and Restoration of Wildlife in the Upper Columbia **Elizabethan A**

Kelly Singer, Spokane Tribe of Indians; Ray Entz, Kalispel Tribe of Indians; Dave Krefl, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Rick Desautel, Samuel Rushing & Corey Peone, Colville Confederated Tribes; Juli Anderson, WA Department of Fish and Wildlife

Tribal and agency wildlife projects focus on the protection, mitigation, and restoration of wildlife populations and their habitats. This session showcases Upper Columbia (Intermountain Province) projects made possible by BPA and other funding sources.

Lake Roosevelt Shoreline Management Plan

Pennington C

Lake Roosevelt National Recreation Area staff

The Lake Roosevelt National Recreation Area (LRNA) is leading an effort to develop a Lake Roosevelt Shoreline Management Plan. LRNA representatives will be available to answer questions and take comments in an open house format that includes public comment opportunities for the recently released draft shoreline management plan alternative.

Upper Columbia White Sturgeon: Contaminants and Toxicity Studies **Elizabethan B**

Steve Cox, U.S. Geological Survey; Mike Parsley, U.S. Geological Survey; Julie Campbell, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

The white sturgeon's long life and bottom dwelling habits potentially expose this fish to various contaminants in the Upper Columbia River. Recent and future contaminant and toxicity studies conducted on Upper Columbia River white sturgeon will be presented by Canadian and U.S. scientists.

3:15 - 3:20

Afternoon Break

Hall of Doges

3:20 - 4:50

Concurrent Sessions

Upper Columbia River Natural Resource Trustees **Elizabethan B**

Dan Audet, U.S. Department of the Interior; Mike Hibbler, WA Department of Ecology

The Upper Columbia River Natural Resource Trustees have begun their efforts to evaluate the need to restore natural resources that have been impacted by the release of contaminants through a process known as Natural Resource Damage Assessment and Restoration (NRDAR). This session will provide an introduction to the Upper Columbia River Natural Resource Trustees and an overview of the NRDAR process and how it is used throughout the country as part of ongoing clean-up activities.

Recent Biotelemetry Research on Resident Fish in the Upper Columbia River Drainage **Pennington C**

Larry Hildebrand, Golder Associates; Holly McLellan, Eastern Washington University; Matt Howell & Randall Osborne, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

Presenters will describe some of the resident fish biotelemetry research activities being conducted in the upper Columbia River drainage.

Environmental Education and Lake Roosevelt Schools **Elizabethan A**

Jono Evelt and Naomi Edwards, Kettle Falls High School; Janice Elvidge, National Park Service; Gary Martin, Bureau of Indian Affairs; Cami Haveman, Lake Roosevelt Forum

Teaching our youth about environmental stewardship is everyone's business. Interact with personnel making unique opportunities available to Lake Roosevelt area schools. The River Mile, Lake Roosevelt Water Festival, Student Discovery Week and Kettle Falls Service Learning are some of the initiatives being highlighted.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15

White Sturgeon Recovery Team Meeting **Flowerfield Room**

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