

**The NCW Biodiversity Council**  
*Connecting People to Sustain Our Natural Heritage*  
Participants/Objective

Objective #1: Create a map that can be used to guide investments and actions across the region

**Municipalities**

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**Regional Organizations**

Jay Kehne, NCW Resource Conservation & Development Council  
John Thoren, Initiative for Rural Innovation & Stewardship  
Nancy Warner, Initiative for Rural Innovation & Stewardship  
Cheryl Dawes, Initiative for Rural Innovation & Stewardship  
James White, Upper Columbia Salmon Recovery Board  
Julie Morgan, Upper Columbia Salmon Recovery Board  
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**State Organizations**

Amy Clark Eagle, Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife  
Brian Cosentino, Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife  
Jesse Langdon, The Nature Conservancy  
Jennifer Hayes, Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife  
Elizabeth Roderick, Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife  
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Kate Stenberg, Washington Biodiversity Council  
John Pierce, Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife  
John Jacobsen, Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife  
Lynn Helbrecht, Washington Biodiversity Council  
Sarah Gage, Washington Biodiversity Council

Objective #2: Develop a network of photo-monitoring trails that can serve as one component of a statewide biodiversity scorecard

Website Development

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Photo-Point Trail Markers

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Biodiversity Scorecard

Steven Walters, University of Washington/Biodiversity Scorecard

Patrick Jones, Eastern Washington University/Chelan Douglas Trends

Lynn Helbrecht, Washington Biodiversity Council

Objective #3: Organize a regional biodiversity council that will work in partnership with the state to implement the Washington Biodiversity Conservation Strategy

Mary Hunt, Douglas County

Kathleen Deason, Foster Creek Conservation District

John Thoren, Key Bank/IRIS

Susan Driver, City of Entiat

Jenae Miller, City of Chelan

Chris Branch, City of Oroville/NCW RC&D

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Lisa Pelly, Washington Rivers Conservancy/IRIS

Rufus Woods, Wenatchee World/IRIS

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Todd Chaudhry, The Nature Conservancy

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Craig Nelson, Okanogan Conservation District

Randy Kelly, Natural Resource Conservation Service

Initiative for Rural Innovation & Stewardship

December 31, 2009

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# **NCW Biodiversity Council: Connecting People to Sustain Our Natural Heritage**

*A pilot project of the Washington Biodiversity Council*

Initiative for Rural Innovation & Stewardship (IRIS)

## **What is Biodiversity?**

Biodiversity is defined as the full range of life in all its forms from individual organisms to habitats; from Douglas fir trees and microbes to marine and shrub steppe ecosystems.

## **What is the Washington Biodiversity Council?**

The Washington Biodiversity Council is chartered by the Governor to create a long-term vision and approach for conserving Washington's remarkable biological diversity. Council members including landowners, government natural resource managers, tribal representatives, and members of the education, business, and environmental communities, worked together for two years to develop the Washington Biodiversity Conservation Strategy. Released in December 2007, this strategy serves as a guide for conserving the state's native plant and wildlife communities while taking into account the needs of cities, towns and owners of working lands.

## **What is the connection between IRIS and the Washington Biodiversity Council?**

The Initiative for Rural Innovation & Stewardship (IRIS) is a community-based organization that seeks to facilitate diverse and effective partnerships among research, education, and community development interests to advance a sustainable future in North Central Washington and beyond. Our commitment to innovation, rural communities and to the stewardship of our region's family farms, forests and ranches guides all aspects of our work from addressing the future of farming to exploring incentives and practices for balancing agriculture with biodiversity conservation. A neutral convener able to integrate discussions and actions related to land conservation, economic development and agriculture across the region, IRIS was invited to lead one of two pilot projects the Washington Biodiversity Council chartered in 2005-2007, the Healthy Lands Initiative.

## **What is the NCW Biodiversity Council pilot project?**

IRIS recently received a grant from the Washington Biodiversity Council to initiate the current pilot project designed to implement recommendations from the Healthy Lands Initiative. One of those recommendations was to form the NCW Biodiversity Council including members from the land conservation, agriculture, economic development and planning communities of the region to work in partnership with the state to implement the Washington Biodiversity Conservation Strategy. This state strategy includes: 1) adopting a landscape approach to focus investments on the ground, 2) enhancing voluntary incentives for private landowners, and 3) linking citizens with scientists to monitor biodiversity and enhance our knowledge. The IRIS proposal outlining the pilot project is attached along with a brief overview of the current pilot project.

**What are the primary tools that a regional biodiversity council will use to implement the Washington Biodiversity Conservation Strategy?**

A regional version of the statewide Conservation Opportunity Framework map, illustrating biodiversity values and projected human growth, will be one of the most important tools the NCW Biodiversity Council and the regional planning community will have to guide implementation of the Washington Biodiversity Conservation Strategy. The map will illustrate a *range of opportunities* for voluntary and collaborative approaches that help conserve biodiversity, maintain working lands and other important cultural attributes of a landscape, and make good use of limited conservation dollars.

**How will this NCW Conservation Opportunity Framework map be created?**

IRIS is in the process of working with regional, county, and city planners to gather local, high-resolution infrastructure and land use data in a GIS format that can be combined with the human growth potential data used to create the existing statewide map. The result will be an increasingly accurate and useful version of the Conservation Opportunity Map for NCW. Once this map is completed it will be used to guide the initial decisions of the NCW Biodiversity Council that IRIS will convene in winter, 2009. One proposed application is to use the map to assist the NRCS Local Working Group in prioritizing the investment of EQIP funds in February 2009, another recommendation that came out of the Healthy Lands Initiative.

**Who are the members of the local planning task force that will help create the NCW Conservation Opportunity (COF) Map?**

Regional, county and municipal planners in conjunction with the staff/board from the Washington Biodiversity Council, Upper Columbia Salmon Recovery Board, Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife and IRIS. Once the potential human growth information has been incorporated into the COF map, IRIS and the NCW Biodiversity Council can secure funds needed to incorporate additional information from conservation districts, NRCS, watershed planning units, weed districts and other entities to create an increasingly accurate and useful picture of NCW over time.

**What information was used to generate the Conservation Opportunity Framework map at the state level? What are we building on at the regional level?**

The biodiversity values portion of the map were created from ecoregional assessments that incorporated a number of federal and state datasets, e.g., NatureServe, State Heritage Program and others, [www.conserveonline.org](http://www.conserveonline.org). Since North Central Washington includes part of the Okanagan, East Cascades, North Cascades and Columbia Plateau ecoregions, information from each is included in the Conservation Opportunity Framework map. Data for the potential human growth impacts was derived from Western Futures, [www.centerwest.org/publications/pdf/futures.pdf](http://www.centerwest.org/publications/pdf/futures.pdf).

**How are the Conservation Opportunity Framework maps currently being used at the state level?**

The Conservation Opportunity Framework maps are already being used to prioritize lands for fee and easement acquisitions through the Washington Wildlife & Recreation Program and for mitigation through the Washington Department of Transportation.

Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife is also using these maps to prioritize areas for the more detailed Wildlife Action Plans they are preparing for each of nine ecoregions across the state.

**How can the NCW Conservation Opportunity Framework maps be used to guide investments and strategies?**

As a tool that can be used to facilitate community discussions, i.e., overlaying multiple objectives could bring new opportunities to light such as shoreline and water management plans, salmon recovery, critical areas, etc.

To identify areas to potentially keep as open space, habitat and farmland and to provide connections across the built landscape

To identify areas where there would be the least amount of resistance to development in terms of biodiversity values

To consider in defining future urban growth boundary adjustments

To identify opportunities for cluster development

To clarify the boundaries between known scientific data points and the information in the model used to spatially describe biodiversity so planners have a window into what and where adjustments can be made

For developing cooperative funding proposals, i.e., WWRP, Federal Farmland Protection, Northwest Power Council for terrestrial wildlife

To prioritize use of incentive programs and conservation markets such as EQIP, water banking, habitat farming, transfer of development rights

To inform the public benefits rating systems

To develop multi-year conservation strategies for implementing sub-basin plans in the Columbia Basin

To prioritize restoration of sites and systems for actions including prescribed fire, fuels reduction programs, weed control, grazing programs

To support land use planning with a central data clearinghouse that can be used to inform regional and local resource protection and economic development strategies.

To coordinate federal, state and private land management for the good of the region, e.g., land exchanges

To use as a tool for evaluating impacts related to climate change and connectivity. The Washington Department of Transportation is increasingly interested in looking at the

effects of roads on wildlife corridors. Similarly, the maps can be useful tool for evaluating climate change impacts relative to specific county or regional proposals.

To identify areas for more localized WDFW Wildlife Action Plan projects and to recommend land use strategies for different parts of an ecoregion, e.g., education and outreach, water conservation, housing density versus open space, etc.

**What are some existing state initiatives and plans that are related to the Washington Biodiversity Conservation Strategy and the Conservation Opportunity Framework maps?**

Climate Advisory Team

[http://www.ecy.wa.gov/climatechange/cat\\_overview.htm](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/climatechange/cat_overview.htm)

Puget Sound Partnership

<http://www.google.com/search?hl=en&q=Puget+Sound+Partnership&aq=f&oq=>

Working Lands Initiative

[http://www.ofm.wa.gov/budget07/highlights/assets/pdf/briefs/brief\\_agriculture.pdf](http://www.ofm.wa.gov/budget07/highlights/assets/pdf/briefs/brief_agriculture.pdf)

Washington Learns

<http://www.washingtonlearns.wa.gov/>

Invasive Species Council

[http://www.rco.wa.gov/invasive\\_species/default.htm](http://www.rco.wa.gov/invasive_species/default.htm)

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2009 NCW Envirothon  
Biodiversity Station  
Nancy Warner, IRIS and Liz Johnson, TNC

Fill in the blank. Words may be used more than once or not at all.

Climate Change	Genetic
Conservation	Invasive
Conversion	Mitigation
Desertification	Native
Ecosystem	Pollution
Endemic	Refugium
Fragmentation	Species

1. \_\_\_\_\_ species are those that once introduced can thrive in areas beyond their natural range of dispersal. (1 point)
2. Biological diversity refers to variety within the living world. \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ diversity are the three main hierarchical levels that are considered when defining biodiversity. (3 points)
3. \_\_\_\_\_ species, such as the Wenatchee checkermallow or Columbia Basin subspecies of the pygmy rabbit, are exclusively and uniquely native to a geographic region, i.e., found nowhere else in the world. (1 point)
4. \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ are threats to biodiversity. (3 points)
5. \_\_\_\_\_ diversity is the largest scale used when considering biodiversity. It includes different habitat types, natural communities, and ecological processes within a given area. (1 point)
6. \_\_\_\_\_ diversity decreases with increasing latitude and altitude. Consequently, North Central Washington habitats support higher levels of biodiversity than lands further north. And lower elevation habitat types such as shrub steppe and coniferous forest support more biodiversity than alpine habitats at higher elevations. (1 point)

7. The most fundamental level of biodiversity is \_\_\_\_\_ diversity, which enables species to adapt to changes in climate, interactions with other species and other conditions. (1 point)

Multiple Choice – Circle the Correct Answer

8. Invasive plants threaten what fraction of endangered plant and animal species? (1 point)

- a. 1/4
- b. 1/3
- c. 1/2
- d. 2/3
- e. 3/4
- f. All endangered plant and animal species are threatened by invasive species.

9. Which of the following become true when habitat fragmentation occurs? (1 point)

- a. The total area of available habitat decreases.
- b. The area of remaining habitat patches increases.
- c. The number of remaining habitat patches decreases.
- d. The connections between remaining habitat decreases.
- e. None of the above

10. Habitat fragmentation will likely alter: (1 point)

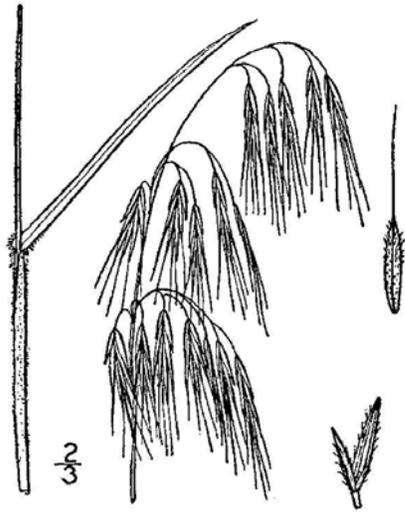
- a. Population distribution
- b. Population migration patterns
- c. Local population size
- d. All of the above
- e. None of the above

11. Loss of native biodiversity can be addressed by: (1 point)

- a. Restoring natural flow of rivers and streams
- b. Controlling invasive species that compete with natives
- c. Reconnecting habitat patches to enable movement of plants and animals
- d. Learning more about the needs of species
- e. All of the above

12. Biodiversity, the complete range of natural lifeforms, is important to conserve for the following reasons: (1 point)

- a. Discovery and appreciation of nature
- b. Sources of food, medicine, and fiber
- c. Maintenance of natural systems and the clean air, water and fertile soils
- d. All of the above



13. Identify the invasive species pictured above. (1 point)

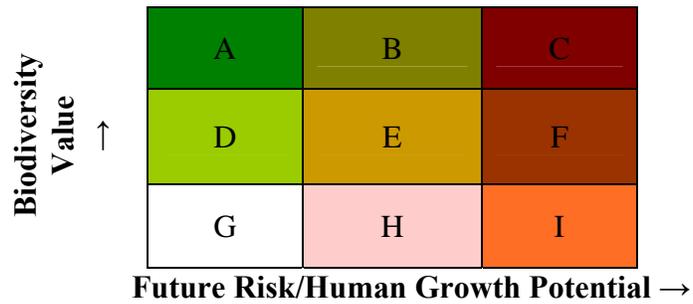
14. Give two reasons this species a problem in our shrub steppe ecosystem. (2 points)

- 1.
- 2.

15. List three benefits of a biologically diverse ecosystem. (3 points)

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

16. Using the Conservation Opportunity Framework maps as a key:



1. You are a land manager interested in conserving and restoring biodiversity values on lands that are secure from development pressures. Which lands in the key above would you focus on to get the biggest bang for your buck? (1 point)
  
2. According to the Freshwater Conservation Opportunity Framework map define the classification of the Brewster and Pateros area. (2 points)



Daroga State Park  
Earth Day--April 22, 2009

## Event Schedule

- 8:30 AM** Registration
- 9:00 AM** Introduction by Britt Dudek, FCCD District Manager
- 9:10 AM** Nancy Warner, Overview of NCW map and biodiversity
- 9:20 AM** Contest begins – Students move to their first station  
Test until 9:55 (horn) review 10:05 (horn)
- 10:05 AM** Students move to their second station  
Test until 10:40 (horn) review 10:50 (horn)
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- 10:05 AM** Teacher Talk: Covered Area  
Speaker: Ken Lacy, Wenatchee Erratics Chapter  
Topic: Ice Age Floods/ Geology of NCW area
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- 10:50 AM** Students move to their third station  
Test until 11:25 (horn) review 11:35 (horn)
- 11:35 AM** Students move to their fourth station  
Test until 12:10 (horn) review 12:20 (horn)
- 12:20 PM** Students move to their fifth/final station  
Test until 12:55 (horn) review 1:00 (horn)
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- 1:00 PM** Lunch (bring a sack lunch, drinks provided)  
Speaker: Ken Lacy, Wenatchee Erratics Chapter  
Topic: Ice Age Floods/ Geology of NCW area
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- 1:45 PM** Awards Ceremony
- 2:00 PM** Event Concluded

# North Central Washington Biodiversity Council

## *Connecting People to Sustain Our Natural Heritage*

### **Introduction**

- The Initiative for Rural Innovation and Stewardship (IRIS) has launched a pilot project that will build on the results of the 2005-2007 Healthy Lands Initiative and demonstrate how the Washington Biodiversity Conservation Strategy can be implemented at a regional level.
- The initiative includes all of North Central Washington including Douglas, Okanogan, Chelan counties and the Colville Indian Reservation.
- It is a one-year pilot project funded by the Washington Biodiversity Council that will be completed during the period from August 2008 to June 2009.

### **NCW Biodiversity Council Project Goals**

- The NCW Biodiversity Council project will bring people together from across the region to create a shared vision for how biodiversity conservation can be integrated with economic and social needs to enhance the future health and vitality of North Central Washington.
- The pilot project is specifically designed to bring together the planning, land conservation, agricultural and economic development communities to:
  - 1) create a map that can be used to guide investments and actions across the region, 2) organize a regional biodiversity council that will work in partnership with that at the state level, and, 3) develop a network of photo-monitoring trails that can serve as one component of a statewide biodiversity scorecard.

### **Project Partners:**

- The Initiative for Rural Innovation and Stewardship (IRIS) serves as the overall project manager coordinating work plans carried out by partner staff, contractors, and IRIS Committee members. See [www.irisncw.org](http://www.irisncw.org). Partners include the North Central Washington Resources Conservation & Development Council (NCW RC & D), municipal, county and regional planners, Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife, Barn Beach Reserve, The Nature Conservancy, Washington Biodiversity Council, and private landowners and citizens throughout the region.

### **What is the Washington Biodiversity Council?**

- The Governor created the Washington Biodiversity Council in 2004 after civic and environmental leaders recognized that the state's conservation strategies were largely reactive and crisis driven and thus costlier and less effective than they should be. The Council is comprised of 23 members representing a wide range of interests. See [www.biodiversity.wa.gov](http://www.biodiversity.wa.gov).

### **What are the goals of the Washington Biodiversity Conservation Strategy?**

- • Protect quality of life for people
- • Conserve species diversity
- • Restore and care for ecosystems

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## DRAFT AGENDA; OCTOBER 6-7 Biodiversity Council Fall Retreat

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### DAY ONE: October 6<sup>th</sup>

**8:45**            **Coffee/Networking**

**9:00**            **WELCOME/Introductions**

- Overview Agenda
- Business Items (Budget and Workplan update)
- Schedule 2010 Meeting Dates

**9:30**            **Governor's Natural Resource Reform Initiative – developing Council Comments**

- Presentation of highlights (Kaleen Cottingham, RCO Director)
- Review and discuss official comments by the Council (Executive Committee)  
(Note: draft comments currently under development)

**10:45**            **BREAK**

**11:00**            **Workgroups Introduce Funding Proposals; Questions and Discussion**

(Decision to be made on Day 2)

- Land Use and Local Government
- Incentives and Markets
- Science and Information
- Education and Outreach

**12:00**            **LUNCH**

**12:30**            **The unique biodiversity of the East Cascades (Sarah Gage)**

What the Conservation Opportunity Framework tells us about the biodiversity significance of our meeting location, and going underneath the maps to find out what makes it special.

**12:45**            **Biodiversity Scorecard Workshop (Steven Walters, John Marzluff)**

Break when  
needed

1. Presentation of the major components of the Scorecard, sample benchmark data, and examples of how the data can be interpreted.
2. Small and large group exercises and discussion to deepen understanding of Scorecard and provide feedback.

**3:15**            **North Central Washington Pilot Project – Results/Recommendations PART I**

(Nancy Warner and Ben Fields, IRIS project Staff)

Findings and results from establishing photo-monitoring trails to engage citizens in monitoring natural landscapes.

**3:30**            **FIELD TRIP** photo monitoring trail (a few minutes away from our meeting location).  
(IRIS project staff)

**5:00 – 6:30**    **Free Time**

**6:30**            **Dinner and evening session at Barn Beach Reserve.**  
*Guest Speaker Rufus Wood (publisher of Wenatchee World and IRIS board member)  
will share thoughts Council about the importance of regional identity in  
conservation initiatives.*

## **Day Two: October 7<sup>th</sup>**

**8:00**            **Coffee and Snacks**

**8:15**            **WELCOME** and revisit day one; impressions from field trip and speakers

**8:30**            **“Washington’s Biodiversity” premiere of Council’s (almost final!) new video**  
(Jim Armstrong and Sarah Gage)

**8:45**            **NCW Early Action Project; Results/Recommendations PART II** (Nancy Warner)  
Results, lessons learned, and recommendations for the remaining two components  
of this project.

- Facilitating the use of the Conservation Opportunity Maps by land use planners from three counties.
- Working to establish a regional Biodiversity Council

**9:45**            **Break**

**10:00**           **Habitat Connectivity Initiative**

- **Briefing on progress to date;** Working Group on Wildlife Habitat Connectivity and Western Governors Association Initiative (Joanne Schuett-Hames)
- **Stakeholder Involvement** (Bill Robinson, Robinson Research)
- **Resolution 2009-01:** Assess need for additional direction. (Council )

**11:00**           **Decision on Funding Workgroup Projects** (Josh Weiss and Council)

**12:30**           **WORKING LUNCH and ADJOURN**

Initiative for Rural Innovation & Stewardship  
NCW Community Success Summit  
9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Wed., November 18, 2009  
Pateros Firehall

This event will showcase examples of how innovative stewardship create lasting success in our region, help us learn how fellow citizens are using teamwork, technology, and a shared sense of purpose to create a thriving future, and uncover exciting opportunities for collaboration as we move forward.

### Agenda

- 9:00 Welcome, Introductions, Acknowledgements and Expected Outcomes
- 9:30 *Gathering Our Voice* – highlights of past stewardship successes
- 10:00 Success Sampler - examples of current stewardship successes
- Twisp Public Development Authority, Maggie Coon, Co-Director
  - NCW Regional Food System Assessment, Amy Stork, Stork Marketing
  - Mike Rayton, Colville Confederated Tribes
- 10:30 Break
- 10:45 Success Sampler Continues
- NCW Business Loan Fund, Rich Watson, Director
  - Stemilt Partnership, Peter Dykstra, Trust for Public Lands
  - Keith Soderstrom, Bainbridge Manufacturing
- 11:30 Q & A with success story presenters and morning wrap-up
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:00 *From Where We Stand: Building a Learning Network for Collaboration*
- Witnessing Change, Nancy Warner/Ben Field
  - Chelan Douglas Trends
  - More Than A Trail, Heather Ostenson/David Stipe
  - Community Journalism, Rufus Woods, Wenatchee World
  - Regional Digital Archive, TBD
- 2:30 Break
- 2:45 Identify issues, form groups around the issues, and identify ways to collaborate (Regional food systems, Healthy Lands Roundtable, Gathering Our Voice)
- 4:00 Wrap up and next steps



# WSAC Annual Conference Doubletree SeaTac, King County November 17-20, 2009

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## **PRELIMINARY AGENDA with changes as of 10/30/09\***

All meetings and events will be held at the Seattle Airport Doubletree Hotel

Agendas for affiliate, board, and committee meetings will be available at the WSAC Registration Desk

*\*Agenda is subject to change; additions and revisions will be posted at [www.wacounties.org/wsac/AnnConf.asp](http://www.wacounties.org/wsac/AnnConf.asp) as they occur*

### **Tuesday, November 17**

8:30 - 10:30 a.m.

**WSAC Financial Services Corporation Board of Directors Meeting**

11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**WSAC Board of Directors Meeting** (*lunch provided*)

2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

**Registration & Information Desk Open**

2:30 - 5:30 p.m.

**Timber Counties Meeting**

*Dinner on Own*

7:30 – 9:00 p.m.

**Dessert Open House**

Ride the elevator to Maxi's on the top floor of the Doubletree and start your conference networking while enjoying chocolate fondue and other assorted sweet treats.

### **Wednesday, November 18**

7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**Registration/Information Desk Open**

8:30 – 11:45 a.m.

**Legislative Steering Committee Meeting**

11:00 a.m. - Noon

**Joint Transportation Committee: Local Government Presentation**

Noon – 1:00 p.m.

**Opening Ceremonies & Luncheon Presentation**

Three state agency directors will provide an update on state initiatives and their agency activities as they relate to counties. *Confirmed: Susan Dreyfus, Secretary, Dept of Social and Health Services; Mary Selecky, Secretary, Dept of Health; Polly Zehm, Interim Director, Dept of Ecology*

1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

**WSAC Opening Business Meeting**

Officer Nominations; Bylaws Committee Co-Chairs will provide a review of the recommended changes to the Association's governance document and answer questions in order to inform member voting decisions.

***WSAC 2010 Officer Voting opens at Registration Area immediately following meeting and closes Thursday at 1:00 p.m.***

2:15 - 3:15 p.m.

Concurrent Sessions

**Session A**

**Criminal Justice Costs: Jail Alternatives, Risk Assessments, other strategies for controlling Criminal Justice expenditures**

This segment will highlight some of the ways in which counties have been able to control costs, develop alternatives to confinement, and efficiently manage inmate populations while limiting additional financial liability.

*Presenters (Others TBA):*

*Nate Caldwell, Director, Community Corrections Division, King County*

*Garry Hodgson, Veterans Incarcerated Services Program*

*Mike Shelton, Executive Director, WA Counties Insurance Fund*

*Mark Williamson, District Manager, ARAMARK Correctional Services*

**Session B**

**How to Succeed in Media Interviews...Especially When You're on the "Hot Seat"**

When you're facing the media, you MUST come across as confident, articulate, and in control. Your message should be clear, crisp, and succinct. Time is limited, questions are sharp. No chance for slip-ups or mistakes. What you say could impact not only your county, but your career. Former Emmy Award-winning reporter and Media Skills expert Candace BelAir will show us how to thrive, survive and deal with "the media"... in good times, and bad. This is sure to be a lively, informative, interactive session that's guaranteed to help you in ALL types of public appearances. As Candace says, "Every reporter has an agenda. You should, too."

*County Training Institute credit available; inquire at Registration Table*

*Presenter: Candace BelAir, BelAir Training [www.belairtraining.com/](http://www.belairtraining.com/)*

**Session C**

**Washington Transportation Plan Review**

State Transportation Commission

3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

**Eastern District Meeting**, *President: Paul Pearce, Skamania County*

**Western District Meeting**, *President: Josh Brown, Kitsap County*

Round Tables; Elections of 2010 District Officers

4:00 p.m.

**Exhibitor Fair Opens**

**Wednesday, November 18 continued**

5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

**President's Reception in Exhibitors Hall**

***Sponsored by Waste Management***

Enjoy hors d'oeuvres and prize drawings while visiting 40 vendors with products and services for counties. The Passport Prize Drawing is back - get your passport stamped by all vendors and be entered into a fantastic prize pool.

*Dinner on Own*

8:00 - 10:00 p.m.

**President's Hospitality Suite**

**Thursday, November 19**

7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**Registration/Information Desk Open**

7:00 – 9:00 a.m.

**Breakfast Buffet in Exhibitors Hall**

Enjoy a full breakfast buffet and visit more vendor booths. Fill your passport with stamps and enter into the prize drawing.

7:45 – 8:45 a.m.

**Newly Elected Officials Program - Class of 2009 Final Meeting**

9:00 - 10:30 a.m.

*Plenary Session*



**"I've Never Met Him, But He's a Jerk"**

**Assumptions and Errors in Inferring What Other People Are Like**

***Presented by Washington State University Extension***

Much experimental psychological research demonstrates that we have a chronic need to know why people act as they do. Because of this, observation of even trivial behaviors by other people will lead us to draw inferences about what those people must be like. Unfortunately, the ways in which we make these inferences are, on the whole, quite crude, and often lead to errors in the conclusions that we draw about what these people are like. If, in talking to these people, we base our interaction style on the faulty conclusions we've drawn, interpersonal problems can result. This can be

especially problematic in settings in which we regularly encounter those people, like the workplace. In this workshop, we will talk about the most common inference processes we use when trying to understand other people; look at the errors that can result from these processes; and discuss techniques for overcoming potential erroneous conclusions.

*Craig Parks Ph.D., Professor, Washington State University Department of Psychology*

9:30 - 10:45 a.m.

**Rolling Morning Break in Exhibitors Hall**

Stop in during this extended break time to visit vendor booths and enjoy a coffee and snack break.

***Sponsored by Washington Counties Risk Pool***

10:45 – 11:45 a.m.

[Session D](#)

**Innovative Approaches to Conservation and Planning – Biodiversity and More**

Many counties are using innovative approaches to conserve biodiversity and environmental values. This session will highlight two experiences, one in eastern Washington and one in western, that incorporate biodiversity considerations into local land use plans.

*Presenters:*

*Katherine Brooks, Senior Planner, Pierce County Public Works and Utilities*

*Karen Dvornich, National Director, The NatureMapping Program*

*Nancy Warner, Executive Coordinator, Initiative for Rural Innovation and Stewardship*

**WSAC Deferred Compensation and Program Services Advisory Committee**

New Members Welcome! If your county offers Nationwide Retirement Solutions' Deferred Comp program to its employees, or takes advantage of other NACo endorsed products or programs, join this newly established committee to help improve those products for all. *Chair: Councilmember Dave Gossett, Snohomish County*

Noon – 1:00 p.m.

**Luncheon Presentation and Exhibitor Hall Dessert**

***Sponsored by Comcast***

**Lenny Eliason, Second Vice President, NACo; Athens County, Ohio**

Mr. Eliason was elected to NACo Second Vice President this past July in Nashville and will provide an update on NACo initiatives and activities. A member of the NACo Board of Directors since 2005, he serves as Executive Committee Liaison to NACo's Large Urban County Caucus and the Affiliate Council and as a member of the Financial Services Board of Directors.

We are serving the luncheon dessert in Exhibitors Hall to give you one last chance to visit vendors and win additional prizes. Stop in for cookies and brownies after lunch and thank our sponsors and exhibitors for helping to support Washington's Counties!

1:00 p.m.

***WSAC 2010 Officer Voting Closes; Return Ballots to Registration Desk prior to 1:00 p.m. for eligibility.***

1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Concurrent Sessions

[Session E](#)

**Recent Land Use Rulings & Court Cases**

Receive an update on recent legal decisions, some precedent setting, pertaining to land use, truancy, PERS and other issues involving Washington's Counties.

*Presenters:*

*Randy Gaylord, Prosecuting Attorney, San Juan County*

*John Moffat, Assistant Chief, Civil Division, Snohomish County*

[Session F](#)

**The Essence of Jurassic Parliament: Running Great Meetings**

Have some fun with Roberts Rules of Order! Many people are intimidated by procedure and would like to understand it better. This workshop uses creative visual cues to teach the essentials of parliamentary procedure. Participants will learn about the role of the presider and the three "golden rules" to make discussion productive and pleasant. Review the correct practices of making motions, amending motions, and voting. *County Training Institute credit available; inquire at Registration Table*

*Presenter: Ann G. Macfarlane, Registered Parliamentarian, Jurassic Parliament [www.jurassicparliament.com](http://www.jurassicparliament.com)*

Thursday, November 19 continued

2:15 – 3:00 p.m.

*Keynote Presentation*

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**Governor Chris Gregoire**

We are pleased to have confirmed Governor Gregoire's participation and look forward to her perspectives and remarks on the business of the state and its intersections with Counties.

3:15 – 4:45 p.m.

**WSAC Membership Business Meeting**

2010 Association Budget Approval; WSAC Bylaws Revision Approval; 2010 Officer Voting Results

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

**Dinner Banquet and President's Program**

**Sponsored by Allied Waste/Rabanco**

Outgoing President Lynda Ring Erickson will preside over her last official event; 2010 Officers will be sworn into office.

8:30 - 10:00 p.m.

**President's Hospitality Suite**

Friday, November 20

7:00 - 8:00 a.m.

**Breakfast Buffet**

7:30 – 9:00 a.m.

**Columbia River Policy Advisory Group Meeting**

**Coastal Caucus Meeting**

9:15 – 10:15 a.m.

**Issues and Opinions: Exempt Wells in Washington State**

Recently the Attorney General's Office issued an opinion on interpretation of statutes exempting certain withdrawals of groundwater from permitting requirements, and authorizing the Department of Ecology to withdraw waters from appropriation. Hear from a panel of representatives from different sides of this timely and controversial issue.

*Presenters: Clay White, Director, Stevens County Land Services; other panelists TBA*

## Washington State Association of Counties Annual Meeting November 19, 2009

### *Innovative Approaches to Conservation and Planning*

The two projects presented in this session are each striving to advance learning and conservation of biodiversity from urban to rural landscapes. Strategies each group has identified for achieving this goal include:

**North Central Washington (NCW)** Nancy Warner, Initiative for Rural Innovation & Stewardship, 509-881-1812, [www.irisncw.org](http://www.irisncw.org)

- Develop NCW GIS Collaborative
  - Work with partner organizations to build capacity to analyze existing information layers that can be used to inform strategies
- Expand *Witnessing Change* network
  - Work with other public and private landowners to develop trails on their lands that support their management objectives
- Convene Healthy Lands Roundtable to provide opportunities for learning and sharing information about biodiversity
  - Host an annual information sharing meeting each winter and followed by a summit each fall to report on successes

**Pierce County Biodiversity Network** Katherine Brooks, Pierce County, 253-798-6169, [www.piercecountywa.org/pc/services/home/property/pals/other/biodiversity.htm](http://www.piercecountywa.org/pc/services/home/property/pals/other/biodiversity.htm)  
Karen Dvornich, *NatureMapping* Program, University of Washington, 206-616-2031, <http://depts.washington.edu/natmap/projects/bma/overview.html>

- Provide GIS analyses and reports to local governments and communities
  - Help local governments identify biodiversity areas and integrate into the Comprehensive Planning and Development Regulation and incentives processes
  - Map data from organized Bioblitzes and monitoring projects providing online, user-friendly biodiversity scorecard updates
- Develop and integrate Biodiversity Networks across the state
  - Using WRIA's (watersheds) each network overlaps into another county, allowing network development across the state
- Integrate Stewardship Plans into County and City Comprehensive Plans
  - Develop other "Biodiversity Alliances" within other Counties and BMAs to assist planners and communities with the implementation of Biodiversity Plans
  - Link county staff with *NatureMapping* Centers, local NGO's and Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

