ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

Now in its sixth year, the Western Public Interest Law Conference brings together attorneys, citizens, and law students from around the Nation to learn and share information about the West's natural resources and environment. The Conference this year will focus on the many varying issues and perspectives involved in today's environmental movement.

Michael McCloskey, Chairman of the Sierra Club, has been with that organization for over 25 years. He is a former Executive Director of the Sierra Club, has written many articles on environmental issues, and has received numerous awards for his service to the environmental cause.

Captain Paul Watson, founder and member of the Board of Directors of the Sea Shepherd Conservation Society, was also a Co-founder of Greenpeace and founder of Project Wolf (now called Friends of the Wolf). His many exploits in defense of marine mammals have brought him international notoriety.

William Rodgers, Professor of Law at the University of Washington, is one of the original pioneers of the field of environmental law and is the author of numerous texts and articles on environmental law issues.

George Cameron Coggins, Professor of Law at the University of Kansas, has also been instrumental in establishing the field of environmental law. He too has written and published extensively on environmental law issues.

Special Returning Guest David Brower, founder and Chairman of the Earth Island Institute, former Executive Director of the Sierra Club, and founder and former Chairman of Friends of the Earth, will chair a panel on International Conservation issues.

Cai Shouqiu, Professor of Law, Wuhan University School of Law, Wuhan, Hubei, The People's Republic of China, is also Deputy Director of China's Environmental Law Research Institute. He will be a visiting professor in environmental law and policy at the University of Oregon School of Law. (invited)

Public Interest Attorneys in private practice, lawyers for the Sierra Club Legal Defense Fund, the Natural Resources Defense Council, the Wilderness Society, and other organizations, state and federal government attorneys, and citizen activists will provide up-to-date practical insights and will explore the latest developments in environmental law and policy.

REGISTRATION

To register for the Conference, complete the enclosed registration form and return to Land, Air, Water (LAW). Registration for attorneys arriving before March 1 is $30; late and at-the-door registration is $35. Citizens and law students may register free, and any lawyer in the early years of practice may award himself a scholarship.

Participants with sleeping bags can be accommodated on floors and couches of LAW members. Please indicate on the registration form whether you need such accommodations. Brochures describing lodging and restaurants in the Eugene area are available upon request.

CLE credit has been applied for. Conference costs may be tax deductible.

For further information, contact Richard Mietz at (503) 344-0632 (evenings or weekends), or Mike Axline or John Bonine at (503) 686-3823 (weekdays).

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SIXTH ANNUAL
WESTERN PUBLIC INTEREST LAW CONFERENCE

ENVIRONMENTAL LAW:
LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

Friday, March 4
through
Sunday, March 6, 1988

University of Oregon School of Law
12th and Kincaid
Eugene, Oregon

Sponsored by:
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Western Natural Resources Law Clinic
American Bar Association
(Law Student Division)
AGENDA

FRIDAY, MARCH 4

12:00- 1:30 Registration
1:30- 1:50 Welcome

Workshops
2:00- 3:30
- Native American Rights and Resource Issues: Strangers In Their Own Land?
- Taking The Leap: Practical Advice For Private Public Interest Lawyers
- On The (Non-point Source) Waterfront: Breathing New Life Into The Clean Water Act

3:30- 4:00 Break/Networking

Workshops
4:00- 5:30
- Buying Time Through Private Preservation
- Protecting Whistleblowers: Encouraging Openness In Government And Industry
- Roll On Columbia: Preserving The Gorge
- Accessing Environmental Data Bases Through LEXIS

5:30- 6:00 Late Registration
5:30- 9:30 Pizza, Keg, Networking. DO (MISS THIS)
7:30-10:30 Environmental Film Festival
Sponsored by U of O Survival Center

SATURDAY, MARCH 5

7:45- 8:30 Late Registration
8:30- 8:50 Announcements

Workshops
9:00-10:30
- Battle On The High Seas: Protecting Marine Mammals
- David vs. Goliath: Controlling Pollution At Federal Facilities
- Old-growth's Last Stand?
- Trouble In Paradise? Toxic Wastes In The West
- Accessing Environmental Data Bases Through LEXIS

10:30-11:00 Break/Networking

Workshops
11:00-12:30
- Civil Disobedience: The Law And The Issues
- Keeping Our Resources On The (Outer Continental) Shelf
- Our National Forests: Eco-systems Or Plantations?
- Protecting The Global Village Through International Action

Lunch
12:30- 2:30 Erb Memorial Union Dining Hall, U of O Campus
Introduction:
John Bonine, Co-Director, Western Natural Resources Law Clinic
Luncheon Address:
William Rogers, Professor of Law, University of Washington
Captain Paul Watson, Founder and Director of the Sea Shepherd Conservation Society

Workshops
2:30- 4:00
- Making Headlines: The Role Of The Media In Environmental Protection

Workshops cont.

4:00- 4:15 Break

Workshops
4:15- 5:30
- Mining, The Environment, And The Law
- Recent Advances On The Pesticide Front
- Where The Cows And The Antelope Play: Rangeland Reclamation

Seminar:
- Resolving Environmental Disputes Through Mediation: Lawyers As Healers

Work Session:
- Partners In Advocacy: Grassroots Lawyers And Citizen Activists (Part 1)

5:30- 7:00 Recreation Break/Free Time
7:00- 7:30 No Host Bar, Erb Memorial Union Dining Hall, U of O Campus

Dinner
7:30- 9:30 Erb Memorial Union Dining Hall, U of O Campus
Introduction:
Michael Axline, Co-director, Western Natural Resources Law Clinic
Keynote Addresses:
George Cameron Coggins, Professor of Law, University of Kansas
Michael McCloskey, Chairman, Sierra Club

SUNDAY, MARCH 6

Breakfast
8:30- 9:15 Catered Continental Breakfast, School of Law Lounge

Workshops
9:30-11:00
- Alaska's Future: Arctic Dream or Nightmare?
- Injecting Common Sense Into Groundwater Regulation
- Making Waves In The Ocean & Coastal Zone
- Litigating For Free-flowing Rivers

11:00-11:15 Break

Closing Address
11:15-12:45 The State of the Environmental Movement: Looking To The Future

12:45- 1:00 Wrap-up and Farewell

Work Session
2:00- 4:00 How To Plug Into The Environmental Litigation Fund (A Project of the Earth Island Institute)
WORKSHOPS, Friday March 4

NATIVE AMERICAN RIGHTS AND RESOURCE ISSUES: STRANGERS IN THEIR OWN LAND

Howard Arnett. Private Attorney, Bend, Oregon. Former counsel for DNA People's Legal Services, Arizona. Currently representing the Warm Springs Indian Tribe. Active in the areas of treaty rights and other natural resource issues.

Craig Dorsay. Director, Native American Program, Oregon Legal Services Corporation, Portland, Oregon. Former Assistant Attorney General for the Navajo Nation. Adjunct Professor, Lewis and Clark Law School.

Steve Moore. Senior Staff Attorney, Native American Rights Fund (NARF), Boulder, Colorado. Director of NARF's Indian Law Support Center. Representing the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs in the FERC licensing of a dam and hydroelectric project on the Kootenai River in northern Montana.

TAKING THE LEAP: PRACTICAL ADVICE FOR PRIVATE PUBLIC INVESTMENTS

Kathryn Burkett Dickson. Private practitioner in environmental land use and employment law. Staffer counsel to the California Energy Commission. Litigated under the Clean Air Act to force EPA to re-evaluate the health effects of pesticides on agricultural workers. Currently litigating against BLM over harvest of old-growth timber on a &C lands.

Grove Burnett. Private Attorney, Glorieta, New Mexico. Represents local and national environmental groups on forest management, pesticides, mineral, water and air pollution, and Indian and archeological and cultural heritage site preservation.

Greg Cook. Private Attorney, Douglas, Alaska. Former Executive Director, Alaska Board of Fisheries, Board of Game. Won a 1976, including Native American Activist Dennis Banks and members of the Trojan Desert-collaboration movement.

Peter Sorenson. Partner, Sorenson & Akin, Eugene, Oregon. Former legislative assistant to U.S. Representative Jim Weaver. Currently litigating a Safe Drinking Water Act claim to protect the Bull Run water supply, the source of Portland's water supply. Recently negotiated a temporary ban on the renewal of herbicide spraying in Lane County, Oregon.

ON THE (NON-POINT SOURCE) WATERFRONT: BREATHING NEW LIFE INTO THE CLEAN WATER ACT

Richard Charter. Director, California Outer Continental Shelf Local Government Coordinating Council, Board of Rev. Currently working closely with the California Congressional Delegation consulting on coastal issues.


KEEPING OUR RESOURCES ON THE (OUTER CONTINENTAL) SHELF

Peter Krop. Executive Director, Southeast Field Representative for the Wilderness Society, Atlanta, Georgia. Working exclusively on National Forest Management Act issues and forest planning. Active in many forest plan appeals.


Sharon Duggan. Associate, Remy & Thomas, Sacramento, California. Active in national forest planning appeals and litigation.

PROTECTING THE GLOBAL VILLAGE THROUGH INTERNATIONAL ACTION

Chair: David Brower. Chairman, Earth Island Institute, San Francisco. California. Former Executive Director of the Sierra Club, and founder and former Chairmen of Friends of the Earth.

Randi Hayes. Co-founder and Director, Rainforest Action Network (RAN), a non-profit group organized to halt the destruction of tropical rainforests worldwide and to defend the rights of indigenous people living in the rainforests.


Michael M'Gonigle. Assistant Professor of Law, Resource Management Institute, American University, Washington, D.C. Co-authored a book about employing grassroots law firms as healers in sounding out the environmental law community on issues of concern.
ROLL ON COLUMBIA: PRESERVING THE GORGE
Richard Benner. Executive Director, Columbia River Gorge Commission. Former staff attorney with 1000 Friends of Oregon.
Boon Blair. Private Attorney and Executive Director, Friends of the Columbia Gorge, Portland, Oregon. Author of a recent article on the history of the Oregon Scenic Corridor.
Steven B. Andersen. Former Kittitas County Planner. Enforced the Gorge Protection Overlay Zone (designated to protect the scenic qualities of the Gorge in Kittitas County).

Saturday, March 5

BATTLE ON THE HIGH SEAS: PROTECTING MARINE MAMMALS
Bruce Mate. Associate Professor of Oceanography, Oregon State University, Corvallis, Oregon. Work has included marine mammal studies on behavior, translocation, population assessment, metabolism, and conventional satellite telemetry.
Paul Watson. Founder and Director of Sea Shepherd Conservation Society, Co-founder of Greenpeace, Founder of Project Wolf, Co-Founder and President of the Sierra Club Legal Defense Fund.

OLD-GROWTH'S LAST STAND?

DAVID VS. GOLIATH: CONTROLLING POLLUTION AT FEDERAL FACILITIES

CLINIC DIRECTORS
Michael Axtine. Professor of Law: Co-Director, Western Natural Resources Law Clinic, University of Oregon School of Law. Former staff attorney with the Center for Law and Social Policy. Specializes in environmental and land use planning. Director, Siskiyou National Park Campaign. Adjunct Faculty Member, University of Oregon School of Law. Currently représenting old-growth "tree-sits" against a lawsuit filed by the timber industry.
Ralph Bradley. Partner, Bradley & Gordon, Eugene, Oregon. Recently won an appeal before the Ninth Circuit involving the harvesting of old-growth in roadless areas adjoining the wilderness areas on Oregon's West Coast. Currently representing a coalition of citizens and environmentalists in an effort to halt logging in redwood groves within the Sequoia National Forest. Vic Sheer. See Non-point Source Pollution panel.

Eric Smith. Former Executive Director, Trustees for Alaska. Currently working at Blackstone Law, Alaska working on Native American and environmental issues.

Steven Kallick. Staff Attorney, Southeast Alaska Conservation Council (SEACC), Juneau, Alaska. Currently conducting litigation under NEPA, ANILCA, and NMMA over logging in the Tongass National Forest. Former, attorney with Sierra Club Legal Defense Fund.
Lauri Adams. See Marine Mammal Panel.
Greg Cook. See Private Public Interest Lawyers panel.