

COLUMBIA RIVER GORGE COMMISSION
MEETING AGENDA - February 10, 2015
Fort Dalles Readiness Center
402 East Scenic Area Drive, The Dalles, Oregon

- 9:00 a.m.** **Call to Order and Roll**
- 9:05 a.m.** **County/City Welcome**
- 9:10 a.m.** **Approval of Minutes for January 13, 2015 Commission Meeting**
- 9:15 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.
- 9:30 a.m.** **Oregon Population Forecast Program**
Dr. Jason Jurjevich, assistant director of the Population Research Center at Portland State University, will provide an overview of the Oregon Population Forecast Program and offer context for planning and coordination of population forecasting in the Columbia River Gorge, which the Center will begin July 1, 2015. Dr. Sheila Martin, director of the Institute for Portland Metropolitan Studies, will highlight her work addressing the importance of regional collaboration and governance in the bi-state region.
- 10:15 a.m.** **Urban Area Policy Assessment - Project Update**
Project team members from Oregon Consensus will provide an update on their work to interview interested parties in and around the Gorge.
- 10:30 a.m.** **Public Comment ***
- 10:45 a.m.** **BREAK**
- 11:00 a.m.** **Discussion of Oregon and Washington Legislative Bills ***
The Commission will discuss pending bills in the Oregon and Washington legislatures that relate to the Gorge Commission, including Oregon HB2039 and Washington HB1453.
- 11:30 a.m.** **Proposed Agreement with Klickitat County**
The Commission will hear from staff and Klickitat County officials outlining a proposed agreement to enable the County to assist the Commission staff with the review and analysis of development applications in the Klickitat County portion of the National Scenic Area. The Commission will be asked to discuss and approve a final agreement.
- 12:00 p.m.** **LUNCH**
- 12:45 p.m.** **Port of Cascade Locks Bridge Plan Presentation – Paul Koch**
The Port of Cascade Locks will present an overview of the port’s recent plan to maintain and upgrade the Bridge of the Gods between Cascade Locks, Oregon, and Stevenson, Washington.
- 1:00 p.m.** **NSA Manager’s Report**
- 1:30 p.m.** **Director’s Report**
- 2:00 p.m.** **Other Business**
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- 2:15 p.m.** **Executive Session to Discuss Current Litigation and Litigation Likely to be Filed**
The Commission will hold an executive session with its Counsel to discuss current litigation and litigation likely to be filed pursuant to Commission Rule 350-11-006(1)(g). The Commission will not make any decisions in executive session.
- 3:00 p.m.** **Adjourn**

NOTE: 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.

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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 carefully and completely fill out a sign-up sheet clearly indicating which item or items in you wish to participate. Please respect the Commission meeting by handing your completed sheet and any written testimony or other documents to the Commission's Assistant prior to the start of the public comment on that item(s). The Commission's Assistant sits at the end of the side table closest to the audience.

NOTE: The chair reserves the right to not to hear comments if a comment sign-up sheet is incomplete or illegible.

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 bring a printed original for the record. If you like you may email your comments to the Commission prior to the meeting, or bring 15 printed copies to the meeting. Your written comments may contain more information and detail than your oral public comments.

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