



*Pacific NorthWest
Economic Region*

2023 Action Items

PNWER Summit - Boise, ID

Color Coding Scheme

Action Item
Completed
Accomplished in-house with PNWER staff
Requires coordination with PNWER partners
Requires additional resources and outside collaboration
*Requires federal input or coordination

Tourism

Action Item - Staff lead Tara	Planning Team	Team Lead
<p>1. The PNWER Tourism Working Group asks the PNWER Board to support the formation of a Regional Tourism Council. Each state, province, and territory would appoint a public official council member and an industry sector member for two-year terms. A public official Chair and industry sector Executive shall be elected from among the members. Member states, provinces, and territories will consider funding the Council as appropriate. <i>(Please see attached document for Draft Terms of Reference.)</i></p>	<p>Rep. Ryu, and Dave Cowen</p>	<p>Rep. Ryu, and Dave Cowen</p>

Agriculture & Livestock Health

Action Item - Staff lead Brandon Hardenbrook	Planning Team	Team Lead
1. PNWER to partner with WA Dept. of Agriculture to host a foreign animal disease cross border table top exercise in Whistler BC during the 2024 Summit.	WSDA, PNWER, BC Ministry of Ag, USDA, Animal Health Canada	Erin Coyle, WA Dept. of Ag

Invasive Species (AIS and Feral Swine)

Action Item - Staff Lead Steve	Planning Team	Team Lead
1. Share information on growing funding partnership with BLM and Best practices with engaging with Local Jurisdictions/Conservation Districts Policy Statements on detections and information sharing agreement		
2. Continue to Assist in developing MOU with USACE and Western Provincial Directors (WPD) - Sept 15 call with USACE and WPD	Western Provincial AIS Directors	
3. Facilitate a cross-border exercise call on Feral Swine to consider whether a committee would be useful.	Transboundary FSWG	
4. Promote the call for eradication of feral swine in the region by sharing a joint letter to state and provincial leadership	Transboundary FSWG	
5. Call for the standardization of data for mapping between the States and Provinces - continue to work through the FSWG Committee	Transboundary FSWG	

CRDR - Emergency Managers

Findings - Staff lead Eric Holdeman	Planning Team	Team Lead
<p>1.The PNEMA and the NEMAC agreements that involve the states, provinces, territories of the PNWER offer a significant potential for increasing the resiliency, preparedness, and capacity of these jurisdictions but only if they are more often regionally exercised and included in regional planning efforts.</p> <p>2.Further integrating the emergency management, legislative, and private sector interests and capacities into mutually supportive policies and strategies would greatly enhance the ability of all entities to best serve the protection and safety of their communities in the face of an ever-increasing threat and hazard environment.</p>		
<p>3. There is a need for a rigorous regional resiliency strategy effort to better prepare for the inevitable complexity and challenges of both present and future hazards and preparedness gaps. As one panelist put it, we need a "military campaign" level of effort.</p>		

Infrastructure/Transportation

Action Item - Staff lead Betz Mayer	Planning Team	Team Lead
1. Coordinate a U.S. Congressional Staff trip to Canada in Spring 2024 for focus on Indigenous economic partnerships, energy and security, and permit streamlining best practices.	Shane Geston (AB), Kevin McCabe (AK), Alex Herrgott (DC), Dave Kettles (AB), Michael Prochazka (YK)	Bruce Agnew; Betz Mayer; Stephanie Dinca
2. Plan an international Train Trek from Seattle to Whistler, B.C. as part of the 2024 Annual Summit, highlighting border, tourism, transportation, and other key issues.		Betz Mayer; Bruce Agnew; Stephanie Dinca
3. Identify steps to establish a formal EV charging and Hydrogen refueling international corridor within the PNWER region.	Betz Mayer; Bruce Agnew; Stephanie Dinca	
4. Develop draft curriculum on what policymakers in the U.S. and Canada can learn from each other about First Nations / Tribal Nation integration into transportation and infrastructure projects	Betz Mayer; Bruce Agnew; Stephanie Dinca	