

Monday, April 16

9:30 - 10:00

Morning Refreshments

[Hall of Doges]

10:00 - 10:30

Welcome

[Pennington A & B]

10:30 - 12:00

Plenary Session

Sovereign Perspectives on the Columbia River Treaty and Ecosystem Based Function

[Pennington A & B]

Andy Dunau, Lake Roosevelt Forum; Matt Rea, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; DR Michel, Upper Columbia United Tribes; Kathy Eichenberger, British Columbia Ministry of Energy and Mines; Tom Karier, Northwest Power and Conservation Council

Where are we at with the Columbia River Treaty review? The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will provide an update, including a summary of comments and perspectives from stakeholders at listening sessions held throughout the basin last fall. Northwest Tribes will discuss their ongoing role within the Sovereign Review Team, particularly their interest in ecosystem based function considerations. And the British Columbia Ministry of Energy and Mines will give an overview of Canadian Treaty Review activities.

12:00 - 1:15

Lunch

[Pennington A & B]

Keynote: Steve Wright, Administrator, Bonneville Power Administration

Bonneville Power Administration Turns 75. Join BPA in looking toward our past and future as we seek to balance energy and environmental stewardship needs.

1:15 - 2:45

Concurrent Sessions

Columbia River Treaty: Treaty Alternatives and Preliminary Results

[Pennington C]

Keith Kutchins, Upper Columbia United Tribes; Matt Rea, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; Stephen Smith, Upper Columbia United Tribes

An overview of the first round of alternatives under consideration, the metrics being used to evaluate the Treaty alternatives and adjustments being considered.

Update: Independent Science Review Panel (ISRP) Fish and Wildlife Project Review

[Elizabethan A]

Tom Karier, Northwest Power and Conservation Council; Richard Alldredge, ISRP Chair; Dennis Scarnecchia, ISRP Vice Chair

The ISRP reviews and makes recommendations to the Northwest Power and Conservation Council on fish and wildlife projects proposed for Bonneville Power Administration funding. Over the past 16 years, the ISRP has reviewed mitigation and recovery projects for Lake Roosevelt and its tributaries. The ISRP will summarize findings from April 3rd review

Poster Session: Recreation on Lake Roosevelt

[Elizabethan B]

Ken Hyde, Lake Roosevelt National Recreation Area; Lake Roosevelt National Recreation Area Staff, Fishery Managers, WA Department of Transportation

Lake Roosevelt representatives will discuss the new Keller Ferry, concession services, implementation of the shoreline management plan (e.g.- boat launch upgrades, tread lightly & portable toilets, invasive species, etc.), fish stocking and responses to angler questions.

2:45 - 3:00

Break

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3:00 - 4:30

Concurrent Sessions

Columbia River Water Management Program

[Elizabethan A]

Guy Gregory, WA Department of Ecology; Bill Gray, Bureau of Reclamation; Charity Davidson, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

Review of Reclamation and Ecology Final EIS and preferred alternative for the Odessa Subarea Special Study. The "Modified Partial Replacement Alternative" would provide 164,000 ac-ft of surface water to replace groundwater from declining aquifers currently irrigating approximately 70,000 acres of land. Session will also include updates on Department of Fish and Wildlife assessment of fish and wildlife ramifications, and Ecology issuing new water rights and effects on Lake Roosevelt operations.

Restoring and Protecting Natural Resources: Upper Columbia Cooperative Projects

[Pennington C]

Chase Davis, Upper Columbia United Tribes; Jim LeMieux, Kalispel Tribe; Jim Hallett, Eastern Washington University; Chris Donley, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

Fish and wildlife management is a complex endeavor requiring the cooperation of many agencies and organizations to effectively meet the challenges. Join us to hear about cooperative projects in our area, e.g UWMEP, Lake Roosevelt Guiding Document, designed to assess and provide future direction for fish and wildlife in the blocked area of the upper Columbia River.

Young America Mine

[Elizabethan B]

Helen Bottcher, EPA; Keith Holliday, Lake Roosevelt National Recreation Area

Agencies will review Young America Mine contaminant findings, actions taken to date, and next steps.

5:00 - 6:30

Reception

[Isabella Ballroom, first floor]

Tuesday, April 17

8:30 - 9:15

Morning Refreshments

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9:15 - 10:45

Plenary Session

Updating Washington Fish Consumption Rates: Why It's Important to You and Regulatory Considerations

[Pennington A & B]

Andy Dunau, Lake Roosevelt Forum; Martha Hankins, Washington Department of Ecology; Gary Passmore, Colville Confederated Tribes; Dave McBride, Washington Department of Health

The Department of Ecology is updating its standards for Fish Consumption Rates. Ecology will provide the context for why these updates are important to consumers and what it means to regulatory decisions. The Department of Health and Colville Confederated Tribes will provide additional perspectives concerning how these rates fit into state and tribal standards.

10:45 - 11:00

Morning Break

[Hall of Doges]

11:00 - 12:30

Concurrent Sessions

Upper Columbia Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study: Where we're at on the human health dimension

[Pennington C]

Helen Bottcher, EPA; Marc Stifelman, EPA; Dave McBride, Washington Department of Health

Department of Health will review the updated Lake Roosevelt fish advisory, and EPA will review findings from beach and surface water sampling. Status reports will be given on tribal and recreational use surveys, and how they will inform the human health assessment.

Managing Ecosystems: Non-native species impacts

[Elizabethan A]

Tim Peone, Spokane Tribe of Indians; Jason Connor, Kalispel Tribe; Ken Hyde, Lake Roosevelt National Recreation Area; Jon Firehammer, Coeur d'Alene Tribe

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11:00 - 12:30 Managing Ecosystems... (cont)

Native species populations in the Upper Columbia have deteriorated because of the negative impacts from non-native species. Join us to learn how natural resource managers attempt to balance the impacts of predation, hybridization, and competition while attempting to conserve and recover imperiled populations of native species in the Columbia River, Pend Oreille River and Lake Coeur d'Alene.

Grand Coulee: Operations and Renovations

[Elizabethan B]

Lynne Brougher, Bureau of Reclamation; Chris Vick and Selena Moore, Bureau of Reclamation

Changing with the times. How new transmission lines, modernization of the pump generation plant, and renovations at the Third Power House are part of bringing Grand Coulee up to speed to meet our 21st century needs. Also, get your spring/summer lake level forecast.

12:30 - 1:45

Lunch

[Pennington A & B]

Keynote: Mary Selecky, Secretary of Health, Washington Department of Health

Eat fish, be smart, choose wisely. The WA Department of Health view.

1:45 - 3:15

Concurrent Sessions

Assessing Northeast Washington Lakes Background Levels for Fish

[Elizabethan A]

John Roland, Washington Department of Ecology

Ecology collected fish samples from 16 northeast Washington lakes thought to be minimally impacted by local human activities. The results of that work will be summarized.

Upper Columbia White Sturgeon Research and Data Management

[Marie Antoinette Ballroom]

Deanne Pavlik-Kunkel, Spokane Tribe of Indians; White Sturgeon Recovery Team, Bruce Duncan, EPA

The White Sturgeon Recovery Initiative technical working group will discuss Canadian and American collection of white sturgeon data to inform recovery practices. EPA will provide an update on two studies performed for the RI/FS to evaluate the toxicity of metals in water and sediment from the Upper Columbia River to larval sturgeon.

Midnite Mine Superfund Cleanup Agreement and Community Perspectives

[Pennington C]

Andy Dunau, Lake Roosevelt Forum; Ellie Hale, EPA; Lou Miller, Mining Consultant; Spokane Tribe of Indians; Community Members

EPA will present on settlement agreement for implementation of Midnite Mine remedy on the Spokane Indian Reservation. Moderated panel discussion with tribal and community members will reflect on impressions and visions for this and Lake Roosevelt RI/FS efforts.

3:15 - 3:30

Afternoon Break

[Hall of Doges]

3:30 - 5:00

Concurrent Sessions

Protecting Native Salmonid Populations

[Pennington C]

Al Scholz, Eastern Washington University; Dana Stroud, Eastern Washington University; Alix Blake, Eastern Washington University; Chuck Lee, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife; Bret Nine, Colville Confederated Tribe

EWU will present findings from telemetry and other work related to tracking wild kokanee in Lake Roosevelt. WDFW will present co-manager work to conserve, enhance and restore redband trout to Lake Roosevelt and the upper Columbia River, including stock assessments. Colville Tribe will review the Barnaby Creek culvert replacement project to support kokanee and native redband rainbow trout passage.

Poster Session: Policy and Natural Resource Managers at Your Service

[Elizabethan A]

Andy Dunau, Lake Roosevelt Forum; EPA, Washington Department of Ecology, Washington Department of Health, Lake Roosevelt National Recreation Area

Stations are being set up to support informal Q & A and discussion on the following topics: RI/FS, Fish Consumption Rates, and Recreational Management. Policy-makers and others will be there and look forward to talking to you.

Focus Group: Help Create Graphics to Communicate the Updated Lake Roosevelt Fish Advisory

[Elizabethan B]

Liz Carr, Washington Department of Health

Help consider best use graphics in the updated Lake Roosevelt Fish Advisory. The Department of Health will share new research and looks forward to your input.