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# Integrating Floodplain Management Policies

Numerous policies affect floodplains in the Columbia River Basin, including the Columbia River Treaty, development under the National Flood Insurance Policy, and Columbia Basin restoration programs.

LIVE PRESENTATION

December 10, 2015

8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission  
700 NE Multnomah St., Room 502  
Portland, OR 97232

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This conference will explore the fragmented approach of these varying policies and start a conversation about how they might work together to better protect this importance resource.



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# Program Schedule

8:00 a.m. CHECK-IN AND CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

8:25 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

8:30–9:15 **Keynote Address: Lori Faeth**

Lori Faeth is the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and International Affairs at the Department of the Interior. In this capacity, Lori was designated by the National Security Council and the U.S. Department of State as the liaison for the Columbia Basin tribes' input into federal forums considering the future of the Columbia River Treaty. Lori came to the Department after serving as a senior advisor to Arizona Governor Janet Napolitano. She advised the governor on a broad range of issues including agriculture, energy, natural resources, and the environment, and worked on broad policy issues including forest health, climate change, and water management. Previously, she spent more than ten years at The Nature Conservancy as part of the national government relations team.

— *Lori Faeth*

9:15–10:30 **Flooding and the Columbia River Ecosystem**

The Columbia River Treaty, negotiated in 1964, resulted in the construction of a massive upriver storage system to protect lower river floodplains. The Treaty has only two purposes: flood control and power. The current flood control commitments expire in 2024, and an effort to modernize the Treaty and add ecosystem function to its purposes is currently underway. Panelists will provide tribal, Canadian, and local perspectives on the effects of historical flood control actions in the Columbia River Basin and the need to change these.

— *Bill Bradbury, Kathy Eichenberger, Paul Lumley, Reed Wagner*

10:30–10:45 NETWORKING BREAK

10:45–12:00 **Climate Change and Floodplain Resiliency**

A growing body of literature reveals the importance of healthy, connected floodplains in creating ecosystem resilience to climate change. Panelists will discuss the role of floodplains in ecosystem health and their potential to provide resiliency for both ecosystems and flooding in a time of climate change. They will explore current management schemes that separate protection and restoration efforts, and discuss visions for the future of managing floods and floodplains that balance natural ecosystems with public safety.

— *Larry A. Larson, P.E., CFM, George R. Pess, Monty Schmitt*

12:00–1:15 LUNCH (on your own)

1:15–2:15 **Floodplain Management Policies**

Floodplain protection and restoration actions are occurring around the Pacific Northwest guided by the Endangered Species Act, Northwest Power Act, Indian treaty fishing rights, and directives from states, cities, and counties. This panel will look at what is happening in the Basin's floodplains including restoration and protection actions.

— *Lorri Bodi, Kaitlin Lovell, Bonnie S. Shorin*

2:15–3:00 **Local Floodplain Management Programs**

Panelists will discuss local floodplain management policies, including a review of how implementation of the OR NFIP BiOp will intersect with local floodplain management and land use policies, the Oregon Solutions Levee Project, and concepts for reaching agreement on floodplain management.

— *Jackie Dingfelder, Christine Shirley*

3:00–3:15 NETWORKING BREAK

3:15–4:00 **Economic Considerations in Floodplain Management**

Flood protection provided by natural systems and social actions can be evaluated with economic methods and should be included in all flood protection project analyses. Flood plain restoration can drive economic development and job creation, particularly in rural communities that have suffered from persistently high unemployment rates.

— *Noah Enelow, Josh Reyneveld*

4:00–4:30 **Closing Address: Mary Lou Soscia**

Mary Lou Soscia has worked for state, federal and tribal government for over 30 years specializing in watershed and river protection and restoration efforts. Mary Lou was on the team that created EPA's National Estuary Program and worked to get Congressional authorization for the program in the 1987 Clean Water Act amendments. She worked with the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission on loan from EPA and helped to create the Commission's watershed department. Since 1997, Mary Lou has served as the Columbia River Coordinator for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10.

— *Mary Lou Soscia*

4:30 p.m. ADJOURN

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