

Pacific NorthWest Economic Region

2018-2019 Action Items



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AGRICULTURE

1. Collaborate with Border & Trade working group to compile regional examples of impacts of tariffs (jobs, decline in sales, etc.)
2. Share Joint Statements supporting modernizing NAFTA, opposing tariffs and supporting science based regulatory systems in agriculture

Joint Statement

- The Pacific North West Economic Region (PNWER), in both the United States (U.S.) and Canada, recognize the importance of trade and the immense benefits realized under the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). The agriculture sector in particular has been a major benefactor, creating deeply integrated cross border supply chains that have enhanced our competitiveness internationally. Members of the PNWER Agriculture Working Group urge both the U.S. and Canadian federal governments to continue negotiating a modernized and enhanced NAFTA.
- We believe that new unilateral tariffs between the US and Canada go against the principles of free and fair trade and only harm industries in both countries. When markets are open and goods are transported freely across borders, the result is economic growth, new businesses and more and better job opportunities for individuals.
- We believe the U.S. and Canada should enhance competitiveness by becoming more effective and efficient through the adoption of new and cutting edge technologies. A science-based regulatory system is needed to support our industry's efforts in this area and this requires strong leadership internationally from both Canada and the U.S. to address issues with countries whose regulations are less than science-based. As such, members of PNWER encourage the U.S. and Canada to continue pushing for science-based regulation in the agriculture sector in forums like Codex Alimentarius Commission and the OIE World Organization for Animal Health.

BORDER

1. Work with Beyond Preclearance Coalition to publish their White Paper on connecting transportation and industry in identifying how new technologies can improve border security and facilitation.
2. Host several conference calls before the winter meeting with tourism and transportation providers, DHS and CBSA and consulates to help identify recommendations for messaging related to cannabis to reduce problems of travelers crossing the border.

BORDER AND TRADE

1. Compile regional impacts of tariffs on business and jobs to share with congressional delegation.
 2. Send regulatory cooperation council leads a letter of support to encourage expansion and continued participation in RCC initiatives.
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DISASTER RESILIENCE

1. Develop a cyber threat briefing for presentation at the next summit. Additionally, develop a webinar on the same topic that can be presented and would be available online on the CRDR website as a resource tool.
 2. Seek funding to develop an Unmanned Aerial System (UAS)/Drone workshop to help educate personnel from private companies, city/municipality, county, and state/provincial jurisdictions.
 3. Develop a database of UAS users, their equipment, and their usage (Current DHS funded project deliverable).
 4. Develop a "users group" and hold quarterly conference calls for the sharing of best practices (Current DHS funded project deliverable).
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ENERGY

1. The PNWER Executive Committee will submit a request to the Western Governors Association to include renewable natural gas as part of the renewable energy discussion that has been announced as on the Agenda for WGA's Winter meeting in December. PNWER will assist in assembling a panel/presentation for the WGA Annual Meeting. The request letter should be transmitted to WGA within two weeks of the conclusion of the 2018 Summit.
Project Team: Rep. Morris and Dan Kirschner, Northwest Gas Association
 2. PNWER will investigate the possibility of convening a sidebar of clean energy and cleantech stakeholders at the The Clean Energy Ministerial (CEM) May 27, 2019 in Vancouver, BC
Findings
 3. The PNWER should encourage the topic of resiliency with the Northwest Power and Conservation Council.
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ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

1. The PNWER Secretariat will continue to maintain and update annually an inventory of carbon policies in PNWER jurisdictions as a resource
2. Encourage collaboration between the Innovation Working Group and the Northwest Energy Innovation Alliance on the best models to develop innovation ecosystems

3. The Roadmap to Resilient, Ultra Low Energy Buildings will be presented to the University President Roundtable at the 2019 Summit.
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INNOVATION

1. Conduct a study/Share information across states/provinces on how each handles data privacy and associated legislation (GDPR). Assemble a common body of knowledge on this topics.
 2. Promote the US Navy Hack the machine event in Seattle on August 20-22 Coordinate a call with AK, WA and OR on potential Navy Future Command in the PNW with PNWER maritime cyber task force.
 3. Investigate development of a White Paper on state verified identities leveraging blockchain tech - Lessons learned and best practices from BC and Others.
 4. Update PNWER's Innovation assets Map of the PNW.
 5. Plan a session to Investigate mechanisms for ethical use of technology for Big Data (deep learning and AI) and coordinate with our universities in PNWER jurisdictions.
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INVASIVE SPECIES

1. Advocate for increased invasive species federal funding for jurisdictions within PNWER, and modifications to existing programs, legislation and policies.
 2. Inform state, provincial and territorial officials and lawmakers of high priority invasive species and pathways.
 3. Request letter from PNWER Executive Committee to the Northwest Power and Conservation Council regarding the need and potential for additional economic analyses of invasive species to be developed.
 4. Support cross border Pike committee planning and key action items.
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TOURISM

1. In 2019 focus on incorporating indigenous tourism into a session at the Summit.
 2. Encourage each PNWER member jurisdiction to designate a representative to the PNWER Tourism working group.
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TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

1. Encourage the expansion of Alaska and Washington's vessel tracking program into B.C. to improve the safety of the Salish Sea.

2. PNWER will work with Idaho Dept. of Transportation to help connect them with key stakeholders across the region to provide input on their study focused on truck size and weight harmonization.
 3. PNWER will continue to advocate for the full appropriation of the FAST Act 1411 Regional Accelerator.
 4. Demonstration Project with the objective of sharing Canadian innovative financing models with US jurisdictions. PNWER will share the findings with members and on our web site of the Coalition of America's Gateways and Trade Corridors Report "Freight Can't Wait: CAGTC Speaks on Permit Reform"
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WATER POLICY

1. Continue to hold a legislative roundtable in future water policy session at the Summit.
 2. Share information about bioremediation work on water treatment technology in the Elk Valley, BC with PNWER members.
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WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

1. Professional Credential Recognition 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. 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. (2018/2019-Oregon, 2019-2020 Washington and Montana, Alaska post 2020).
 2. Compile and share best practices/lessons learned from PNWER members on the prepare the workforce for the future (example "future ready Oregon").
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Waiting for Final Approval from PNWER Executive Committee

Cross-border Livestock Health