



# COLUMBIA RIVER GORGE COMMISSION

AGENDA – MAY 14, 2024

8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Meeting will take place via Zoom Webinar

- 8:15 a.m.** *(Begin Call/Sign-in Testing for Video and Audio Connections -- Please review CRGC Zoom Protocol)*
- 8:30 a.m.** Call to Order and Roll
- 8:33 a.m.** Approval of April 9, 2024, Commission Meeting Minutes
- 8:35 a.m.** Land Acknowledgment – Commissioner Michael Mills
- 8:40 a.m.** Treaty Tribe Word of the Day
- 8:45 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 Nations on any issue on the agenda and any other matters.
- 8:50 a.m.** **Public Comment\*** for items related to the National Scenic Area not on the agenda.
- 8:55 a.m.** **Executive Director’s Report:** Krystyna U. Wolniakowski, Executive Director, and staff will provide brief updates on the following:
- Proposed 2025-2027 Oregon Budget – Policy Option Package
  - Access Database Replacement – Phase 2
  - Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
  - Climate Change Action Plan
  - Wasco County Bi-State Compact Meetings
- 9:20 a.m.** **USDA Forest Service NSA Manager’s Report:** Donna Mickley/Casey Gatz will provide an update on Forest Service activities in the National Scenic Area.
- 9:40 a.m.** **Action Item:\* Proposed Plan Amendment conforming minimum parcel sizes in Wasco County to new deer winter range maps** – The Gorge Commission will hold a public hearing on a proposed Plan amendment to change the minimum parcel size of lands in Wasco County from 80 acres to 40 acres to conform with new deer winter range maps. The Gorge Commission held public workshops on April 9, 2024, and May 7, 2024, published notice of the proposed plan amendment in The Gorge News, and emailed notice of the proposed plan amendment on April 12, 2024, in accordance with the Gorge Commission’s rules. The Gorge Commission expects to vote on this proposed plan at this meeting.
- 10:25 a.m.** **BREAK**

**10:35 a.m. Guest Presentation: Modernizing of the Columbia River Treaty** – Dr. Barbara Cosens, University Distinguished Professor Emerita with the University of Idaho College of Law, Adam Wicks-Arshack, attorney and PhD student at the University of Idaho, and Jim Heffernan, Policy Analyst Columbia River Treaty, with the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission, will provide an overview of the history of the Columbia River Treaty, its review and efforts at modernization including issues of basin governance.

**11:45 a.m. Information Item:\* Development Reviews in the National Scenic Area** – Bryce Guske, Senior Land Use Planner, will provide an overview of how the Gorge Commission reviews applications for development in Klickitat County according to the Management Plan, analyzing impacts to the scenic, natural, cultural and recreation resources. Daniel Dougherty, Senior Planner from Wasco County, will also participate and provide a brief overview of how a county conducts development reviews in the NSA.

**12:25 p.m. Other business**

**12:30 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 [May 14, 2024, 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 Public Commission Meeting Protocol found on our website at [May 14, 2024 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 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 ensure their accuracy. Organize your thoughts in the following manner: your Point, Reasoning, an Example of your point, and a Summary of your point. The Commission strives to use this P.R.E.S. model in its 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 [PublicComment@gorgecommission.org](mailto:PublicComment@gorgecommission.org) before noon on May 13, 2024, to allow the Commissioners adequate time to review your comments before the Commission meeting.

*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.*