

Common Thread Project

Tribes and Environmental Non-Profits for Resource and Environmental Protection

FIRST DISCUSSION- FRIDAY, JULY 9TH, 2010

9:00 AM – 4:30 PM

LEWIS & CLARK COLLEGE

TEMPLETON STUDENT CENTER, COUNCIL CHAMBERS

What is the Common Thread Project?

The goal is to improve communication and collaboration between Tribes and environmental non-profits in the Pacific Northwest. We will:

- * Hold listening sessions about collaboration between Tribes and non-profits;
- * Develop a model for conservation groups to confer with tribes on resource protection policies and projects in a more regular and formal manner; and
- * Encourage conservation groups to create policies to communicate regularly with tribes regarding natural resource interests.

Why do we need the Common Thread Project?

Resource protection and development in the context of treaty rights and conflicting jurisdictions is challenging. *The Common Thread Project* would bring together both tribes and environmental non-profits to create a respectful and efficient way of joining to protect important common values in the area of resource and environmental protection.

Listening Session: July 9, 2010, Lewis and Clark College, Portland, OR

We have a terrific lineup of experts to discuss the importance of communication, treaty rights, and effective collaboration, followed by an open discussion of key natural issues facing the Northwest.



Agenda

- ❖ 9:00 – 9:30 AM Opening Remarks
Roy Sampsel, Institute for Tribal Government & Brett VandenHeuvel, Columbia Riverkeeper
- ❖ 9:30 – 10:30 AM Keynote Address
Resource and Environmental Protection: Guiding Principles for Tribal Partnerships
Jaime A. Pinkham, The Bush Foundation
- ❖ 10:30 – 11:00 AM Coffee Break
- ❖ 11:00 AM – 11:45 AM Lecture: Treaty Foundations, Context of Partnerships & the Modern Tribal Government
Bob Miller, Lewis & Clark Law School
- ❖ 11:45 AM – 12:30 PM Lecture: Creating Partnerships and Planning for the Next Seven Generations
N. Kathryn “Kat” Brigham, Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation
- ❖ 12:30 – 1:30 PM Complimentary lunch will be provided to all participants
- ❖ 1:30 – 2:30 PM Panel: An Environmental View of Success in Partnerships with Tribes
Invited Environmental Organizations
- ❖ 2:30 – 3:30 PM Panel: A Tribal View of Success in Partnerships with Tribes
Invited Tribal Leaders
- ❖ 3:30 – 4:30 PM Conversation: What are the Critical Issues Facing Us?
This session will catalyze direct dialog regarding issues in the area of Resource and Environmental Protection that are critical for each of our participants. Please be prepared to share a summary of the issues that your Tribe or Organization are working on. Conference attendees are encouraged to bring supporting information.

Encouraged to Attend: Environmental Non-profits; Tribal Leaders, Tribal Natural Resources Departments and Legal Representatives. Visit www.columbiariverkeeper.org for more information and to register. This conference is being provided at no cost to participants, please join us! For RSVP and agenda inquiries please contact:

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