



# *Pacific North West Economic Region*

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## **2014 Whistler Summit Action Items**

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**Agriculture**

Number	Action Items	Project Team	Initial Project Lead	Possible Contributors	Timeline	Estimated Budget
1	_____ ee OOL resolution _____					
2	Let it be RESOLVED that PNWER supports the U.S. and Canada's food safety modernization process and encourages federal officials to work towards mutual acceptance of food safety standards and not pursue additional verification requirements. PNWER appreciates and encourages the ongoing consultation of stakeholders in formulating policy changes.					



**Pacific North West Economic Region (PNWER) Summit  
July 21, 2014**

**Resolution**

**Country-of-Origin Labelling**

WHEREAS the current mandatory country-of-origin labelling (COOL) legislation enforces the labelling of beef and pork for sale in the United States (U.S.) indicating where the animals were born, raised or slaughtered whether in the U.S. or in Mexico or Canada: and,

WHEREAS that legislation is opposed, and is being challenged in court, by organizations representing the majority of U.S. producers, processors and retailers; and,

WHEREAS that legislation provides no additional assurance of the safety of meat and livestock to American consumers; and,

WHEREAS that legislation threatens the existence of seven processing businesses in the Pacific Northwest and thereby adding an estimated 9,000 to the ranks of the unemployed along with many others in related businesses; and,

WHEREAS that legislation has been calculated to result in increasing costs to American beef producers of a minimum of \$84 per slaughtered animal; and,

WHEREAS that legislation deliberately injures and provokes retaliation beyond the scope of commodities targeted by COOL legislation by the two largest customers for American beef and pork and the U.S.'s largest overall trading partners, namely Canada and Mexico; and,

WHEREAS previous similar but less restrictive legislation has been ruled as violating World Trade Organization (WTO) rules and obligations and the ruling was appealed by the U.S. and the challenge subsequently lost; therefore,

Let it be **RESOLVED** that PNWER supports the ongoing Canada and U.S. government and industry efforts to resolve COOL. PNWER strongly encourages United States Department of Agriculture Secretary Vilsack not to appeal the WTO compliance panel decision due in September 2014, should it favor Canada and Mexico. PNWER supports a full repeal of COOL as it applies to Canadian beef and pork. PNWER also supports solutions that eliminate the need for segregation such as a U.S. label wherein slaughter confers origin, or a North American label that applies to all beef and pork from animals born and/or raised in the U.S., Canada or Mexico and slaughtered in the U.S.

**Arctic Caucus**

Number	Action Items	Project Team	Initial Project Lead	Possible Contri	Timeline	Estimated Budget
1	Coordinate an initial meeting with business leaders to examine the possibility of a Pan-North American Arctic Business Council that includes Nunavut, with the intent that business leaders take the leadership of the Business Council. The goal is to provide input to Regional Economic Policy.	The Arctic Caucus	Bob Herron			
2	PNWER will coordinate an Arctic Caucus delegation to Washington D.C. for Oct. CSIS meeting.					

**Border Issues**

Number	Action Items	Project Team	Initial Project Lead	Possible Contributors	Timeline	Estimated Budget
1	Develop list of possible pilot projects as well as input on a stakeholder input/feedback process and submit to the BtB to consider for the next phase.					
2	Work with small group to develop a more detailed NEXUS+ Business Traveler Pilot Proposal and circulate to working group members for comment .					

**Energy and Environment**

Number	Action Items	Project Team	Initial Project Lead	Possible Contributors	Timeline	Estimated Budget
1	<p>Creation of a Roadmap to Net Zero Construction and Deep Retrofits by 2030: This roadmap would focus on two targets, premised on cost-effective energy efficiency improvements in residential, commercial and industrial settings: 1) Facilitate the achievement of net zero emissions for new buildings by 2030 and 2) Encourage the reduction of energy/emissions of existing buildings. Through the accomplishment of these targets, the roadmap would encourage four main objectives - Affordability, Jobs, Competitiveness, and Resiliency. Increased energy efficiency would result in affordable energy bills for consumers. The promotion of energy efficiency will result in the demand for advanced knowledge and manufacturing jobs in both rural and urban communities. It will increase productivity and competitiveness across the built environment, while providing long-term resilience to the PNWER region. Through the implementation of this roadmap, the region would lower its energy use and therefore, lower costs for consumers, create jobs and continue to be a national leader in energy best practices.</p>	<p>Paul Manson, Sea Breeze Power Corp. and Working Group Co-chair; Andrew Pape-Salmon, RDH Building Engineering; Senator Elliot Werk, Idaho; Pam Barrow Northwest Food Processors Association, Sydney Kjellander, Sea Breeze Power Corp; David Perttula, FortisBC; Rep. Jeff Reardon, Oregon; Joanne Fairlie, Yukon Development Corporation; and PNWER staff</p>	<p>Paul Manson, Co-chair; and Andrew Pape-Salmon</p>	<p>Two participants from each jurisdiction - one private and one public. Possible sponsorship opportunities by construction companies, manufacturing companies, energy companies and universities.</p>	<p>Working Group meeting by September 30, 2014                      White Paper commissioned by January 30                      White Paper analysis complete by Feb 28, 2015                      White Paper optioned at July 2015 Summit                      Stakeholder engagement by April 30, 2016                      White Paper revised by May 30, 2016                      Presented at PNWER in July, 2013.</p>	<p>White paper dependent on sponsorship participation by construction companies, manufacturing companies, energy companies, universities, and others stakeholders involved in the energy efficiency industry.</p>

### Energy Storage

Number	Action Items	Project Team	Initial Project Lead	Possible Contributors	Timeline	Estimated Budget
1	Create a tracking system for lessons learned on energy storage.					
2	Develop a planning, procurement and permitting cheat sheet / lessons learned.					
3	Catalogue case studies for the region.					
4	Summarize / simplify DOE's existing case studies – reducing the engineering lingo in case studies so they are more relevant and clear for policy makers.					



**Expanding Natural Gas markets in the Region**

Number	Action Items	Project Team	Initial Project Le	Possible Contr	Timeline	Estimated Budget
1	Work with NW Gas Association to convene a series of conference calls with interested regional stakeholders to examine opportunities to better coordinate on regulatory, taxation and other standards related to the expansion of natural gas markets in the region.	Working group sign-in sheet	NW Gas Association	PNWER		

**Forestry**

Number	Action Items	Project Team	Initial Project Lead	Possible Contributors	Timeline	Estimated Budget
1	Forestry Working Group would like to commit to meeting next year in Big Sky, MT at the PNWER Summit.	Co-Chairs, Mike Cuffe, MT; Ric Slaco, Interfor, BC; Kelsey Larson, PNWER		TBD	Summer 2015	N/A
2	Support for U.S. Administration initiative to move firefighting budget to FEMA to allow for Forest Service budget to be used for fire prevention and management.	Co-Chairs, Mike Cuffe, MT; Ric Slaco, Interfor, BC; Kelsey Larson, PNWER		TBD	TBD	TBD

**Innovation**

Number	Action Items	Project Team	Initial Project Lead	Possible Contributors	Timeline	Estimated Budget
1	Promote Winter Meeting/Innovation Summit.	Egils Milbergs				
2	Measure Innovation in the region-Metrics of where the region stands.					
3	Revise the Asset Inventory of the region - Make it interactive need to keep it up-to-date.					
4	Promote research collaboration agreements in the region.					
5	Innovation working group's involved in all working groups as a resource for innovative solutions to specific working groups.					

**Invasive Species**

<b>Number</b>	<b>Action Items</b>	<b>Project Team</b>	<b>Initial Project Lead</b>	<b>Possible Contributors</b>	<b>Timeline</b>	<b>Estimated Budget</b>
1	Host meeting or call with PNWER Jurisdictions to discuss Perimeter of Defense and get buyin.					
2	Identify pathways for infected watercraft and establish annual traffic in the region.		Stephen Phillips		Late summer	
3	Discuss outcomes of Columbia River Basin team planning at PNWER's winter invasive species meeting.					
4	PNWER collaborate in hosting western invasive species meeting.		Sytsma/Phillips		begin discussion this summer for meeting next year	
5	PNWER to support current federal Canadian legislation regarding movement of Quagga and Zebra mussels.					
6	Engage PNWER legislators in expanding the Pacific Fisheries Legislative Taskforce to include Invasive Species or develop a similar taskforce for IS in PNWER.		Rep. Boone mentioned she would help with this			
7	Request an edict from the Department of Interior that all boats leaving federal waters known to be infected must be inspected and decontaminated.					
8	PNWER help to write letters to Minsitries of Environment asking them to streamline approval of treatment options to make them compatable with those of neighboring states.					
9	Ask to be included on the agendas of other PNWER working groups affected by Invasive Species.					
10	Assist Western provinces in engagement of the Growing Forward 2 project.					
11	Develop protocol for border crossings to keep record of boater traffic at international border.					
12	Develop Quagga and Zebra mussel outreach packet for retailers including commitment form, fact sheet, prop.					
13	Next Ottawa visit Dept. of Fisheries and Oceans about marine invaders and CBSA.					

**Market Access**

Number	Action Items	Project Team	Initial Project Lead	Possible Contributors	Timeline	Estimated Budget
1	A session on Market access should continue to be included in future PNWER annual summit agendas and PNWER member jurisdictions should continue to monitor the physical, political and social challenges required to transport products to market both within the PNWER region and abroad.					
2	Following the completion and approval of the New West Partnership initiatives related to Market Access presented during the panel, the Market Access Working Group should consider the possibility of a similar approach being applied to US PNWER member states, followed by a PNWER -wide analysis of Market Access issues.					
3	Both Canadian and US members of PNWER should commit to continuing to engage their respective federal governments on the issue of Market Access.					

**Mining**

Number	Action Items	Project Team	Initial Project Lead	Possible Contributors	Timeline	Estimated Budget
<b>1</b>	Further the discussion on supply chain with regards to mining, including supply chains in and outside of the provinces, at next year's Summit.				Summer 2015	
<b>2</b>	Build stronger partnerships with research institutes and universities to create innovative working groups and assets inventory. Formalize relationships between the state and universities as well as independent third-parties (whether it'd be universities or NGOs, for instance, Resource Works).					
<b>3</b>	Improve knowledge of the various jurisdiction and environmental issues: create a regulatory and environmental comparison to find best practices throughout the PNWER region.					

Ocean Policy

Number	Action Items	Project Team	Initial Project Lead	Possible Contri	Timeline	Estimated Budget
1	PNWER to develop white sheet of info on the Marine Spatial Planning process in each state and province with best practices and greatest challenges.					
3	Catalogue a database of existing response systems to eliminate overlap.					
4	Future event to discuss the interdependencies of transport of oil through marine and terrestrial systems.					
5	Hold an Ocean Energy and Environment Roundtable at PNWER's 2014 Winter Meeting.					
6	Continue to find ways where PNWER can help to coordinate the mapping to share best practices.					
7	Make Ocean Acidification a topic of discussion for PNWER 2015 Capitol Visits, presenting current legislation and policy next steps.			BC, WA, OR		

**Tourism**

#	Action Items	Project Team	Initial Project Lead	Possible Contributors	Timeline	Estimated Budget
1	Facilitate initial collaboration among Aboriginal tourism interests across the PNWER region.			Keith Henry, ATBC	TBD	TBD
2	Refine the tourism dashboard to more accurately illustrate the size and scope of tourism in the PNWER Region.		Andrew Little		Summer 2015	TBD
3	Convene a broader discussion about potential collaboration among tourism marketers in the PNWER Region.			Paul Nursey, Tourism Victoria, Dave Cowen, Andrew Little	TBD	TBD
4	Continue to advance the idea of Canada US parallel visa processing pilot project in China..			Dave Cowen, Andrew Little	TBD	TBD
5	Engage BC Ferries and Washington State Ferries on the idea of a pan-coastal travel pass..			Dale Ryan, Dave Cowen	TBD	TBD



Transportation						
Number	Action Items	Project Team	Initial Project Le	Possible Contri	Timeline	Estimated Budget
1	Continue pre-PNWER conference tours.					
2	Establish a task force to work on oversized truck permits, size & weights in the PNWER region.					
3	Form a pre-clearance task force with the PNWER border and tourism groups.					

**Trade and Economic Development**

Number	Action Items	Project Team	Initial Project Lead	Possible Contributors	Timeline	Estimated Budget
1	Explore opportunities to encourage both federal governments to institutionalize the RCC. Work on educating state/prov and federal legislators on the value of the Regulatory Cooperation Council (RCC).					
2	Through PNWER explore a RCC model for state/prov. level cooperation on regulatory standards related to natural gas, credentialing, data sharing, energy efficiency, etc.					

# 2014 PNWER Summit Action Items

## Water Policy

Number	Action Items	Project Team	Initial Project Lead	Possible Contributors	Timeline	Estimated Budget
1	PNWER to develop a linkedin page for private and public stakeholders to add in updates on water legislation over the year to continue dialogue and share best practices.					
2	Plan an educational water policy webinar to highlight valuation of water and other water policy concerns.					
3	Compile research from institutes to connect with policy makers to better inform water policy decision making.					

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Workforce Development						
Number	Action Items	Project Team	Initial Project Lead	Possible Contributors	Timeline	Estimated Budget
1	Develop a PNWER-wide workforce and economic development collaborative for the resurging middle market economy.					
2	Develop a workplan to be submitted at the Nov. winter meeting in Seattle.					