



*Pacific NorthWest
Economic Region*

2013 Anchorage Summit Action Items

PNWER 2013 Summit Action Items							
Agriculture							
Discussion Topic	Number	Action Items	Project Team	Initial Project Lead	Possible Contributors	Timeline	Estimated Budget
Regulatory Cooperation Council	1	The PNWER Agriculture Working Group strongly endorses the Canada-United States (U.S.) RCC Joint Action Plan initiatives related to agriculture. The PNWER Agriculture Working Group is committed to working with the RCC to identify new areas of collaboration on regulatory alignment. The Working Group commits to providing the RCC with a list of potential new initiatives and input on the overall RCC process by October 31, 2013.	Agriculture working group, border working group and livestock health working group	Brandon Hardenbrook	James Kettle, Patrick Kole	90 days	
U.S. Country of Origin Labeling	2	The PNWER Agriculture Working Group encourages the U.S. Congress to implement a legislative resolution that will build markets for U.S. products at home and overseas rather than implement additional regulations and requirements for our meat producers and processors. The PNWER Secretariat commits to submitting a resolution to all members of the Pacific Northwest Congressional Delegation as well as the Chairman, Chairwoman and Minority Ranking Members of the House and Senate Agriculture Committees, the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture and other state and federal officials as it is deemed necessary. The working group also encourages PNWER state legislators to directly contact congressional representatives to express their opposition to COOL for beef and pork from Canada.	Agriculture core planning team	co-chairs	PNWER Executive Committee State Leads	60 days	
Trans Pacific Partnership	3	The PNWER Agriculture Working Group strongly supports the TPP negotiations. The PNWER Agriculture Working Group encourages our federal governments to negotiate an ambitious agreement that liberalizes agriculture trade that will benefit our producers and consumers. The PNWER Agriculture Working Group will prepare and circulate a draft document of items members would like included in an agreement. The working group will then host a conference call to discuss and finalize the recommendations and provide them to the Canadian and U.S. federal governments in support of the TPP negotiations.	Agriculture working group session attendees	co-chairs	Gary Martin	60 days	
Canada - US Grain and Seed Task Group	4	The PNWER Agriculture Working Group took note of the work done by with Canada-U.S. Grain and Seed Trade Task Group and other industry groups and will continue to monitor this situation. The PNWER Agriculture is committed to building a stronger relationship with the Canada-U.S. Grain and Seed Trade Task Group and is committed to facilitating PNWER industry input into the ongoing activities.	working group	co-chairs	Canada-US Grain and Seed Task Group	ongoing	

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Border Issues							
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Wildhorse Border Crossing	1	Draft letters of support to extend hours at the Wildhorse Border Crossing in Alberta/Montana to both US and Canadian officials (CBP, CBSA, Public Safety Canada, DHS)			Rep Cuffe, MLA DeLong, MP Merrifield		
	2	Re-invigorate the PNWER Border Solutions Council, created in 2009 in preparation for the 2010 Winter Olympics. The Border Solutions Council would propose workable solutions to border problems that would be communicated to Canadian and US officials as part of the BtB and RCC engagement process.					
Discussion of the Border Solution Council.	3	As the RCC and BtB proceeds with new initiatives it is vital that existing actions be implemented and assessed as to their impact on trade and commerce. Both RCC and BtB actions, as they occur, need to be measured to gauge whether or not they are meeting the intended objectives and particularly how they are affecting businesses and stakeholders "on the ground." PNWER should seek government and private sector funding to enable this research.			Don Alper, MT Delegates, Brad Severin, Bob Steele, Jeanette Pattel and Robert Carberry		
	4	Work with federal authorities (both US and Canada) to ensure that rules developed in the BtB process regulating business travel are transparent and fully accessible to business travelers.			Margaret Stock		
	5	Draft a letter and hold a conference call to encourage the development of a mobile application to simplify, streamline and expedite clearance procedures for cruise passengers.			Greg Wirtz		
	6	Send a letter to appropriate parties to urge our respective federal governments to review and revise country-of-origin labeling requirements to mitigate negative impacts on cross border agricultural and animal trade.			Rob Merrifield		
What are the next steps necessary to ensure the border is a facilitator of commerce?	7	Pre-clearance has lagged and it needs to be completed as soon as possible. PNWER should send a letter to Alan Bersin of DHS, and David Maloney, PCO Canada, highlighting PNWER's support for BtB and to communicate preclearance, including passenger rail, this as a high regional priority.	Don Alper		Bob Steele and Bruce Agnew		
	8	PNWER should urge the two federal governments to identify/assess options that would enable Canadian and US passports to be compatible with the RFID technology at the land border (e.g. new passport, retrofitted passports, Canadian passport cards, etc...) to reduce border wait times and increase security.	Don Alper		BPRI		
	9	PNWER should meet with Seattle Field Office of CBP Michele James to communicate these action items.					

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Cross Border Livestock Health Conference							
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	1	Explore having Cross Border Livestock Health Conference Working Group develop a One Health risk communication strategy in conjunction with the PNWER Health Working Group on issues that affect human, animal and environmental health.					
	2	The Cross Border Livestock Health Conference Working Group form a sub-committee to develop a list of issues to propose to the Regulatory Council Cooperation request for new action plans. This will include joint recognition of equivalent animal welfare standards and a communication plan on animal welfare perceptions and realities affecting both Canada and USA livestock industries.			RCC asking for ideas in Fall 2013		
	3	The Cross Border Livestock Health Conference Working Group propose that the RCC encourage CFIA to adopt the electronic certification system Veterinary Export Health Certification System (VEHCS) for livestock that USDA-APHIS has already begun piloting in March 2012.					
	4	Form a working group to discuss import/export requirements of livestock at the border and determine if there are any processes that can be harmonized.	Canadian Pork Council/Canadian Swine Health Board to provide name.	Aaron Canart			

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Disaster Resilience							
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Utilizing Social Media to Enhance Regional Disaster Resilience	1	Seek grants to help in expanding the First To See social media management system to other states and provinces across the region.		Eric Holdeman	FEMA		
Arctic Oil Spill Response Round Table	2	<p>Develop outreach to remote communities that educate them on the risks and how they can help with response.</p> <p>Utilize local knowledge on weather and sea conditions when there is a spill. Educate Federal agencies in the beltway - on the logistics issues involved with spill response in Alaska and the Artic. Consider using small scale tabletop exercises in D.C. to reach those personnel who don't understand the difficulty of logistics in remote areas.</p> <p>Research grant funding opportunities that could assist in oil spill training. Train/create local immediate response capabilities in local areas since they are the first responders for the first 36 hours. Seek resources for this effort.</p> <p>How could Alaska/Yukon/NWT - US/Canada partner for spill response? Designating a contact for each jurisdiction. Arctic Caucus is working on a similar item. Western Canada Marine Response Organization - outfit to work with regarding spill cooperation.</p>			Steph Moreland, Alaska Governors Office, Nils Andreassen, ION, Arctic Caucus		
Oregon Resilience Plan	3	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review the State of Oregon's Disaster Resilience Plan for best practices that could be used by other PNWER member states/provinces/territories. 2. Capture lessons learned from Alberta flooding response and recovery actions and share with other PNWER partners. 3. Establish PNWER clearing house to review lessons learned from member states' disaster response. 4. Establish a state by state "Disaster Caucus" of interested legislators in each state and province and territory 	Alberta to do a briefing for 2013 Winter meeting.		Rep. Deb Boone		

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Energy							
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Harmonizing (aligning) skills to assist labor mobility?	1	Policy stabilization for labor mobility - engage both federal governments as well as state/fed/province, and RCC - to pilot opportunities for resource skill certifications between jurisdictions along with regulatory, health safety regulations. Work on establishing common standards. Do an inventory of who has cross border training programs, and standards in place. Collaborate with PNWER Workforce group	This action item is being sent back to Co-Chairs for further clarification and review. Executive Committee felt it was not clear enough in describing what the Working Group wants PNWER to do. Clarify and re-submit to Executive Board call in September.		Doug Isaacson, Nerak Holder		
Response cooperation	2	Inventory cross border agreements for mutual aid to respond to disasters, oil spills, etc. and identify gaps that may exist. Seek funding to further develop mechanisms to share in response between jurisdictions and nations (US- Canada)					
Arctic Chamber of commerce	3	Establish opportunities for private sector to provide meaningful input in arctic policy discussions (state/territory/province - federal). Provide regional support for Canada's initiative to engage private sector in the Arctic Council - referred to PNWER Arctic Caucus for implementation.	Rep. Millet, Drue Pearce Catla Mather (Chair of the Dawson City Chamber of Commerce), Resource Development Council, Darielle Talarico (Yukon Chamber)	PNWER Arctic Caucus			
Engagement of Indigenous peoples (Native Peoples, First Nations)	4	Utilize PNWER website to share best practices and survey PNWER jurisdictions for case studies on successful early engagement strategies which involved indigenous peoples in planning major infrastructure projects	Mayor John Hopson, Veronica Slajer, Samantha Collins, Duane Ankney				
Public awareness of benefits of resource development	5	Referred back to working group to clarify this action item: Put together a proposal to develop public education materials and strategy to communicate about resource development. (need clarification)	Lesley Cabott (Community Planner) Amanda Leslie (Communication and event management)				
Examine consistent standards for resource development - where are they divergent? Must overcome patchwork quilt of regulatory regimes	6	Seek contributors and stakeholders to work on a white paper to identify the gaps and regulatory barriers to resource development across jurisdictions.	Kels Boland				

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Energy II (Renewable Energy and Distributed)							
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Renewable Energy in the North	1	Inventory arctic case studies for renewable development and storage technologies in the North – PNWER prepare a letter detailing case studies and send to northern utilities, appropriate jurisdictions and federal agencies, encouraging renewable energy and storage development.	need cooperation from Arctic Caucus jurisdictions - AK, YT, NWT	Paul Manson			
Micro-grids: Policy Implications and Challenges for Utilities	2	Acknowledge models of success for Micro-Grids in remote communities throughout the region. Seek funding to develop white paper outlining cost/benefits of renewable installations in Northern and remote communities – and explore ways to monetize, develop new resources (i.e. how to finance and identify the benefits of renewable installations)		Andrew Pape-salmon			
What are some overarching action items like regional research project?	3	How do we harvest stranded renewables in remote areas? Seek funding to do a literature search (documents, studies) identifying all existing studies and analyses of all renewable resources in PNWER's off grid regions.					
State/Provincial/Territorial Energy Efficiency Policies	4	How can we build on specific successes in the Region - share best practice legislation on energy efficiency by posting on PNWER's website. -Develop on PNWER website specific bills, abstracts, and contact information for best practices. - Develop white paper to highlight economic impacts of efficiency legislation and programs in the region to communicate with legislative committees. -Develop PowerPoint on the above to share with appropriate committees during PNWER's legislative Capital Visits		Andrew Pape-salmon	MLA Alana DeLong, Province of British Columbia		
What are some overarching action items like regional research project?	5	Encourage PNWER jurisdictions to benchmark all public sector buildings utilizing the no-cost Energy Star Portfolio system to track performance (letter to energy chairs and governors) (merge with #6)	PNWER Co-chairs, Legislative Energy Chairs and Energy Ministers' Task Force				
How to highlight the merits of energy efficiency for job creation and economic development?	6	Work toward aligning efficiency standards for new publicly funded buildings. Explore energy efficiency standards for appliances and equipment in the region, and what are the implications of gaps and inconsistencies? Delineate public benefits for moving to common standards in the region. PNWER Executive Committee should develop a letter to most appropriate committees or agencies in PNWER jurisdictions to accomplish #5 & #6					
Transmission	7	Consider creating a task force of members of the PNWER energy working groups to analyze Regional Transmission capacity Look at WGA's process to harmonize regional siting process and WECC's inventory of sensitive lands that will facilitate transmission siting. Address multi-state compact for multi-state transmission siting Include Canada – across PNWER	This action item is being referred back to the Working Group Co-Chairs for clarification. Exactly what is PNWER being tasked to do? How would this be funded? Working Group asked to review and re-submit to Executive Board in September Board meeting.				
Sharing best practices	8	Consider new PNWER award for exceptional work / progress in renewable energy and efficiency areas. Inventory status of who is doing what. Develop criteria for success – on a regional basis.		MLA Alana DeLong	MLA Norm Letnick		
Standards	9	Encourage increased dialogue between Pacific Coast Collaborative and NR CAN on appliance standards alignment.			MLA Norm Letnick, Andrew Pape-Salmon		
	10	PNWER develop a letter encouraging utility commissions to allow energy storage technologies in utility rate base.		co-chairs			

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Health Care							
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Telemedicine	1	PNWER should work with legislators and governmental regulators to lessen barriers to rapid adoption of useful telemedicine capabilities. ***Analysis of PNWER member states and provinces existing laws related to telemedicine to advise others on best practices and potential barriers***		Rep. Rusche			
Illegal pharmaceuticals	2	PNWER should assist in pharmaceutical supply chain regulation across borders to protect the health of Canadian and US patients from false or adulterated medications.***inventory and circulate information to state medical and pharmacy boards and associations on the dangers of illegal importation.					

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Invasive Species								
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	1	Develop a white sheet on Marine Invasive Species Regional Response Plan and explore possible PNWER involvement in plan implementation/oversight						
	2	Investigate a PNWER Regional Compact for Invasive Species Prevention						
	3	Develop a PNWER Regional Noxious Weed List the identified the Level of Invasiveness for each species						
	4	Implement a PNWER Aquatic Invasive Species Regional Passport						
	5	Develop a Feral Pigs Regional Management Program						
	6	Develop a Long-Term PNWER Roadmap that identifies key regional pathways for invasive species introductions during the						
	7	Encourage PNWER to sign on to the NDAM plan						
	8	Encourage Implementation of an Electronic Database that tracks movement of high-risk boats from waterbodies infested with quagga/zebra mussels						
	9	Assist PNWER in reaching out to Secretary Jewell, provide background on previous invasive species activities, and concerns for the region						
	10	Encourage the inclusion of a representative from each of the state and provincial invasive species councils on a newly developed PNWER regional invasive species council						
	11	Develop a white paper on the importance of Monitoring of Local Waterways for Invasive Species						
	12	Encourage Rapid Response Planning in state and provinces through outreach letters and a brochure that describes best management practices						
	13	Seek funding for #1 - 12						

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Innovation							
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What collaborative concepts have been implemented around the region and how have they performed?	1	Hold a session at the Winter Meeting on Best Practices in IP and further identify areas of collaboration		Alana DeLong, MLA	Working Group		

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Mining							
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Mineral overview of PNWER region		Strategic minerals inventory PNWER region. More comprehensive analysis and dialogue on the importance of strategic minerals such as rare earth elements and potash as important for supporting other industries like agriculture.	Geological Survey of Canada; Alaska Paper with USGS reference	Sen. Coghill			
Innovative Mining Practices in light of Climate Change; how are mining companies being affected and what adaptations do we have/need?	1	Get success stories from regions on innovation, solutions, implementation. Using high performance computing to reduce barriers for environmental permitting and improving public trust.. Clearing house for data collected by government, academia and industry (Canadian Polar Commission and US Arctic Research Council) Ability to share environmental performance data (baseline data).	AB, Idaho Nat'l Lab, Sask	Gary V. White (AB); Cam Pelzer (SK)			
Mining Supply Chain Management	2	Solicit input from companies doing cross border business. Present those issues to federal partners. Engaging the Mining Associations in each PNWER jurisdiction to collect information; endeavor to gather comparable information on private sector pre-qualification requirements for businesses issuing RFPs for procurement opportunities across PNWER.	Saskatchewan Alaska	Pam Schwann and Deantha Crockett (Mining Association issues identification) Monique Lyschinsky (Sask Supply Chain Management)			
Regulatory	3	Follow up with the Regulatory Cooperation Council; Safety record comparison. Develop a proposal to hold a "Mining Boot Camp" for elected officials across PNWER along the lines of LEHI to better inform elected representatives about the Mining cycle and industry operations and legislation/regulation across PNWER.	Alaska and Saskatchewan	Sen. Coghill and Pam Schwann			
Future Meetings	4	Health and Safety Record Requirements and comparisons; more engagement of mining companies in the session planning and execution; more community engagement (Social license); Extractive Industries Transparency Initiatives (EITI)	Alaska and Saskatchewan with PNWER				

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Market Access							
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All jurisdictions face an evolving and ever changing challenges pertaining to market access. The dynamics of market access change as industries emerge and competition increases. Compounding this is the changes in technology, public opinion, shifting economic fortunes of countries, and both public and private enterprises.	1	Agreement to continue working on market access challenges with PNWER.	Donna Kennedy-Glans, Scott Rudderham, Dave Kettles and Matt Smith				
Winter meeting	2	In November's PNWER meetings, in Banff, facilitate a sharing of best practices by governments on means of building social license needed to advance market access for their commodities.	Donna Kennedy-Glans, Scott Rudderham, Dave Kettles and Matt Smith				

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Natural Gas Transportation						
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Natural Gas Market and LNG information	1	Develop handout related to policy differences and similarities in the jurisdictions of PNWER related to natural gas transportation.	Ian Burkheimer, Ben Hemson NWGA		Samantha Collins, MLA Norm Letnick,	2 months
Natural Gas Taxation Issues	2	Draft a letter (and get signatures from stakeholders from around the region) to send to legislators to support policies that will allow LNG and CNG to be taxed at similar levels of traditional fuels.	Ian Burkheimer, Ben Hemson NWGA		Dan Britton, Kirt Montague	3 months
	3	Develop contact list for natural gas stakeholders in the PNWER region.	Ian Burkheimer, Ben Hemson NWGA		Samantha Collins, MLA Norm Letnick	

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Tourism						
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DUI's and minor drug offenses preventing travel	1	Work with leaders in government across the border to eliminate needless restrictions on travelers who may have had DUI's or minor offenses in the past. Many people face minor criminal charges, especially as young people and college students. PNWER believes these charges should not warrant being barred from crossing the border.	Dave Cowen and Gabrielle Nomura	Gabrielle Nomura	Don Alper	
Marketing the PNWER region	2	Support efforts to market the PNWER region as a tourism destination by a) Inviting marketing experts from each PNWER jurisdiction to the winter meeting to discuss opportunities for enhancing regional tourism. b) Make initial steps to developing a tourism dashboard	Andrew Little, Dave Cowen, Gabrielle Nomura	Gabrielle Nomura (winter meeting). Andrew and Dave (dashboard)	Michele McKenzie?	
NorPass	3	Facilitate further NORPASS development by hosting meeting of ferry operator decision makers (marketing, IT and senior management)	Dave Cowen, Dale Ryan, Gabrielle Nomura, Lindsey Holmes	Gabrielle Nomura	Alaska DOT, WA State Ferries, BC Ferries	
Expanding tourism talks across sectors	4	Cooperate with transportation sector to further develop quality and quantity of intermodal cross border travel experiences and connections to attractions and continue to work collaboratively with PNWER's other working groups, namely Border and Transportation.	Andrew Little, Dave Cowen, Gabrielle Nomura	Andrew Little and Dave Cowen		
Aboriginal Tourism	5	Send letter to PNWER Tourism leaders in the public and private sector, explaining that aboriginal tourism is a regional unifying theme that the PNWER Tourism Committee would like to invite them to a winter development meeting. Working collaboratively, we will examine the status of cultural and eco-tourism in each jurisdiction and see where the opportunities are to improve partnerships between aboriginal communities and government/industry. We will learn from best practices such as Hawaii's tourism marketing campaign, which has also helped to revitalize Hawaiian culture and language.	Andrew Little, Dave Cowen, Gabrielle Nomura	Gabrielle Nomura	Aboriginal Tourism BC and Alaska Native Heritage Center leaders	
Emissions Control Area	6	Support efforts by CLIA to increase flexibility in meeting ECA goals			John Binkley	

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Trade and Economic Development							
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Are North American business views being effectively heard in terms of Arctic policy?	1	Develop principles to submit to the government of Canada to ensure a sustainable structure and effective representation for enterprises of all sizes during the development of the Arctic Business Council.			John Higginbotham		
Joint International Trade Offices	2	Establish contact between state and provincial directors of commerce and legislators through a conference call to determine the interests in creating joint international trade offices.			Jeff Morris, Gael Tarleton		
	3	Coordinate with jurisdictional leads to determine how to best engage with native groups to have them take greater part in the Arctic Caucus			Carl Portman, RDC members		
	4	Explore the opportunity to establish a bi-lateral agency that can help with the development of the Arctic. (sent back to working group for clarification)	This action item was referred back to the Working Group Co-Chairs to clarify what this means, and what should PNWER do? It was not adopted by the final Executive Committee and must be brought before the Executive Board at a future monthly meeting.		State/Provincial Chambers of Commerce throughout the PNWER region.		
	5	Work individually and collectively to help create the North American Arctic Business council - in concert with Canada's lead on creating a circumpolar business council	PNWER Arctic Caucus				
	6	Work with jurisdictions to develop materials (maps, etc.) which illuminate the possibilities and the economic linkages throughout the PNWER region.			State/Provincial Chambers of Commerce throughout the PNWER region.		
	7	Create new logo to help emphasize the importance of the Arctic to PNWER	Referred to the Board for leadership, discussion, and review				
	8	Explore the possibility of having Nunavut join PNWER as an observer. Engage more with the government of Nunavut to invite them to PNWER or Arctic Council Events [It was noted that Canada already has many Pan Territorial events and significant cooperation between the 3 Northern Territories]					
	9	Put together delegation from PNWER (business leaders, aboriginal groups, provincial/state legislators) to go to DC or Ottawa to emphasize the importance of the Arctic.	Arctic Caucus			Include in PNWER Arctic Forum in Washington, DC on March 6, 2014	

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Transportation						
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The Legislative Primer	1	Secure additional resources to develop a legislative primer which will incorporate recommendations from the Transportation Working Group, Tourism Work Group, Border Solutions Council, and International Market Access. The primer would also utilize social media platforms and a website.		Bruce Agnew, Gabrielle Nomura		
Winter Meeting	2	A table of contents/budget will be developed for Banff Meeting.				
Work collaboratively across PNWER working groups and jurisdictions	3	Identify the driving forces of cross border economic prosperity including workforce, infrastructure, mid market business' market share, harmonized regulations, and international trade.				
Educational tours for legislators	4	As a follow-up to the successful pre-PNWER Summit tour in Vancouver/Prince Rupert Ketchikan, a proposal for a border/Puget Sound Gateway and Two-National vacation tour in 2013/2014 and a Columbia/Snake River/North Idaho trip in Nov. 2014 will be presented at the Winter Meeting in Banff in November.		Co-Chairs		

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Water Policy						
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Future Topics for discussion	1	Possible topics for a future workshop/webinar: Columbia River Treaty Update, flood control, funding of management/data systems (integration of these between US/Canada), water storage (upstream/downstream uses), mapping governance and legal issues, how discharge standards (EPA) will be implemented at the state level and the regional impact		Co-Chairs	MLA Norm Letnick, Rep. Mik Cuffe, Rep. Kathleen Williams	
Research collaboration opportunities	2	Development of a meeting of PNWER based research universities with a focus on water and water policy as the beginning of new collaborations to tackle existing and emerging water issues. We will work collectively to develop an agenda of high priority issues requiring the benefit of scientific research, analysis and synthesis and then work to coordinate activities and find new cross border opportunities for research collaboration between institutions, business/industry and government.	Univ. of Lethbridge, Univ. of Alaska Anchorage, water policy working group	David Hill	University presidents roundtable, innovation working group	9-12 months

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Workforce							
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Native American and First Nation Training Opportunities in the North		Highlight rural areas where resource development offers employment opportunities and access to education by those indigenous people groups. Highlight successful programs and best practices. Invite appropriate commissioners/ministers of education and labor/workforce to present and listen. Invite key business leaders. Engage with members of the Arctic Caucus to ensure regional representation	TBD - need to follow-up with NANA Development Corp	Sen. Giessel	Arctic Caucus		
Workforce Mobility for High Demand Sectors		Federal representative Canada/US present at next meeting. Engage federal representatives for regional solutions across boarders/jurisdictions. Convey more autonomy to jurisdictions/states.	Colin Smith, Mike Wo		Border Working Group, MLA Norm Letnick, Rep. Mike Cuffe		
Continuing Action Items	3	<p>Professional Credential Recognition</p> <p>2005: Licensing Reciprocity - Urge licensing bodies to adopt reciprocal professional credential recognition for engineers who have successfully practiced for a set number of years. Assist licensing bodies in preparing amendments to rules or policies to enable reciprocity of licensure.</p> <p>2010 (amended 2011): Pursuant to PNWER's 2006 resolution calling on all PNWER jurisdiction licensing bodies for engineers to adopt policies or present amendments to their respective legislative bodies which allows them to waive the requirement for satisfaction of prescriptive credentials in education and examination if the applicant meets specific criteria adopted by each jurisdiction, PNWER continues to encourage Alaska, Washington, Oregon and Montana to join with Idaho in facilitating this resolution</p>	Colin Smith		Re-engagement with Alaska and Washington		