COLUMBIA RIVER GORGE COMMISSION
REVISED MEETING AGENDA - July 11, 2017
Port of Skamania, Tichenor Building
40 SW Cascade Avenue, Stevenson, Washington

9:00 a.m.  Committee Meetings
   • Tribal Committee
   • Assessment Committee

10:00 a.m. Call to Order and Roll

10:05 a.m. Welcome New Gorge Commissioner Sondra Clark, Klickitat County Appointee and Re-Appointment of Lorrie DeKaye, WA Governor Appointee

10:10 a.m. Approval of Minutes for June 13, 2017 Commission Meeting

10:15 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.

10:20 a.m. Public Comment *

10:30 a.m. U.S. Forest Service NSA Manager’s Report: Lynn Burditt will provide and update on Forest Service activities in the National Scenic Area

10:45 a.m. Special Presentation: Regional Natural Hazards Mitigation Planning
Tricia Sears, Natural Hazards Planner, DLCD, will discuss a strategic regional approach to natural hazards mitigation planning that includes Multnomah, Hood River, and Wasco Counties.

11:15 a.m. Discussion Item: Final Gorge Commission Budget for 2017-2019 Biennium

11:30 a.m. Discussion Item: Data and Inventory Review as Part of “Gorge 2020” *
Jessica Gist, Natural Resources and Land Use Planner, will present the staff’s review of Commission data, resource inventories how we maintain up-to-date information.

12:00 p.m. LUNCH
Guests: Thank you to Commissioners Carl McNew and Gorham Blaine, and to Marge Dryden, archeologist and historic preservation program manager for the US Forest Service

1:00 p.m. Discussion Item: “Gorge 2020” Management Plan Update *
Jessica Gist, Natural Resources and Land Use Planner, will provide a progress report on the categorization of public and agency comments, and will request feedback on a prioritization process given the 2017-2019 Gorge Commission budget limitations.

1:40 p.m. Committee Reports: Tribal and Assessment Committees will present information about the outcomes from the morning discussions. Other committees may also provide updates as needed.

2:00 p.m. Executive Director’s Report: Krystyna Wolniakowski will provide updates on:
   • Pacific Northwest Economic Region Meeting in Portland in July
   • Workplan and staffing for 2017-2019 Biennium
   • Klickitat County Development Reviews

2:20 p.m. Schedule for the 2017-2018 Commission Meetings

2:25 p.m. Other Business

2:30 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.