



COLUMBIA RIVER GORGE COMMISSION

AGENDA – December 14, 2021

8:30 a.m. to 2:15 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 November 9, 2021, Commission Meeting Minutes**
- 8:40 a.m.** **Land Acknowledgment**
- 8:45 a.m.** **Yakama Nation Word of the Day:** Commissioner Jerry Meninick will share the Yakama Nation 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 Nations 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 updates on:
- Counties' Land Use Ordinances
 - ACCESS Database Replacement Project
 - FY21 Financial Audit and 2021-2022 Budget Update
 - Climate Change Action Plan (CCAP)
 - Commission Best Practices 2021 Survey
- 9:30 a.m.** **Work Session Report* - Vital Sign Indicators (VSI) Program:** Lisa Naas Cook, VSI Planner, will present Draft Natural Resource and Climate Change Vital Sign Indicators. Jessica Olson, Senior Natural Resources Land Use Planner, will also invite input on related climate-focused questions to help staff complete the Draft CCAP.
- 10:30 a.m.** **BREAK**
- 10:45 a.m.** **Action Item - Adoption of Commission Ordinance*:** Joanna Kaiserman, Senior Planner, and Jeff Litwak, Legal Counsel, will present the final draft Land Use Ordinance for Klickitat County, and request that the Commission vote to adopt the land use ordinance.
- 11:45 a.m.** **Action Item - Establish 2022 Commission Priorities*:** Krystyna U. Wolniakowski, Executive Director, will present the draft 2022 Commission Priorities Staff Report for discussion and request that the Commission make a decision on the workplan for 2022.
- 12:30 p.m.** **U.S. Forest Service NSA Manager's Report:** Donna Mickley/Casey Gatz will provide an update on Forest Service activities in the National Scenic Area.
- 12:50 p.m.** **BREAK**
- 1:05 P.M.** **Bylaws Discussion:** At the November Commission meeting, a suggestion was made to automatically include the immediate Past-Chair as a member of the Executive Committee. The Commission will discuss this suggestion and decide whether to change the bylaws accordingly.

- 1:15 p.m. Action Item – 2022 Executive Committee Membership:** The Commission will discuss the membership for the Executive Committee for 2022. *(A reminder that the last Executive Committee meeting of the year will be held Tuesday, December 21, 2021 at 9:00 am due to the holidays.)*
- 1:25 p.m. Thank You to Commissioner Lorrie DeKay*:** Commissioner DeKay has served for 8.5 years as a Washington Governor’s Appointee. Commissioners and Staff will have an opportunity to say thank you for her public service as Past Chair (2017-2019) and Commission member since 2013. The public is welcome to provide comments.
- 1:35 p.m. Other Business**
- 1:40 a.m. Executive Session:** Executive Session pursuant to Commission Rule 350-11-006(1)(h) to discuss the Executive Director’s 2021 Performance Review.
- 2:15 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: [December 14, 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: [December 14, 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 **before noon on December 13, 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.