

# COLUMBIA RIVER GORGE COMMISSION

## MEETING AGENDA – November 12, 2019

Skamania Lodge

1131 SW Skamania Lodge Way, Stevenson, Washington

- 9:00 a.m. Call to Order and Roll**  
**Welcome new Commissioner Jerry Meninick**
- 9:05 a.m. Welcome:** Bob Hamlin, Skamania County Commissioner
- 9:10 a.m. Approval of Minutes for October 8, 2018 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.
- 9:20 a.m. Public Comment \***
- 9:30 a.m. Information Item:** Guest presentation on the “History of the National Scenic Area Act” by Mike Salsgiver, former staff, Senator Mark O. Hatfield.
- 9:50 a.m. Information Item:** An Annual Update on Economic Vitality in the National Scenic Area, presentation by Amanda Hoey, Executive Director, Mid-Columbia Economic Development District and Kevin Waters, Director, Skamania Economic Development Council.
- 10:50 a.m. Work Session\*:** Commission discussion on Urban Area Boundary revision concepts.
- 12:00 p.m. LUNCH**
- 12:45 p.m. Work Session\*:** “Gorge 2020” Land Uses and Development Review Focus Topic: Joanna Kaiserman, Land Use Planner, Gorge Commission and Casey Gatz, Lands Manager, US Forest Service, will present results from the three public workshops and seek Commission guidance on next steps.
- 2:00 p.m. Executive Director’s Report:** Krystyna U. Wolniakowski will provide updates on the status of other “Gorge2020” topics, the annual workplan and other topics.
- 2:15 p.m. U.S. Forest Service NSA Manager’s Report:** Lynn Burditt will provide an update on Forest Service activities in the National Scenic Area
- 2:30 p.m. Action Item: Bylaws Amendment:** The Commission will consider and vote on an amendment to its bylaws relating to voting procedure for officers.
- 2:40 p.m. Election of New Chair and Vice-Chair**
- 3:00 p.m. Other Business**
- 3:15 p.m. Executive Session:** Executive Session pursuant to Commission Rule 350-11-006(1)(g) to consult with counsel concerning the Commission’s legal rights and duties with regard to current litigation or litigation likely to be filed.
- 4:00 p.m. Adjourn**

\*Denotes public comments welcome—please keep comments to 3 minutes.

## **NOTES:**

An ***Information Item*** is a presentation to the Commission that conveys a special topic of interest or a staff update, but no policy decisions will be made.

A ***Work Session*** item is an opportunity for staff to make a presentation about a topic for Commission discussion and deliberation, and staff seeks guidance from the Commission. There may or may not be invited public comment. The Commission reserves the right to convert this to an action item if deliberation has been completed and a direction is decided upon.

An ***Action Item*** is a topic for Commission discussion, deliberation and decision. Public comment is usually invited for action items.

**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.***