

COLUMBIA RIVER GORGE COMMISSION

MEETING AGENDA – August 13, 2019

Columbia Gorge Discovery Center
5000 Discovery Drive, The Dalles, Oregon

- 9:00 a.m. Call to Order and Roll**
- 9:05 a.m. Oral Argument on Jody Akers v. Clark County and Friends of the Columbia Gorge v. Clark County, Nos. COA-C-18-01 and COA-C-18-02 (consolidated cases)**
The Gorge Commission will hold oral argument on the merits of the above appeals filed by Jody Akers, et al. and Friends of the Columbia Gorge. The Gorge Commission will hear oral argument from the parties and deliberate to an oral decision. The Chair of the Commission will issue a final written order at a later date. Please contact the Commission’s Counsel, Jeff Litwak, for copies of the briefs. The Gorge Commission will take a break at some point during the morning.
- 12:00 p.m. LUNCH** - The Commission is shortening the lunch period in order to accommodate the very full agenda. The public is encouraged to make lunch plans accordingly.
- 12:30 p.m. Welcome:** Carolyn Purcell, Discovery Center Director
- 12:35 p.m. Approval of Minutes for June 11, 2019 Commission Meeting**
- 12:40 p.m. Welcome New Gorge Commissioner, Robin Grimwade, Clark County Appointee**
- 12:45 p.m. Thank You to Honorable Congressman Don Bonker:** Commissioner Bonker has served on the Gorge Commission as the Washington Governor’s Appointee for over 10 years and was instrumental in Congress in passing the National Scenic Area Act in 1986. Commissioner Bowen Blair will lead the Commission’s appreciation for Commissioner Bonker.
- 12:50 p.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.
- 12:55 p.m. Public Comment ***
- 1:00 p.m. ACTION ITEM: 2019-2021 Biennium Budget**
Krystyna U. Wolniakowski, Executive Director, will present the 2-year budget approved by Oregon and Washington legislatures and the spending plan for approval.
- 1:15 p.m. ACTION ITEM*: Re-Adoption of the Roadmap/Timeline for the “Gorge 2020” Management Plan Review and Update Process:** Krystyna U. Wolniakowski will provide a proposed modification to the roadmap/timeline for completion of revisions to the Management Plan by August 2020.
- 1:45 p.m. Public Comment for “Gorge 2020” Focus Topics followed by Commission Discussion and Guidance***
- Natural Resources Chapter Technical Edits
 - Economic Development Chapter 2 Proposed Edits
- 2:15 p.m. Executive Director’s Report:** Krystyna U. Wolniakowski will provide updates on:
- Review of Draft Agency Workplan 2019-2021 (to be adopted in September 2019)
 - Report on the Tribes and First Nations Climate Summit in Spokane (July 2019)

- 2:30 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.
- 2:45 p.m.** **Other Business**
- Commission Retreat
 - Review of rules relating to public notice of Commission v. Committee meetings
- 3:00 p.m.** **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Executive Session pursuant to Commission Rule 350-11-006(1)(h) to discuss the Executive Director 2017-2019 Performance Review and 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.
- 4:30 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.