

## The Mighty Columbia

Thursday, March 2 & Friday, March 3, 2023 ~ Portland, OR

### Thursday, March 2, 2023

#### 9:00 Introduction and Overview – Day One

**Brent H. Hall**, Program Co-Chair  
*Hall Law PLLC*

**Jay T. Waldron**, Program Co-Chair  
*Schwabe Williamson & Wyatt PC*

#### 9:10 Case Law Overview

ESA, Clean Water Act, etc.

**Wade Foster**  
*Stoel Rives LLP*

**Beth Ginsberg**  
*Stoel Rives LLP*

#### 10:00 Temperature Litigation

John Day; Snake; Upper Columbia

**Mary Lou Soscia**, Columbia River Coord.  
*Region 10, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency*

**David Gruen**, Columbia River Coord.  
*Oregon Department of Environmental Quality*

#### 11:00 Break

#### 11:15 Hatchery Litigation

Wild Fish Conservancy; Alaska BiOp; killer whales

**Coby Howell**, Sr. Trial Attorney  
*U.S. Department of Justice*

#### 11:45 Ports

Cruise ships; Columbia River ports

**Randy Hayden**, Executive Director  
*Port of Pasco*

**Lisa Mittelsdorf**, Executive Director  
*Port of Morrow*

#### 12:30 Midday Break

#### 1:45 Upper Columbia Blocked Area Anadromous Fish Group

**Brian C. Gruber**  
*Ziontz Chestnut*

**Theodore C. Knight**  
*Spokane Tribe of Indians*

**John Shurts**, General Counsel  
*Northwest Power & Conservation Council*

**2:45 Columbia River Treaty with Canada**

Ecosystem aspects; overview of past negotiations; flood risk management; power; water supply

**Michael Tehan**, Asst. Regional Administrator  
*Interior Columbia Basin Office, NOAA Fisheries*

**3:30 Break**

**3:45 River Economics**

Grain; power; irrigation; dam breaching; congressionally authorized purpose of the dams

**Casey Chumrau**, CEO

*Washington Grain Commission*

**Aja DeCoteau**, Executive Director

*Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission*

**Blaine Meek**, Farm Manager

*AgReserves, Inc.*

**Rob Rich**, VP of Marine Services

*Shaver Transportation Company*

**5:00 Adjourn**

**Friday, March 3, 2023**

**9:00 Introduction and Overview – Day Two**

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**9:05 Columbia River Collaborative**

Salmon Solutions

**David Doeringsfeld**, General Manager

*Port of Lewiston, Idaho*

**Michael Edmondson**, Administrator

*Idaho Governor's Office of Species Conservation*

**Michael Garrity**, Division Manager

*Habitat Program, WA Dept. of Fish & Wildlife*

**10:00 Dredging**

River mouths; dredging navigation channels and behind dams; dredging on the Snake River

**Kathryn E. Marckworth**

*Yakama Nation Office of Legal Counsel*

**10:30 Break**

**10:45 Biden Administration Approach to Columbia Basin Salmon Recovery**

NWF v. NMFS litigation and litigation stay; salmon recovery perspectives; what's next

**Brent H. Hall, Moderator**  
*Hall Law PLLC*

**Jim McKenna, Policy Analyst**  
*Oregon Governor's Office of Natural Resources*

**Kurt Miller, Executive Director**  
*Northwest RiverPartners*

**Heather Stebbings, Executive Director**  
*Pacific Northwest Waterways Association*

**12:00 Midday Break**

**1:15 Fish Survival – What Does Science Tell Us?**

Ocean conditions; predation; carrying capacity; fish size; direct mortality; delayed mortality

**Jay T. Waldron, Moderator**  
*Schwabe Williamson & Wyatt PC*

**Edward Bowles, Fish Division Admin.**  
*Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife*

**Steven G. Smith, PhD, Statistician**  
*Fish Ecology Division, NOAA Fisheries*

**David Welch, PhD, CEO/Manager**  
*Kintama Research Services*

**2:30 Break**

**2:45 Columbia River Harvest**

6 jurisdictions; commercial, tribal and sports fishing; 50% of what? U.S. v. Oregon litigation; treaty rights

**Stuart Ellis, Harvest Mgmt. Biologist**  
*Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission*

**Brent H. Hall**  
*Hall Law PLLC*

**Lance Hebdon, Bureau Chief**  
*Idaho Department of Fish and Game*

**William Tweit, Special Assistant**  
*Washington State Department of Fish & Wildlife*

**4:00 Ethical Considerations**

**David J. Elkanich**  
*Buchalter PC*

**5:00 Adjourn**