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Agriculture PNWER 2009			
Discussion Topic	Action Items	Project Team	Initial Project Lead
<i>Cross-Border Issues: Country of Origin Labeling, Impacts of Initial Implementation</i>	Work to develop a regional roundtable discussion with state/provincial industry & government stakeholders and principal federal officials to communicate the regional economic implications of specific federal Agriculture policy.	Co-chairs, Calgary Host committee, working group members.	Gary Furiman, Richard Marz
<i>Emerging Issues for Agriculture: Roundtable Discussion</i>	Agriculture Working Group should consider addressing the following issues in 2010: Water management and supply, carbon <u>foot</u> print, energy and transportation and the balance between environment and economic growth.	Ag planning committee for 2010	
Health Care PNWER 2009			
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<i>Health Evidence Network: Examples of Best Practices in PNWER Region</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hold a meeting of health evidence centres and key decision makers in association with the 2010 Calgary PNWER meeting to identify opportunities for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Joint identification of priorities for evidence review – Mechanisms for cooperating and using shared capacity at academic centres in the region – Sharing approaches to engage with the public and industry in technology assessment processes. – (Note: perhaps launch of Health evidence network for PNWER region.) – Promotion of self care and decision support aids for consumers [Including Health Link Info Line] 	John Sproule, IHE Joan Berezenski, AB Mark Gibson, OR	John Sproule

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<i>International Comparative Health Policy</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PNWER will use the Health Care working group website and newsletter to identify reliable evidence based resources for comparing international health systems. • A slide kit of international comparative health statistics on an annual basis will be prepared for use by PNWER decision-makers. (Institute of Health Economics) 	John Sproule Don Philippon	John Sproule
<i>Border Health Alliance: Update on Memorandum of Understanding Between PNWER States and Provinces to Partner on Public Health Emergencies</i>	The MoU for the PNW Border Health Alliance is being circulated for sign-off and becomes effective when executed by two or more jurisdictions. To date the MOU has been signed by Idaho, Oregon and Washington and is presently on its way to British Columbia and will proceed to all jurisdictions. PNWER encourages all jurisdictions to sign the MOU in 2009.	Working Group	Co-chairs
Agriculture – Cross-Border Livestock Health Conference PNWER 2009			
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	Work with officials from the Canadian and US governments to encourage the acceptance of electronic documentation and endorsement for the import/export of live animals and products within and between the two countries.	Ted Williams, USDA; Keith Lehman, CFIA; Rick Mc Ronald, Canadian Livestock Genetics Association; Kerry St. Cyr, Canadian Cattle Identification Agency	Lead: Jack Field, Washington Cattlemen’s Association

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	Investigate and report progress on harmonization of livestock trucker training programs in Canada and the US. Investigate proposed and instituted changes to livestock transportation in Canada and the US and obtain the OIE report/direction regarding livestock transportation in Canada and the US	Mike Siemens, Cargill; Jackie Wepruk, National Farmed Animal Care Council; Nadia Shah, BC Milk Producers Association	Reynold Bergen, Alberta Beef Producers
	Urge the USDA to expedite the rule making process to restore access for Canadian sheep and goats, and work with the federal officials from Canada and the United States to achieve this goal.	Dr. Brian McCluskey, USDA	Leads: Rick McDonald, Canadian Livestock Genetics Association,
	Make the cross border Livestock Health conference an annual event at the PNWER Annual Summit. Work with the 2010 host committee to begin to plan next year's event.		Bill Barton, Idaho; Gerald Hauer, AB, Heather Shewchuk AB Agriculture

**Border Issues
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	<p>Develop a two track process for moving forward</p> <p>Track 1: Future vision of a border that goes beyond security/trade tradeoff. Vision should incorporate principles of what a well governed 21st century border should look like.</p> <p>Track 2: Practical steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reestablish regional border council to provide regular input to US/Canadian officials • Recommend to reform/abolish nuisance regulations (e.g. APHIS, Lacey Act) • Work to simplify and clarify rules for business travel e.g. Laptops • Recommend staff improvements e.g. Proper booth management during peak times 	Border coordination Council	Don Alper, Len Mitzel

Energy II

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	To be provided		
Invasive Species PNWER 2009			
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	<p>West Coast Governor’s Agreement on Ocean Health Spartina Eradication Plan & Quagga Zebra Mussel Action Plan (QZAP): PNWER support for federal funding for these plans to obtain greater knowledge about them throughout the entire region.</p> <p>Change the name of the committee to the ‘Bio Security Committee’. Would promote greater interest. *Up to the Executive Committee</p> <p>Develop inspection protocols and procedures to allow reciprocity for inspection of boats</p> <p>Need to engage the Bonneville Power Administration in the Invasive Species working group, we need to emphasize the direct impact to the invasive species in regards to Salmon and the introduction of Quagga mussels in the Columbia reach.</p> <p>Contact the Western Governors association to get awareness in bordering states including Ohio, Nevada, and California...</p> <p>Compile a list of Legislators that are active on invasive</p>	<p>Qzap: Paul Heimowitz & Mark Sytsma Spartina:</p>	

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	species issues.		
	<p>PNWER Letter to Executive Board for approval (committee emphasizes urgency to send the letter) to Secretary Salazar and Minister of Fisheries asking for 1).Enhanced enforcement of boat inspection 2) Improved state plans for managing invasive aquatic species. Encourage member legislators to send a similar letter</p> <p>Begin to work on an economic analysis of the cost of an invasive species invasion in each PNWER state and province.</p> <p>Support research on management of aquatic invasive species.</p>	Invasive species working group	Draft Letter from co-chairs and working group members
Homeland Security/Regional Disaster Resilience PNWER 2009			
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<p><i>PNWER Center for Regional Disaster Resilience: Current Regional Initiatives</i></p>	<p>PNWER should explore with DHS and DOE the possibility of developing a course modeled on PNWER’s Energy Legislative Institute to provide legislators with information on homeland security and disaster resilience.</p> <p>Explore the development of an initiative to increase understanding of cross-border regional infrastructure interdependencies that can impact response/recovery and restoration associated with large-scale disasters.</p>		<p>Paula Scalingi, CRDR</p> <p>Paula Scalingi, Bill Shawver, ID</p>

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Innovation PNWER 2009			
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	PNWER encourages the regional University presidents to continue to utilize the annual summit as a forum to meet and discuss regional issues.		Co-chairs
Tourism PNWER 2009			
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<i>2010 Olympics: Distributing Accurate, Timely Information to Regional Visitors</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PNWER will forward information regarding a regional 2010 Olympics partnership opportunity to member States. 		Taleeb Noormahamoud, VANOC
<i>Lessons in Developing Successful Tourism Associations</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop an pilot partnership, and funding, with the Bi-national Tourism Alliance and PNWER to work on one or two projects of mutual interest 		Arlene White, Bi-national tourism Alliance
Trade & Economic Development PNWER 2009			
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<i>US and Canadian Stimulus Packages and Regional Development Opportunities:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The US and Canada are the largest trading partners in the world. PNWER celebrates this and promotes free trade as it will strengthen the economies of both nations PNWER endorses the congressional letter and encourages US PNWER members to write to their 		

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<i>Roundtable Discussion</i>	<p>congressional delegation supporting the intent of this letter.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PNWER encourages resistance to protectionist measures and retaliatory action because they are not good for the United States and Canada. • PNWER encourages local/state/provincial/municipal governments to adopt open procurement policies within our region and between our two countries. 		
<i>High Level Overview of Regional Economy</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PNWER staff will clarify, and distribute information, about the opportunity for PNWER to be a partner on US Stimulus funding grants. 		
Transportation PNWER 2009			
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<i>Amtrak Service to Vancouver BC</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PNWER extends its appreciation to the government of Canada and Cabinet for waving of a customs fee for the second Amtrak Cascades service to Vancouver. The new service scheduled to begin in August and continued through the Winter Olympics in will directly connect British Columbia and Oregon in the same • PNWER and the Cascadia Center for Regional Development have formed an ad hoc advisory group of tourism, transportation and environmental leaders along the Cascades corridor to work directly with WSDOT, Amtrak and the Ministry of Transportation to help market the train to a wide regional and international audience through partnerships with the private sector. The goal is to ensure that the “pilot project” for the fee waiver is a success and the service will continue permanently without additional costs. • The Transportation Working Group will also work with Border Working Group and the Olympics 2010/Tourism Working Group to ensure that cost recovery issues for all modes of transportation are addressed by the proposed Border Coordination Council. 		Bruce Agnew

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<p><i>Restoration of the Amtrak Pioneer Service between Seattle, Portland, Boise, Salt, Lake City and Denver</i></p>	<p>PNWER Believes that restoration of intercity passenger rail service between Seattle and Denver could promote:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Economic Development and increased tourism to the recreation sites along the Columbia River and Rocky Mountain regions promoted by PNWER partners ○ Accessibility to rural areas that have seen reductions in intercity bus and air service ○ Promotion of Freight mobility and market access for farm products through joint investments in tracks for passenger and freight ○ Community safety through new federal and Class One RR investments in “Positive Train Control” GPS-based safety systems designed to prevent collisions and derailments ○ Reductions in greenhouse gas emissions through efficient intercity travel linked to regional local transit connections <p>PNWER Acknowledges a congressionally mandated feasibility study will be released in August 2009. The Working Group will consider the results of the study in regard to cost-effectiveness of service, ridership and opportunities for new operational business models using public private partnerships. In the meantime, PNWER will continue to gather information concerning community support</p>		<p>Bruce Agnew</p>
	<p>PNWER supports renewed funding support for the Shakwak Project in the successor legislation to the SAFETEA-LU to complete the following work</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Rehabilitation from the effects of melting permafrost between Destruction Bay and the U.S.-Canada border near Beaver Creek ● Rehabilitate the remaining 68 miles of the Haines Road ● Rehabilitate 67 miles south of Destruction Bay 	<p>Rep. Peggy Wilson</p>	<p>Minister Kenyon</p>
<p>Water Policy</p>			

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<i>The Columbia Basin Treaty</i>	PNWER should explore the possibility of hosting a Columbia river treaty symposium for legislators and stakeholders to begin a dialogue to understand the issues and priorities of jurisdictions and stakeholders.	Water policy working group,	Water co-chairs
Workforce Development PNWER 2009			
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<i>PNWER Alaska Pipeline Labor Issues Report</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue the development of a Northern Pipeline Coordinating Council, including information gathering on potential partners, scoping and members. The goal will be to hold an initial meeting at the 2009 Winter meeting 	Brian Love (Yukon Energy, Mines and Resources);	Senator Lesil McGuire
Energy I PNWER 2009			
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<i>Alaska Natural Gas Pipeline</i>	PNWER should form Northern Pipeline Coordination Council – develop structure and scope for Winter Meeting		
Telecommunications PNWER 2009			
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<i>Identification of Best Practices for Access and Adoption of Broadband</i>	Distribute the Best Practices identified by the working group to the PNWER Member jurisdictions as recommendations for development and deployment.	Don Pumphrey Robert Watson Sen. Robert Watson	
General PNWER Action Item			
In order to become a PNWER Presidential Candidate, a Delegate must have served at least one year as a PNWER Vice President.			

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