

Proposed Agenda
Columbia River Basin Restoration Program Working Group Remote Meeting
October 22, 2020 9:30 AM – 4:00 PM

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PURPOSE: Provide a forum to exchange information on Columbia River Basin Restoration Act implementation, toxics reduction, monitoring, research, and outreach. *(All times are Pacific Daylight Time)*

9:30–9:45 Opening Welcome

- Remote meeting mechanics and review of agenda (Mary Lou Soscia, EPA; Greg Frey, Council Oak).

9:45–10:15 Introductions & Updates

- Introductions and Key Updates (Working Group).

10:15–12:00 Launch of Inaugural CWA Section 123 Columbia River Basin Restoration Program Grants

- Announcement of the recipients for the first round of grant funding (Mary Lou Soscia, EPA).
- Meet the grantees (Vicky Salazar, EPA). Grantees will introduce their project and provide key highlights of work supported by their grants.

12:00–1:15 Break

1:15–2:00 Let’s Talk about the Columbia River Basin Restoration Working Group

- Brainstorming Session: The group will solicit ideas from individuals about how to make this working group successful in the short term (with remote meeting limitations) and in the long run. Questions for the group include:
 - How should the working group move forward?
 - What issues/topics are most important or exciting to you?
 - Given staffing limitations, how can we share information and lessons learned more effectively?
 - Do working group members have other tools for Basin-wide communication and collaboration?
 - How should we structure the Spring 2021 meeting?
 - One full day versus two half days?

2:00–3:50 Updates from Around the Basin

- USGS Citizen Science Monitoring Program.
 - Collin Eagles-Smith (USGS Contaminant Ecology Research Lab, Corvallis, OR).
- PFAS around the Basin.
 - Andrew Gillespie (EPA Office of Research & Development, Research Triangle Park, NC).
- Best practices from the Columbia River Basin Restoration Program grantees for working safely during the pandemic.
 - Elaine Snouwaert (Washington Department of Ecology), “Washington Department of Ecology local source control City of Vancouver.”
 - Alan Kolok (University of Idaho), “Using crowdsourced crayfish in education, engagement, and bio-monitoring relative to mercury pollution in the Spokane and Boise River Basins.”
 - Ofelio Borges (Washington State Department of Agriculture), “Delivering education services during the current pandemic.”

3:50–4:00

Closing and Next Steps

- Review next steps and plan for the Spring 2021 meeting (Mary Lou Soscia, EPA).

4:00

Adjourn