



## Northwest Environmental Business Council E-News

### *From the Executive Director*

#### A New Paradigm for the Environment

On June 18-19, NEBC will be co-hosting a national conference on Ecosystem Markets. While interest in this concept is building worldwide, many environmental professionals remain unfamiliar with this new approach and its potential. So let me provide a very brief overview of what could end up being a significant movement.

Simply, "ecosystem services" are those functions performed by natural ecosystems, such as providing clean water, cold water, flood control, erosion control, CO2 sequestration, air purification, habitat for plants and animals, pollination, recreation, aesthetics, etc. Yet while our lives depend on these services, they are typically not assigned any economic value – making their sources vulnerable to degradation and conversion to other uses.



Meanwhile, protecting ecosystems is now left mostly up to regulatory agencies. However, these entities are tasked with addressing specific, narrow impacts – an approach that often fails to address the complexities found in functioning ecosystems. At the same time, industries, developers, and communities are spending huge sums of money to mitigate environmental impacts – again based on narrow regulatory

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requirements that may not balance out the complexity of the impacts. It's not that regulators don't understand the problem; they just don't have the structures or resources to respond.

There may be a better way. By assigning a value to ecosystem services, and transferring payments for the value to property owners, the owners now have a voluntary incentive to preserve and protect the ecosystems. What is then needed is a way for a financial transfer to take place between a buyer (often a regulated party needing a mitigation offset) and the provider of the services. In other words, an ecosystem services market.

The concept of market-based environmental solutions is not new, but has tended to be very specific. Examples include trading in air pollutants (SOx and NOx), carbon, and water quality; and purchasing shares in wetland and habitat preserves or "banks." While these mechanisms provide important models, the integration of multiple benefits is key to moving forward. By adding up or "stacking" the multiple benefits derived from an ecosystem, and selling the bundled credits to purchasers, enough value can be created to sufficiently incentivize a land owner to protect and enhance their properties, or to fund the management of an ecological preserve.

Markets bring disparate parties together for a common purpose. Sellers of ecosystem credits can include forest and farmland owners as well as investors in new projects. Buyers can include regulated entities such as property developers, industries, highway departments, and wastewater treatment plants. Regulators are essential partners in the process, as credits that qualify for mitigation need tightly supervised markets. Environmental NGOs and voluntary buyers are also getting involved as they see the benefit of this new, positive model for funneling resources to real solutions.

Creating new markets is a complex endeavor, requiring standard policies, protocols and definitions; valuation metrics, measurement, and verification; a central registry; and a trading platform that brings buyers and sellers together. Progress is being made, slowly but steadily, and the Northwest is a hub of pioneering leadership. Organizations like Clean Water Services, the Willamette Partnership, the Institute for Natural Resources, Defenders of Wildlife, Ecotrust, and various government agencies are partnering with a full range of

NEBC member scientists, environmental consultants, economists, and lawyers. There is good reason that market proponents from across the country have picked Portland as the place to gather in June to discuss progress and the way forward. Don't miss this chance to get a front row seat.



Robert Grott

## NEBC Conferences, Meetings & Trade Shows

**May 14. The Living Building Challenge - Why and How? Luncheon. Portland.** Designers face significant challenges in reducing ecological and carbon footprints of buildings. Going well beyond LEED, (think LEED on Steroids) the concept of a Living Building will be discussed by examining technical limitations, regulatory constraints, construction methods and issues surrounding building occupancy. Our speaker, Lisa Petterson, SERA Architects, brings a wealth of experience regarding these issues from over 18 years in the architectural field that addresses the issues faces in both private & public projects living building challenges.

**May 27. Energy Forum Breakfast Meeting. Portland.** We will have a discussion of "Smart Grid – the Promise and the Challenge." While the Smart Grid concept has become something of a clean tech icon, there are some real-world challenges to getting there. One of our guest speakers will be J.R. Gonzalez, Administrator of the Safety, Reliability & Security Division of the Oregon Public Utilities Commission. No charge, but please RSVP so we can order food - to [robert@nebc.org](mailto:robert@nebc.org).

**May 27. Energy Forum Washington: The State of the Wind Energy Today. Bellevue.** Held at Puget Sound Energy's Auditorium, our next energy conversation is with Richard Krauze of 3Tier and Dennis Bradley of Windward Ways II. Mr. Krauze will discuss the capital markets uncertainty and optimism and vying for top spot in the industry. Mr. Bradley will speak to his real time experience developing a small scale wind project in Eastern Washington. This is a free event but please [RSVP](#) or contact Karl Unterschuetz ([karl@nebc.org](mailto:karl@nebc.org)).

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**June 3. Puget Sound Initiative Baywide Sediment Investigations. Luncheon. Seattle.** A leading source of pollution to Puget Sound is contaminated sites around its shorelines. Ecology is taking a baywide approach to cleaning up numerous sites within a geographic area. Chance Asher manages the Aquatic Lands Cleanup Unit (aka Sediments Unit) in the WA Department of Ecology's Toxics Cleanup Program. She will discuss what the baywide sediment investigation results mean and how they will influence Ecology's cleanup work, along with the larger policy issues concerning the PSI cleanup work and the program's next steps.

**June 11. Environmental Implications of Nanotechnology. Luncheon. Portland.** Nanotechnology is heralded as advanced technology to make our lives better – now found in all types of products including cleaning/laundry products and makeup. What is nanotechnology? What are the implications of nanotechnology in our environment? What are the risks to the waste stream and fresh drinking water? Learn about the state of nanotechnology today. Find out what testing procedures are in place that can capture them and how regulators are developing policies to deal with them. Speakers include Anders Liljeholm, OMSI and Lisa Ragain.

**June 18 & 19. Ecosystem Markets. Portland.** Using markets to protect and restore ecosystems – and the many services they provide – is gradually becoming a

reality. But what are the critical elements for success, what progress has been made, what still needs to be done, and what are the remaining challenges? Experts, innovators, and hands-on users of these evolving market models will join together in a dialogue about recent progress, what transactions can be done now, how these markets will affect family forests and other property owners, and how state and regional efforts can merge into a common model. This conference returns for its second year, and is expanding into a national forum through the partnership with the Washington, D.C. based American Forest Foundation. The program is

being extended to 2 days and will be followed by a working meeting of a national consortium of project managers – thereby attracting key industry participants. Sponsorship Opportunities are available online or contact [Sue@nebc.org](mailto:Sue@nebc.org) or 503-227-6361.

**July 8. NEBC Golf Tournament – Langdon Farms Golf Course. Auroa, OR.** The annual NEBC Golf Tournament at Golf Langdon Farms Golf Club is a relaxed fun event for all. A shotgun start and playing the best ball, this tournament is designed for all levels - whether your up on your game or a duffer. The course was designed by award-winning architects John Fought and Robert Cupp and puts a premium on accurate iron shots for low scores, yet remains very playable for the recreational golfer. Not a player? Then come join the fun at the BBQ after the tournament! Sponsorship Opportunities are available online or contact [Sue@nebc.org](mailto:Sue@nebc.org) or 503-227-6361.

**July 16. Olympic Chapter Roof Top Mixer. Seattle.** Skip the traffic jams and relax with friends, colleagues and NEBC members for this fun annual event. Unwind in the park-like setting of the K & L Gates 7<sup>th</sup> floor rooftop patio as you savor the views of downtown & Puget Sound, sip your favorite beverage and enjoy the delicious hors d'oeuvres. This event is a great opportunity to meet new members and network with potential partners. Registration includes a drink ticket and hors d'oeuvres.

**December 7 & 8. NWECC Trade Show. Portland. Early Bird Pricing Ends May 31!** NEBC invites you to exhibit at the 2009 NWECC Trade Show; one of the largest, most comprehensive environmental conference and trade shows in the Pacific Northwest. Exhibiting at NWECC is an opportunity to interact with decision makers in a highly competitive and sometimes hard-to-reach industry, reaching attendees with purchasing authority. NWECC offers a wide variety of opportunities to increase your company's visibility among its target audience. Priority for space assignment will be based on the order in which applications are received and availability of space requested. So for the best chance of getting your favorite booth – send your completed application in as soon as possible.

## ***Industry News, Meetings & Events***

**Tri-County Hazardous Waste & Recycling Program seeks proposals** from consultants to study the best solution(s) for handling organics from the solid waste streams of Hood River, Wasco, and Sherman Counties in the Columbia Gorge. Deadline for proposals shall be Friday, June 5th, 2009. Please direct any inquiries by email (only) to: David Skakel, Project Manager, Tri-County Hazardous Waste & Recycling Program, Email: [davids@co.wasco.or.us](mailto:davids@co.wasco.or.us)

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL for Brownfields Former Gas Station Assessment Pilot.** The Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department requests proposals from qualified environmental services companies for environmental site assessment services for five to seven former gas station sites in Tacoma/Pierce County, Washington. Detailed proposal packets may be obtained by calling (253) 798-6483. The Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department will accept sealed proposals until 3:00 PM, May 27, 2009. All submissions must be addressed to the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department, Attn. Purchasing, 3629 South D Street MS 007, Tacoma, WA 98418.

**Ela Whelan, P.E., has joined the Portland office of Kennedy/Jenks Consultants as a Senior Project Manager for Water Resources.** She brings extensive experience and specific expertise in stormwater planning and regulatory issues to assist municipal and private clients. Whelan is a civil engineer with over 24 years of experience that includes project management, project planning, and design and construction of water resource projects. Having worked for both the Clackamas County Water Environment Services and as a consultant, she brings a unique understanding of the issues and concerns of her public sector clients. As a consultant, she has been effective in translating her knowledge of state and federal regulations and extensive experience in managing stormwater programs to help municipalities and industries develop Stormwater Management Programs, prepare NPDES permit renewal packages, assist with UIC programs, prepare TMDL implementation plans, develop Stormwater Master Plans, assist with policies, codes and standards, and assist with negotiating permit conditions.

**The Washington Department Of Ecology Has Begun A Process To Update The Regulations Affecting Cleanup Of Hazardous Wastes.** We want to hear your ideas and comments as we update regulations that affect how hazardous wastes sites are cleaned up. As required by state law, we are considering updates and changes to the regulations that reflect new science and new requirements. Also, we are considering updates to parts of the Sediment Management Standards (SMS), based on conversations with Ecology site managers, stakeholders, cleanup supporters, and interested individuals. Updating the two rules together will clarify cleanup requirements at sites with contaminated sediments. We recognize that public involvement is key to this effort. One of our goals is to provide opportunities to contribute to the rule-development process in an informed and meaningful way. We have created a web page with information which will be updated as we analyze issues and identify options to consider. We welcome your thoughts. We can't promise that we will respond to every suggestion, but we will carefully read and consider all comments. You are invited to visit the web site and sign

up for email updates. Go to [www.ecy.wa.gov](http://www.ecy.wa.gov) and click on Programs and choose Toxics Cleanup. On the right side of the screen click on In Progress: MTCA Cleanup Regulation Update. Martha Hankins Toxics Cleanup Program Washington Department of Ecology 360-407-6864. If you have comments or suggestions, please send them to [RuleUpdate@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:RuleUpdate@ecy.wa.gov).

**Oregon Department of Energy will have a role in allocation and/or administration of some stimulus funding for energy efficiency, conservation and renewable resource projects.** Several of you have informally provided project suggestions or lists. A formal project funding request is now required. You are encouraged to submit your site specific or program specific ideas as soon as it is convenient. We can not input project suggestions that were unsolicited or received through informal channels. Go to:

<http://www.oregon.gov/ENERGY/Recovery/index.shtml> and choose "Request Stimulus Funds For a Project" Also, to keep abreast of updates on the Oregon Energy Stimulus Funds sign up for the list-serve at: <http://www.oregon.gov/ENERGY/Stimulus2009.shtml>.

**Final Report - Linking Toxics Cleanup and Redevelopment Across the States: Lessons for Washington State.** This report is the result of a comprehensive study of the state government role in facilitating brownfields redevelopment in Washington State conducted by the University of Washington under a grant from the Toxics Cleanup Program (TCP) in Washington State's Department of Ecology. In this study, we develop the concept of "third generation programs", which incorporate features of first and second generation programs but emphasize community-wide planning and stakeholder involvement, state-level strategic planning for brownfields reclamation, as well as integration within a broader sustainable development agenda. [Click here for the full report.](#)

**Federal Stimulus Money Awarded to Oregon and Washington for Underground Storage Tank Cleanups.** The federal Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") has announced how it will divide up among the states the \$200 million in the stimulus bill allocated for cleaning up leaking underground storage tank sites around the county. EPA is awarding nearly \$2.7 million to Oregon and \$3.4 million to Washington. Part of the

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 contains an appropriation for the EPA's Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund. The money will be used to pay for the agency's oversight of assessment and cleanup of underground tank leaks or directly pay for assessing and cleaning up leaks from federally regulated tanks where the responsible party is unknown or is unwilling or unable to pay for cleanup, or if there is an emergency situation requiring immediate cleanup. [For more information click here.](#)

**May 15. Solar & Sustainability Science Fair. Portland.** Presented by PHCNW. The event celebrates people of all ages and abilities working together to develop a cleaner, more sustainable world. Solar and renewable energy companies will exhibit along side social service nonprofits. Local students will also exhibit their creative solar and sustainability projects at the high school science fair. The event site houses the largest single-roof solar array in the Pacific Northwest. Consumers and businesses alike will see innovative people building a more socially and environmentally responsible community. Exhibit booths are free but space is limited. For more information and to exhibit and sponsor, go to <http://www.phcnw.com/solar/solarinfo.html>.

**May 18. Tri- Cities. May 19. Seattle and Spokane. May 20. Portland. Clean Tech Open: Executive Summary Seminars.** Need help with your Executive Summary? Would you like some hints and pointers on making your three-pager stand out among all the Clean Tech Open contestants? Bring your [Executive Summary template](#) and join us for an evening full of helpful tips. You'll also get support for incorporating sustainability

into your entire business. A quick overview of the competition will be provided for those who missed the Launch and Breakfast Briefing, so it's not too late to become involved in the Clean Tech Open! For more information visit [www.cleantechopen.com](http://www.cleantechopen.com) and register today!

**May 20. Webinar: Wind Energy Projects in a Stimulated Economy.** The American Council On Renewable Energy (ACORE) in collaboration with the Renewable Energy Resources Committee of the American Bar

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**May 22. LEED-NC v2.2 Exam Prep. Portland.** Are you taking the LEED-NC v2.2 AP exam before it expires? This prep class will help you prepare to succeed in becoming a LEED AP. This workshop will target key information necessary to pass the exam, including credit intent and requirements, project team coordination, technical analysis, test-taking strategies, and more! Register: <http://leedapexamprepmay09.eventbrite.com/> Questions: Contact Jenny Seifert at 503-228-5533 x02 or [jenny@cascadiagbc.org](mailto:jenny@cascadiagbc.org)

**May 26. Strategies for Sustainability: Best Practices. Seattle.** Organizations and communities need to define a sustainability strategy, and there is no need to start from scratch. For managers, change agents, and community leaders this is an excellent opportunity to be exposed to a variety of methods and tools. Participants will leave with an expanded capacity to facilitate sustainability. This "Learning Lab" will provide the opportunity for participants to diagnose and test strategies and case studies for their own specific situation. This course will present a spectrum of well-known and tested sustainability strategies essential for anyone involved in the sustainability movement. This class is immediately followed by Making Sustainability Stick: Tools for Change Agents: Methods, strategies, and tools to implement sustainable principles and practices in an organization, or community class on May 27, 2009. [Register Online](#)

**May 27. University of Oregon Economist Tim Duy. Portland.** We know the economy is bad. What we need to know is how to survive. University of Oregon Professor Tim Duy, director of the Oregon Economic Forum, will provide insight into the Oregon economy-the strengths and weaknesses and perhaps a little prognostication. 7:30 am - 9:00 am. [Reserve Online](#) or contact Marissa King: 503.287.8686, fax 503.287.0223, [mking@columbiacorridor.org](mailto:mking@columbiacorridor.org).

**May 28 – 29. Quality Assurance/Quality Control Management of Environmental Analytical Data. Seattle.** This course provides participants with an overview of QA/QC management of analytical data. It is intended for environmental professionals who require a basic understanding of QA/QC methodologies for managing the integrity of laboratory analytical data. The course includes some hands on data screening exercises to apply the course concepts to real-world scenarios. **Register Online.**

**May 29. Sustainable Economic Development through Public Sector Investment. Portland.** This course examines public sector strategies to jump-start and sustain the green economy. Topics will include a brief overview of sustainable investment, distinguishing it from simply investing in environmental technologies. Topics will include: Identification of the "Sustainable" Sector, its promotion and capitalization; Engaging import substitution in municipal and regional economies; Developing Green Infrastructure to enhance capital value, and others. The workshop instructor, Robert Young, was recently appointed by Governor Kulongoski to the Oregon Way Advisory Group. This group will advise and assist state agencies seeking competitive federal stimulus grants by developing grant proposals that include innovative elements that promote sustainability, renewable energy, carbon reduction, energy efficiency and green development. Course description and registration: [http://sustain.uoregon.edu/workshops/course\\_desc.php?CourseKey=559659](http://sustain.uoregon.edu/workshops/course_desc.php?CourseKey=559659)

**June 1. Toxics Conference. Portland.** This annual conference sponsored by the [Environmental Law Education Center](#) brings together the Region's top experts on toxics programs, policies, laws, industrial and municipal responses, and science and technical data in this rapidly evolving area. This year's conference is

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timed to coincide with the release of the final list of Persistent Priority Pollutants (P3 List) which will be delivered in its final form to the Oregon Legislature on June 1, 2009. [Click here for secure online registration.](#)

**June 3. [New Effluent Limitation Guidelines \(ELG\)](#). Seattle.** As new Effluent Limitation Guidelines (ELG) regulations for construction sites are being finalized by the EPA, it is important to fully understand the regulations, their implications and the technologies that the EPA describes as being able to achieve the prescribed regulations, namely Advanced Treatment Systems (ATS). This is one of the most significant changes in stormwater regulations since the NPDES permits were issued. Instructor: Jason Ziemer, Z Environmental Services (NEBC Board Member). [Register Online](#) | [Course Catalog](#). NEBC members receive course discount!

**June 8 – 9. Nanomaterials & the Safe Path Forward: Workers, Consumers, and Products The Nanotechnology Health & Safety Forum.** Seattle. NHSF will focus on occupational and environmental health and safety management aspects of nanotechnology, providing attendees with important insights and answers. NHSF coincides with the ISO/TC 229 Committee on Nanotechnologies Plenary Meeting to be held June 8-12 2009 in Seattle, WA. To view the Program Agenda and Register for this nano event, please visit [www.nhsf2009.org](http://www.nhsf2009.org).

**June 10. [2009 Energy Summit](#).** Portland. Transmission capacity, siting, and service issues are becoming frequent topics among the region's wind managers and installers. Can we build the region's economy to service current and future wind farms and build an economic base of manufacturing, maintenance and service? Come join us for our 3rd annual forum, and help launch the effort to identify the paths necessary to address these critical issues. Focus areas include "Growing a Maintenance & Service Provider Base" (parts manufacturing, replacement parts & repair, working with suppliers, workforce training) and "Transmission Capacity & Transmission Siting" (financing, siting, capacity). For information and to register, go to [www.nwenergysummit.com](http://www.nwenergysummit.com)

**June 10 – 11. [Action for a Sustainable America](#).** Seattle. This event will bring together leaders in corporate sustainability to examine how they are using sustainability to redefine corporate strategy and drive management practice. The aim of this event is to help companies develop the systems, strategies and frameworks that will successfully equip them for the challenges and opportunities now being presented by regulation, resource scarcity and climate change. [Register](#) | [Download Brochure](#) | [View Website](#)

**June 16 – 19. AWMA 102nd Annual Conference.** Detroit. Like every A&WMA Annual Conference & Exhibition, the 2009 technical program will cover a vast range of environmental topics. Due to the conference location of ACE 2009, this year's technical program will also feature a variety of sessions that examine environmental issues that are relevant to the Michigan/Great Lakes region. Attend these local content sessions to find out more about the issues that are affecting the region including Brownfield redevelopment and the Canada-U.S. Boundaries Water Treaty. For more information: <http://www.awma.org/ACE2009>.

**June 24. Low Energy Buildings and Sustainable Communities: Designing for the Zero Carbon Economy.** Portland. Transformational Lecture Series with Guy Battle. Cost: Free to Cascadia members and students, \$10 for non-members. More Info and to register: <http://www.cascadiagbc.org/education/transformational-lecture-series>. Questions: Contact Jenny Seifert at 503-228-5533 x02 or [jenny@cascadiagbc.org](mailto:jenny@cascadiagbc.org)

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**Internship Program – Oregon State University.** Students from the Oregon State University School of Chemical, Biological, and Environmental Engineering are looking for internships. Students majoring in chemical engineering, bioengineering or environmental engineering are looking for internships. As part of our mission to graduate 'work ready' engineers we encourage our students to pursue summer industrial or government internships. Most students are looking for summer internship positions (mid-June through mid-September) although a few employers request 6 month internships. Students work on projects which require applications of their engineering skills. The internships are paid internships; pay scales are typically from \$11.00/hr to \$18.00/hr, but the compensation is between the intern and the employer. For more information about the program or to list your opening on our website please contact Tracy Rothwell at [Tracy.Rothwell@oregonstate.edu](mailto:Tracy.Rothwell@oregonstate.edu). More information about the School of Chemical, Biological, and Environmental Engineering can be found at <http://cbee.oregonstate.edu/>.

## Member Discounts

**Washington NEBC Members Have New Benefits Available.** It has been a long time coming, but after several years of work we have secured a great plan for NEBC members in Washington. Medical coverage is provided through United Health Care. A wide range of plans are available to companies with 2-400 employees. On average companies are saving \$100 -\$150 per employee, per month. Dental, Life & Disability are also available. Additionally, some products include COBRA administration and Cafeteria plan administration at not cost to you. Click here to learn more: [http://www.cooleremail.net/users/tcversoza/FirstMailingList\\_Howtoget\\$a\\$quote.html](http://www.cooleremail.net/users/tcversoza/FirstMailingList_Howtoget$a$quote.html).

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**Northwest Environmental Training Center.** NEBC has partnered with NWETC to offer our member companies an exceptional opportunity to provide continuing education to its employees at a 20% discount off the published rate on all of NWETC's technical training workshops, conferences, and seminars. For more information, visit their website <http://www.nwetc.org/> or contact Erick McWayne at 206-762-1976.

**Oregon Insider.** NEBC members may take advantage of a \$150 introductory rate for the first year (24 issues), a savings of \$95 off their regular base rate. In addition, NEBC members will enjoy an ongoing subscription rate of \$195 per year, which represents an ongoing savings of \$50 per year. To redeem your discount please contact Oregon Insider by calling David Light at 541.343.8504 or by email at [epi@rio.com](mailto:epi@rio.com).

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**Sustainable Industries (SI).** The premier magazine for sustainable business news on the West Coast. The NEBC member discount for the Sustainable Industries is better than imagined – it's still a \$10 discount, but the new annual subscription rate is only \$39 that means that NEBC members can receive this new publication for only \$29/year! For more information look to: <http://www.sustainableindustries.com/>

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## NEBC Events Calendar

<b>May</b>			
14	Cascade Chapter Luncheon: The Living Building Challenge	11:30am – 1:00pm	Governor Hotel, Portland, OR
<b>June</b>			
3	Olympic Chapter Luncheon: Puget Sound Initiative Baywide Sediment Investigations	11:30am – 1:00pm	McCormick & Schmick's Harborside, Seattle, WA
11	Cascade Chapter Luncheon: Environmental Implications of Nanotechnology	11:30am – 1:00pm	Governor Hotel, Portland, OR
18 & 19	Ecosystem Markets Conference	All Day	Doubletree Hotel, Lloyd Center. Portland, OR
<b>July</b>			
8	Cascade Golf Tournament	Afternoon Tee Time	Langdon Farms Golf Course, Auroa, OR
16	Rooftop Mixer	5:00pm – 7:30pm	K & L Gates, Seattle, WA
<b>September</b>			
2	Olympic Chapter Luncheon: Offshore Energy – Wave, Tidal, Wind	11:30am – 1:00pm	McCormick & Schmick's Harborside, Seattle, WA
17	Summer Mixer	5:00pm – 7:30pm	Perkins Coie, Portland, OR
24	Climate Change Conference	All Day	Doubletree Hotel, Lloyd Center, Portland, OR
<b>October</b>			
7	Olympic Chapter Luncheon: TBD	11:30am – 1:00pm	McCormick & Schmick's Harborside, Seattle, WA
8	Cascade Chapter Luncheon: Portland Harbor Redevelopment Initiative – Harbor Redi	11:30am – 1:00pm	Governor Hotel, Portland, OR
14	Brownfields Conference	All Day	Greater Tacoma Convention & Trade Center, Tacoma, WA.
<b>November</b>			
4	Olympic Chapter Luncheon: TBD	11:30am – 1:00pm	McCormick & Schmick's Harborside, Seattle, WA
12	Cascade Chapter Luncheon: TBD	11:30am – 1:00pm	Governor Hotel, Portland, OR
<b>December</b>			
2	Olympic Chapter Luncheon: TBD	11:30am – 1:00pm	McCormick & Schmick's Harborside, Seattle, WA
Dec. 7 & 8	Northwest Environmental Conference & Trade Show	All Day	Red Lion Hotel, Jantzen Beach, Portland, OR
Dec. 9	Hazwopper Training	All Day	Red Lion Hotel, Jantzen Beach, Portland, OR