

Program PNREC 2010

Theme: Opportunities and Challenges in the Pacific Northwest Hinterlands

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

2:00-5:00 Board meeting
5:00-7:00 Registration
5:00-7:00 Reception
7:00-? Dinner on your own

Thursday, May 20, 2010

7:00-8:00 Continental Breakfast
7:00-5:00 Registration
8:00-8:10 Welcome and opening remarks
8:10-9:10 The National Outlook, Nigel Gault, Global Insight
9:10-9:30 Break
9:30-11:00 The Pacific Northwest State and Provincial Outlooks
Washington- Scott Bailey, Washington Employment Security Department
Oregon- Dr. Tom Potiowsky, Office of Economic Analysis
Idaho- Derek Santos, Division of Financial Management
Montana-Dr. Partrick Barkey-The University of Montana-Missoula
Alberta- Bob Fox, Fox Psychological Consulting, Ltd.
British Columbia – Chris Lawless, Chief Economist, BC Investment Management Corp
11:00-11:15 Break
11:15-12:30 Concurrent Sessions I:

A: Energy Issues in Rural Areas – Dr. Ken Corum, NW Power and Conservation Council

Joel B. Schumacher , Montana State University, “Estimating On-Farm Potential for Scale Wind Development in the Pacific Northwest”

Bill Drummond, “Problems of Achieving Conservation in Rural Areas (and/or Small Utilities?)”

Jeff King, “Effects of Renewable Energy Development on Rural Areas”

Ross Holter, Flathead Electric Cooperative’s Electricity Production by Landfill Gas

B: Regional Economics (I/O) – Dr. Paul Polzin, The University of Montana - Missoula

Paul Sommers, Seattle University and Bill Beyers, University of Washington, “Identifying Clusters: Alternative Methodologies and Uses of Analysis”

Nick Beleiciks, Oregon Employment Department, “The Economic Contributions of Oregon’s Physician Practices”

Gary W. Smith, Pacific Northwest Regional Economic Analysis Project, “Calibrating the Role and Importance of the 800 – Pound Gorilla Counties: An Application of Bolster Factors Analysis”

C: Real Estate – Dr. Hart Hodges, Western Washington University

Daneil D. Huppert, School of Marine Affairs, University of Washington, “Climate Change and the Coasts of Washington State: Impacts and Adaptation

Bruce Sorte, George Clough, Mary Corp, Donald Horneck, Clive Kaiser, and Randall Mills, Oregon State University Extension Service and Agricultural & Resource Economics Department - Rural Studies Program , “Minimum Parcel Size for Viable Adaptive Farms in Umatilla County: An Economic Analysis”

Charles Scott Benson Jr., Idaho State University, “State Governments Contribution to Recovery from the Great Recession”

12:30-1:30 Lunch Speaker: Dr. Mike Scott, Battelle Pacific Northwest Division
“Climate Change and the Pacific Northwest”

1:30-1:45 Break

1:45-3:00 Concurrent Sessions II-Climate Change and the Pacific Northwest

A: Biomass Opportunities and Challenges- Todd Morgan, The University of Montana-Missoula

Hayk Khachatryan, Eric Jessup, Ken Casavant, “Waste to Fuel: Investigation of Regional Biomass Supply

Jay O’Laughlin, College of Natural Resources, University of Idaho, Moscow, ID, “Economic Feasibility of Forest Biomass as an Energy”

B: Climate Change and Pacific Northwest Economy – Chris Lawless, BC Investment Management Corp.

Outlook for Energy and Climate Change Policies and Their Impact on the Pacific Northwest

Dick Barrett of the Montana House of Representatives, Rick Hyndman of the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers, and Bob Rowe of NorthWestern Energy Montana.

C: Transportation Issues – Hal Fossum, Montana Department of Transportation

Mark Holmgren, Ken Casavant, Eric Jessup, Jon Lazarus, “Evaluating the Current Practice of Use of Fuel Price Adjustments in Highway Construction: A Case Study of the State of Oregon”

Sara Simmons, Eric Jessup, Ken Casavant, Washington State University, “Factors in a Fuel Consumer’s Choice to Drive: A Washington State Case Study”

Amanda Pietz and Myra Sperley, Oregon Department of Transportation Research Section, “Congestion Pricing and the Potential Economic Impacts to Peak Hour Commuters: A Portland, Oregon Case Study”

3:00-3:15 Break

3:15-4:30 Concurrent Sessions III

A: Climate change and the Energy Industry of the Pacific Northwest –Dr. Terry Morlan, NW Power and Conservation Council

Terry Morlan, “Responses to Carbon Pricing Risk in Electricity Planning”.

Dan Kirschner, “Northwest Gas Association, “Possible Effects of Climate Change on the Natural Gas Industry of the Pacific Northwest”.

Massoud Jourabchi, Northwest Gas Association, “The Effect of Plug-in Electric Vehicles on Carbon Emissions in the Transportation and Electric Generation Sectors”

B: Regional economic issues – Jim Sylvester, The University of Montana-Missoula

Scott Bailey, Washington Employment Security Department “The Kitchen Sink: Using All Our Tools To Analyze the Great Recession”

Michael Meyers, Workforce Analyst, Workforce & Economic Research Division, Oregon Employment Department, “Does Concentration in Durable Goods Manufacturing Contribute to High Unemployment Rates?”

Ryan Arthun, Christiane von Reichert, John Cromartie, “Labor Market Strategies of Return Migrants to Isolated Rural Communities”

Charlie Johnson, Oregon Employment Department, and Chris Johnson, Washington State Employment Security Department, “The Pacific Northwest’s Green Workforce”

C. Agricultural Issues, Dr. Charles Scott Benson Jr., Idaho State University

Kathleen Painter, University of Idaho, “Can Carbon Credits Encourage Adoption of No-Till?”

Walter Butcher, Joe Hamilton and Norman Whittlesey, Professors, Washington State University, “The Economic Costs, Returns, and Impacts of Proposed Columbia Basin Project Expansion from Washington State and Pacific Northwest Regional Perspectives”

Ken Casavant, Eric Jessup, Marvin E. Prater, Washington State University, “Status of Railroad Performance Relative to Agricultural Shipments”

5:00-6:30 Reception at The University of Montana - Gallagher Business Building

7:00-9:00 Dinner and Speaker: Honorable John Engen, Mayor, City of Missoula

Friday, May 21

7:00-8:00 Continental Breakfast

7:00-12:00 Registration/Information

8:00-9:30 Tiebout Speaker: John Cromartie, Economic Research Service “Life-Cycle Perspectives on Rural Migration”

9:30-10:00 Break-Checkout

10:00-11:30 Concurrent Sessions IV

A.: Meeting the Pacific Northwest Energy Needs - Dr. Gregg Davis, The University of Montana - Missoula

Terry Morlan, Northwest Power and Conservation Council, “A Low-Cost and Low-Risk Strategy for Meeting Pacific Northwest Electricity Needs: The Sixth Northwest Power and Conservation Plan”

Massoud Jourabchi, Northwest Power and Conservation Council, “Effect of the Current Recession on the Northwest Power System”

Ken Corum, Northwest Power and Conservation Council, “Electricity Users as Resources for the NW Power System - 28 Years of Experience”

B: Regional Economics (BEA) – Dr. Gary Smith, PNREAP Director

Jim Zavrel, Bureau of Economic Analysis Regional Income Division, “Looking Ahead – Developments in BEA’s Regional Program Going Forward”

Matthew A. von Kerczek, Bureau of Economic Analysis Regional Income Division, , “Recovery – Are We There Yet? A Road Trip Across America at the Wheels of the BEA Data”

Mallory Rahe, Oregon State University and Gary Smith, Pacific Northwest Regional Economic Analysis Project. “Structural Change In the Hinterlands of the Pacific Northwest: A Look at the Income Side of the Coin”

C: Trade and Transportation Issues – Dr. Scott Rickard, Montana State University-Billings

Andrew Casey, Washington State University “The Impact of Overseas Trade Offices on State Exports”

Steven Globerman and Paul Storer, College of Business and Economics, Western Washington University, “Geographic and Temporal Variations in Freight Costs for U.S. Imports from Canada: Measurement and Analysis”

Ken Casavant, Eric Jessup, Daniel Nibarger, "Rail Rate Changes Since the Staggers Act"

11:30-12:00 Break-Checkout

12:00-1:30 Lunch Speaker and Adjournment– **George Masnick, Joint Center for Housing Studies, Harvard University,**
"Current Economic and Housing Market Trends: Good News/Bad News"