



Applying knowledge to improve water quality

Pacific Northwest

Regional Water Program

A Partnership of USDA CSREES
& Land Grant Colleges and Universities

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2007 Conference Announcement:

Moving Science Into Policy and Action



The biennial Regional Research and Extension Water Quality Conference will be held November 8 and 9, 2007 at the beautiful Skamania Lodge in Stevenson, Washington. The conference will focus on water science and policy issues in the Pacific Northwest and include both a pre-conference workshop and a field trip on November 7. The conference is expected to draw an audience of approximately 250 water-resource professionals from around the region to present and share their work with researchers, regulators, practitioners, educators, students, and others. From research to outreach, from policy to human health, the conference will cover a wide range of topics concerning the integration of water science and policy.

Staying current on the latest technical, social, and legal issues are essential to a water-resource professionals' career. Networking with peers is also important. The conference schedule will allow an opportunity to accomplish this by providing two days of concurrent sessions, ample break and meal times, and a poster session/networking reception. Mark your calendar and join your colleagues in Stevenson, Washington to learn about the many interesting aspects of water resources management in the Pacific Northwest.

Who Should Attend

- ◆ Watershed Groups
- ◆ Conservation and Irrigation Districts
- ◆ Water and Natural Resource Agency Staff and Scientists
- ◆ Federal, Tribal, State, County, Local Officials and Their Staff
- ◆ Environmental and Natural Resources Attorneys
- ◆ Water Resources Advisory Committees and Councils
- ◆ Non-governmental Organizations
- ◆ University Researchers, Educators, and Students
- ◆ Resource Use and Protection Advocates
- ◆ Interested Citizens

Stevenson, Washington is located in the heart of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area, less than an hour's drive from the Vancouver, Washington/Portland, Oregon area. This beautiful area has much to offer for those wanting to do some hiking or sightseeing. Some ideas for sightseeing include the following:

- ◆ Columbia Gorge Interpretive Center Museum, Stevenson, Washington. Learn about the natural and human history of the area. Contact: 800-991-2338
- ◆ Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument, Monument Headquarters, Amboy, Washington. Discover the drama of an active volcano. Contact: 360-449-7800
- ◆ Sternwheeler Columbia Gorge & Marine Park, Cascade Locks, Oregon. Cruise the Columbia River Gorge aboard a triple-deck paddle wheeler. Contact: 800-643-1354

For more information on things to do in this area, contact the Skamania County Chamber of Commerce at 800-989-9178 or visit their web site at <http://www.skamania.org>.



Pacific Northwest Regional Water Quality Coordination Project Partners

Land Grant Universities

Alaska

Cooperative Extension Service
Contact Fred Sorensen:
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<http://www.uaf.edu/ces/water/index.html>

University Publications:

<http://www.alaska.edu/uaf/ces/publications/>

Idaho

University of Idaho
Cooperative Extension System
Contact Bob Mahler: 208-885-7025

<http://www.uidaho.edu/wq/wqhome.html>

University Publications:

<http://info.ag.uidaho.edu/Catalog/catalog.html>

Oregon

Oregon State University
Extension Service
Contact Mike Gamroth: 541-737-3316

<http://extension.oregonstate.edu/>

University Publications:

<http://extension.oregonstate.edu/catalog/>

Washington

Washington State University
WSU Extension

Contact Bob Simmons:
360-427-9670 ext. 690

<http://wawater.wsu.edu/>

University Publications:

<http://pubs.wsu.edu/>

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Water Resource Research Institutes

Water and Environmental Research
Center (Alaska)

<http://www.uaf.edu/water/>

Idaho Water Resources
Research Institute
<http://www.boise.uidaho.edu/>

Institute for Water and
Watersheds (Oregon)
<http://water.oregonstate.edu/>

State of Washington
Water Research Center
<http://www.swwrc.wsu.edu/>

Environmental Protection Agency

EPA, Region 10
The Pacific Northwest
<http://www.epa.gov/r10earth/>

Office of Research and Development,
Corvallis Laboratory
<http://www.epa.gov/wed/>

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The Project

Land Grant Universities, Water Research Institutes, and EPA Region 10 have formed a partnership to provide research and education to communities about protecting or restoring the quality of water resources. This partnership is being supported in part by the USDA's Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension System (CSREES).

Our Goal and Approach

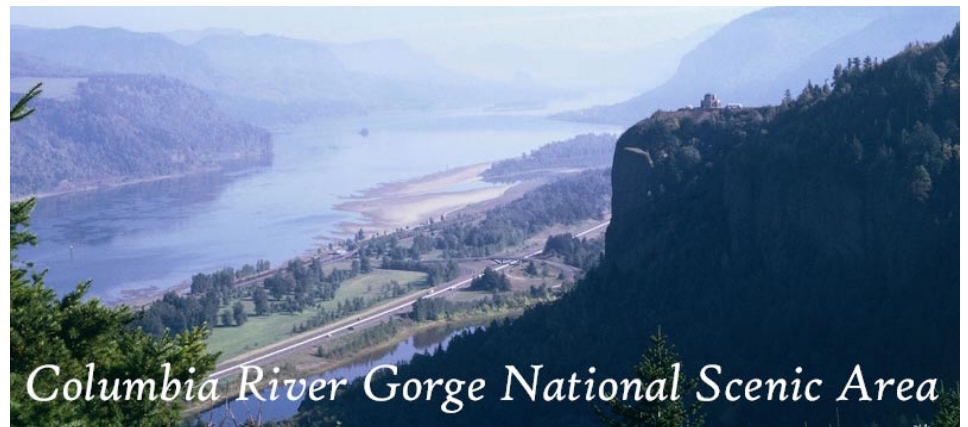
The goal of this Project is to provide leadership for water resources research, education, and outreach to help people, industry, and governments to prevent and solve current and emerging water quality and quantity problems. The approach to achieving this goal is for the Partners to develop a coordinated water quality effort based on, and strengthening, individual state programs.

Our Strengths

The Project promotes regional collaboration by acknowledging existing programs and successful efforts; assisting program gaps; identifying potential issues for cross-agency and private sector collaboration; and developing a clearinghouse of expertise and programs. In addition, the Project establishes or enhances partnerships with federal, state, and local environmental and water resource management agencies, such as by placing a University Liaison within the offices of EPA Region 10.

Major conference sponsors include: USDA Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES), State of Washington Water Research Center, Washington State Department of Ecology, Washington State Department of Transportation, Oregon Water Resources Department, the Institute for Water and Watersheds at Oregon State University, and the Center for Environmental Research, Education, and Outreach at Washington State University.

For more information, contact the State of Washington Water Research Center by e-mail at watercenter@wsu.edu, the Center for Distance and Professional Education at WSU at joyt@wsu.edu or visit our web site at: <http://capps.wsu.edu/WaterPolicy/>.



Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area

National Water Quality Program Areas

The four land grant universities in the Pacific Northwest have aligned our water resource extension and research efforts with eight themes of the USDA's Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension System.

1. Animal Waste Management
2. Drinking Water and Human Health
3. Environmental Restoration
4. Nutrient and Pesticide Management
5. Pollution Assessment and Prevention
6. Watershed Management
7. Water Conservation and Management
8. Water Policy and Economics

CSREES is the Cooperative States Research, Education, and Extension Service, a sub-agency of the United States Department of Agriculture, and is the federal partner in this water quality program.