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The Columbia River Treaty: Past, Present, and Future

Wednesday, October 7, 2015 at Sonora Centre, Osoyoos, B.C.

~ WORKSHOP AGENDA ~

- 7:45 – 8:30 **Registration and Coffee**
- 8:30 – 8:50 Syilx Opening Prayer
Syilx Welcoming Remarks
Workshop Overview - Dr. Brian Guy, former Director, CWRA; Vice-Chair,
Okanagan Water Stewardship Council; Workshop Co-Chair
- SESSION I: SETTING THE STAGE**
Session Chair: Anna Warwick Sears, Executive Director, Okanagan Basin Water Board
- 8:50 – 9:15 **Syilx Perspective on the Columbia River Treaty**
Jay Johnson, Senior Policy Advisor, Chiefs' Executive Committee, Okanagan
Nation Alliance
- 9:15 – 9:40 **Status of Columbia River Treaty Discussions to Date:**
A Canadian Perspective
Kathy Eichenberger, Executive Director, Columbia River Treaty Review Team,
B.C. Ministry of Energy and Mines
- 9:40 – 10:05 **Analysis of U.S. Perspectives on the Columbia River Treaty and Its
Potential Future**
Barbara Cosens, Professor, University of Idaho College of Law
- 10:05 – 10:30 Refreshment Break**
- 10:30 – 10:55 **A Legal, Institutional and Jurisdictional Commentary on the Columbia
River Treaty**
Dr. Richard Paisley, Director, Global Transboundary Water International
Waters Research Initiative; Research Associate, Institute of Asian Research,
University of British Columbia
- 10:55 – 11:20 **B.C. Columbia Basin Local Government Perspectives on the Columbia
River Treaty**
Deb Kozak, Mayor, City of Nelson; Chair, Columbia River Treaty Local
Governments' Committee; Columbia Basin Trust

11:20 – 12:00 **Audience Q&A and moderated discussion**
Led by Dr. Anna Warwick Sears, Executive Director, Okanagan Basin Water Board

12:00 – 1:00 **Lunch Break**

SESSION II: ISSUES TO BE CONSIDERED IN A FUTURE TREATY

Session Chair: Don Dobson, former Chair, Okanagan Water Stewardship Council

1:00 – 1:25 **Agricultural Issues and a Modernized Treaty**
Dr. John Wagner, Associate Professor, Anthropology, University of British Columbia (Okanagan)

1:25 – 1:50 **Trans-boundary Fisheries Issues in a Modernized Treaty**
Richard Bussanich, Senior Biologist, Okanagan Nation Alliance

1:50 – 2:15 **Climate Change Issues for a Modernized Columbia River Treaty**
Deborah Harford, Executive Director, ACT (Adaptation to Climate Change Team), Simon Fraser University

2:15 – 2:45 **Audience Q&A and moderated discussion**
Led by Nelson Jatel, Water Stewardship Director, Okanagan Basin Water Board

2:45 – 3:15 **Refreshment Break**

SESSION III: OTHER MODELS AND FUTURE DIRECTIONS

Session Chair: Deborah Harford, Executive Director, ACT, SFU

3:15 – 3:40 **Other Models of National/International Trans-boundary River Basin Management Agreements**
Bob Sandford, EPCOR Chair, Water Security, United Nations University Institute for Water, Environment & Health; Senior Water Policy Author and Advisor, ACT, SFU

3:40 – 4:05 **A Modernized Columbia River Basin Management Treaty**
Dr. Jon O'Riordan, former Deputy Minister, Sustainable Resource Management, Government of B.C.; Senior Policy Advisor, ACT, SFU

4:05 – 4:30 **Audience Q&A and moderated discussion**
Led by Deborah Harford, Executive Director, ACT, SFU

4:30 – 4:45 **Wrap up and Summary**
Dr. R. Bruce MacLock, former National President, CWRA; Workshop Co-Chair