

**COLUMBIA RIVER GORGE COMMISSION**  
**MEETING AGENDA – March 9, 2021 (Revised)**

8:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

Meeting will take place via ZOOM Webinar

- 8:15 a.m. **(Begin Call/Sign-in Testing for Video and Audio Connections -- Please review CRGC Zoom Protocol)**
- 8:30 a.m. **Call to Order and Roll**
- 8:35 a.m. **Approval of Minutes for February 9, 2021 Commission Meeting**
- 8:40 a.m. **Welcome to new OR Governor appointed Gorge Commissioner, Jim Morgan**
- 8:45 a.m. **Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Word of the Day:** Commissioner Carina Miller will share the Warm Springs word of the day.
- 8:50 a.m. **Opportunity for Treaty Tribe Nations to Address Commission:** As part of the Government-to-Government consultation process, the Commission welcomes input from treaty tribe members on any issue on the agenda and any other matters.
- 8:55 a.m. **Public Comment\* for items not on the agenda.**
- 9:05 a.m. **Executive Director’s Report:** Krystyna U. Wolniakowski and staff will provide an update on the “Gorge 2020” Management Plan concurrence letter, the 2021-2023 biennium budget hearing and the following Commission’s Priority Initiatives:
- Klickitat Compliance Study
  - Vital Sign Indicators Assessment
  - Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Workplan
  - Gorge Commission-County MOUs
- 9:25 a.m. **Work Session\*:** Jessica Olson, Sr. Natural Resources Planner will provide an introduction to the Commission’s climate change action planning effort. She will describe how staff is referencing regional models and assessments to characterize climate change vulnerabilities for the scenic, natural, cultural, and recreation resources of the NSA. She will also update the Commission on the Review Committee and how climate change work is being integrated with VSI. Staff will be seeking Commission discussion and guidance on the overall approach, and desired outcomes and products.
- 10:50 a.m. **BREAK**
- 11:00 a.m. **Work Session\*:** Jeff Litwak, Legal Counsel, will present suggested updates and revisions to the Gorge Commission Bylaws for discussion. The Commission may follow discussion with a vote to adopt if agreement is reached on revisions.
- 11:30 a.m. **Action Item:** Commissioner Engagement--Commissioners will discuss and make a decision on external community engagement opportunities.
- 11:50 a.m. **U.S. Forest Service NSA Manager’s Report:** Casey Gatz will provide an update on Forest Service activities in the National Scenic Area.
- 12:10 p.m. **Thank You to Commissioner Janet Wainwright (WA Governor Appointee):** Chair Robert Liberty and Commissioner Rodger Nichols will lead the tribute to thank the Commissioner Wainwright for her 9 years of service on the Gorge Commission.

**12:40 p.m. Other Business**

**12:45 p.m. Adjourn**

**NOTE:** *The \* indicates that public comment is welcome and is limited to 3 minutes.*

**The times listed on the agenda are approximate. The chair of the Commission reserves the opportunity to change the order and time of the items if earlier agenda items run long or to accommodate invited speakers' schedules.**

**Meeting materials are available on our website at: [March 9, 2021 Gorge Commission Meeting](#)**

### **GUIDELINES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

The Commission welcomes your input and offers the following guidelines for making your comments the most effective. If you wish to speak to the Commission during the public comment period or to address one of the agenda items marked for public input, please follow the Public Commission Meeting Protocol found on our website at: [March 9, 2021 Gorge Commission Meeting](#)

#### Be courteous and professional.

Your message is best received if it has a neutral and professional tone.  
Address the issues and facts that are of interest to you, not personalities.

#### Effective use of public comment time.

All speakers will be offered three (3) minutes to express their thoughts. The Chair may announce a change in a meeting's time limits in order to keep the meeting on schedule.

Plan your speaking points in advance to help ensure a clear message for the Commission to hear. The points you are making will have the most impact if you can ensure their accuracy. Organize your thoughts in the following manner: your Point, Reasoning, an Example of your point, and Summary of your point. The Commission strives to use this P.R.E.S. model in its own discussions and will be listening for these parts of your message.

Please be respectful of your time so that others may also have an opportunity to speak.

#### Submitting written comments.

If you would like your comments entered into the record, please email your written comments to [PublicComment@gorgecommission.org](mailto:PublicComment@gorgecommission.org) before noon on March 8, 2021 to allow Commissioners adequate time to review your comments.

***Thank you again for commenting on issues important to you. We appreciate your interest in the future of the National Scenic Area and the time and thought you put into your comments.***