

PIELC 2022 PROGRAMMING

Saturday, March 5th

8:00-9:00 AM

Replacement of Lower Snake River Dams' Energy Attributes in an Era of Decarbonization*

This panel will look at the Lower Snake River dams as a case study for what it would take to replace their energy attributes in an era of decarbonization. With state mandates in Oregon and Washington for 100% GHG-free electricity by the 2040s, any retired generation must be replaced with non-polluting resources. This panel will explore what planning and replacement would look like to meet multiple goals of a reliable, GHG-free, socially just electricity system.

Moderator: Jason Eisendorfer (Energy Consultant)
Panelists: Nancy Hirsh (Northwest Energy Coalition), Giulia Good Stefani (NRDC), & Scott Simms (Public Power Council)
Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84399153325>

9:00-10:15 AM
Offshore Wind and Fisheries*

The state of Oregon remains a leader in renewable energy and continues to find new opportunities in renewable growth. In October 2021, the Biden Administration and Department of Interior announced seven new offshore wind farms, with one being located off the Oregon coast. An offshore wind development from the Department of Interior means a massive investment in Oregon's renewable system, but what does this mean for those who rely on the coast and ocean for revenue already? This panel will discuss the recent developments in offshore wind, from both the state policy standpoint and the fisheries who are impacted directly.

Panelists: Dr. Caren Braby (ODFW), Susan Chambers (West Coast Seafood Processors Association), Jason Sierman (ODOE), & Mike Okoniewski (Consultant for Pacific Seafoods)

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87099280803>

10:15-11:15 AM
Field Surveying for Forest Defense

Industry and top-down governmental appeals to "increase the pace and scale of forest management" by reducing public discourse ignore how truly complex Pacific Northwest forests are, and how relatively little we can appreciate by just sitting behind a computer or looking at a map. For decades, passionate land defenders from all walks of life have used simple, on-the-ground observations to build legal challenges to large, destructive logging proposals. In this panel, activists from Oregon will share how making curious excursions into threatened forests can expose flawed rationale for forest management, raise public awareness, support personal growth, and strengthen relationships to the forest and each other.

Panelists: Michael Krochta (Bark), Madeline Cowen (Cascadia Wildlands), Karen Coulter (Blue Mountains Biodiversity Project), & Kasey Hovik (Umqua Watersheds)

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81897245172>

8:00-9:00 AM

Sustainability in the Wine Industry

Cohosted with UO's student group, 'May it Please the Cork'

Join current and former wine industry professionals in a discussion of the challenges of sustainable winemaking. From the vineyard to the table, the winemaking industry has a myriad of opportunities to address ecological shortcomings. This discussion will address the challenges of bringing innovation to an industry steeped in tradition.

Panelists: Simone Landau (UO Law), Deandra Anderson (Ebb & Flow Keg), & Andy McVay (The Wine Cellar)

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81302673823>

8:30-10:00 AM

Cautionary Tales from the Collaborative Industrial Complex

Even as conservationists and climate defenders cast an increasingly skeptical eye towards them, Forest Collaboratives continue to gain more power. While some successes are real, so too are failures. Increasingly driven by financial motives, the public facing narratives tend to be selective and self-congratulatory. With a focus on real world examples from Eastern Oregon, this panel will try to provide balance in hopes we can see better outcomes for our forests and communities.

Panelists: Robert Klavins (Oregon Wild), Paula Hood (Blue Mountain Biodiversity Project), & Chad Hanson (John Muir Project)

Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88631858845>

10:00-11:00 AM

Flooding and Social Vulnerability

Federal spending for major flood events is at an all-time high. However, research examining the distribution of federal disaster assistance reveals that recovery funding underserves low-income and BIPOC communities. This panel features different perspectives on the intersection of flooding and social vulnerability. Cristina, a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Iowa, will discuss her research on disaster assistance and implementing an equity framework. Monica, a community organizer, will discuss her experience working with community members in the wake of major floods in Iowa.

Panelists: Cristina Muñoz De La Torre (Climate & Environmental Justice Scientist and Advocate) & Monica Vallejo (Community Organizer)

Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82621468022>

11:00 AM-12:15 PM

Food Waste and Sustainability*

Global food waste is critical issue with several impacts including climate change, food insecurity, declining agricultural diversity, and economic stability. As the population increases, important steps must be taken to ensure our resources are being utilized efficiently and sustainably.

Panelists: Jane Ambuko-Lukachi (University of Nairobi) & Debasmita Patra (University of Maryland)

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82477922591>

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