

COLUMBIA RIVER GORGE COMMISSION
MEETING AGENDA – SEPTEMBER 8, 2020

9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Meeting will take place via ZOOM Webinar

- 8:45 a.m. ***(Begin Call/Sign-in Testing for Video and Audio Connections -- Please review CRGC Zoom Protocol)***
- 9:00 a.m. **Call to Order and Roll**
- 9:05 a.m. **Approval of Minutes for August 11, 2020 and August 12, 2020 Commission Meetings**
- 9:10 a.m. **Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation Word of the Day:** Commissioner Jerry Meninick will share the word of the day.
- 9:15 a.m. **Staff Report:**
- **Diversity, Equity, Inclusion:** Commissioner Carina Miller will introduce proposed Diversity, Equity & Inclusion language to be added to the revised Gorge 2020 Management Plan
 - **“No Loss of Wetlands”:** Staff will present proposed language for “no loss of wetlands” with limited exceptions allowed for mitigation and any other public benefit modifications.
 - **Agricultural Products Processing:** Staff will present proposed language on Agricultural Product Processing
 - **Non-Controversial Proposed Edits:** Commissioners will discuss non-controversial changes and other minor edits proposed by staff and Commissioners, and from public comments received.
- 10:15 a.m. **Public Comment***
- 11:45 a.m. **Lunch Break**
- 12:15 p.m. **Commissioner Deliberation and Action Items:** Commissioners will deliberate, ask clarifying questions and make motions on each of the following items listed in the Staff Report to finalize the Gorge 2020 Management Plan:
- **Diversity, Equity and Inclusion provisions**
 - **No loss of wetlands revision**
 - **Agricultural products processing provisions**
 - **Non-Controversial Proposed Edits**
 - **Approve the revised Gorge 2020 Management Plan as a whole**
- Each Commissioner shall have up to three minutes to provide comments prior to voting.
- 1:30 p.m. **Strategic Plan Framework:** Commissioner Robin Grimwade will present a proposal for Commission consideration to create a sub-committee that will develop recommendations for a framework to integrate the Management Plan with the Commission’s Strategic Plan and Vital Sign Indicators project thereby providing for a continuous cycle of monitoring, evaluation, review and adjustment as needed.
- 2:00 p.m. **Executive Director’s Report:** Krystyna U. Wolniakowski will provide an update on recently received budget information and public records requests.
- 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. **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: [September 8, 2020 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 Zoom Webinar Protocol and Public Comment Guidance found on our website at: [September 8, 2020 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 Gorge2020@gorgecommission.org before noon on September 3, 2020.

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.