



# CSG West Legislative Council on River Governance 2016 Meeting

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## *Speaker Biographies*

**Nicholas Brozović, PhD**, is Director of Policy at the Robert B. Daugherty Water for Food Institute at The University of Nebraska. Dr. Brozović is an economist with extensive experience in water policy and management worldwide. His research focuses on using economic analysis to evaluate and design management policies for spatial, dynamic natural resource systems. He is currently working to establish functioning resource markets, such as groundwater markets, that can be used as research and teaching platforms and as models of sustainability for industry.

Dr. Brozović joined the Water for Food Institute at the University of Nebraska in July 2014. In addition to teaching, he works to ensure that the Institute's scientific and policy research effectively informs both policy and decision makers. Previously, Dr. Brozović was an associate professor of agriculture and consumer economics at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Dr. Brozović holds doctoral and master's degrees in agricultural and resource economics from the University of California-Berkley, a master's degree in geology from the University of Southern California and a bachelor's degree in geology from Oxford University.

**Representative Mike Cuffe**, Montana House District 2 representative, has a district which borders both Idaho and British Columbia. His district is home to Libby Dam, the only dam built in the United States under the Columbia River Treaty. Rep. Cuffe chairs the administrative committee for Consumer Counsel, which reviews public utility issues, and he serves on House Appropriations Committee and chairs the Appropriations Subcommittee on Long Range Planning. Rep. Cuffe's legislation focuses on infrastructure and natural resources, including aquatic invasive species (AIS). Rep. Cuffe is vice president of PNWER (Pacific Northwest Economic Region) and helped bring federal AIS matching to four northwest states. A former whip, Cuffe is running for his fourth term in the House.

**Kathy Eichenberger** is Executive Director, Columbia River Treaty Review, Electricity and Alternative Energy Division, BC Ministry of Energy and Mines. Since October 2011, Kathy has been responsible for



leading all aspects of the Columbia River Treaty (CRT) review, including technical, legal, environmental and economic studies, as well as First Nations and public consultation. Kathy is also leading a provincial team which is undertaking preparations for potential negotiations with Canada and the United States to improve the CRT within its existing framework.

From 2007 to 2011, Kathy was Executive Director, Environmental Assessment Office. Her role was to lead assessment of major resource development projects throughout the province. Previously, Kathy worked for ten years in the Ministry of Environment, Kootenay and Okanagan regions as Regional Director, Environmental Protection, in charge of air and water quality monitoring, industrial and municipal waste management, contaminated sites, pesticide regulation, and regional flood response. Living in the Canadian Columbia Basin has given Kathy a deep understanding and appreciation of issues connected to the Columbia River, as well as longstanding relationships with communities, agencies and local governments in the region that have positively contributed to the provincial CRT review.

Kathy is a hydraulic engineer by profession.

**Peter Hassemer** is the Anadromous Fish Manager in the Idaho Department of Fish and Game. Pete holds B.S. and M.S. degrees in Fisheries Resources from the University of Idaho. During his 26 years at Idaho Fish and Game working in the research and management arenas, he has served on many Columbia River basin and west coast technical and management bodies including the Pacific Salmon Treaty Chinook Technical Committee, The Council's Scientific and Statistical and Habitat committees, U.S. v Oregon Columbia River Fish Management Plan committees and NOAA's Interior Columbia River Basin Technical Recovery Team. Prior to joining the Idaho Department of Fish and Game Mr. Hassemer spent 7½ years teaching in the fisheries and marine biology programs at Sheldon Jackson College in Sitka, Alaska.

**Russell Hepfer**, a Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe member, grew up on the Lower Elwha Klallam Reservation and has exercised his treaty harvest rights for his entire life, harvesting fish and shellfish, including geoduck. He taught himself how to fish and then passed those skills on to several of his sons and a nephew. Russell started in natural resources as a water quality technician in 1995, then soon was asked to represent his tribe as a commissioner on the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission.

While serving the commission for the past 18 years, he has also served on his tribal council for 16 years, formerly as chair and currently as vice chair. Since 2005, he has served as his tribe's delegate to the Indian Policy Advisory Committee for the Washington State Department of Social & Health Services. He has also been his tribe's delegate to the Coast Salish Gathering since its inception in 2006, and is a member of the Puget Sound Partnership's Leadership Council. When he's not working, he loves spending time in the outdoors, camping and fishing.

**James K. Hill** has been a Career Diplomat since 1989 and served abroad most recently as Chargé d'affaires at the Canadian Embassy, Kuwait (July 2014 - November 2014) and Deputy Head of Mission at the Canadian Embassy in Kabul, Afghanistan (2012-2014) preceded by assignments as High Commissioner of Canada in Maputo, Mozambique, Consul General of Canada, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Head of the Canadian Kosovo Diplomatic Observer Mission in Prishtina, Kosova (Yugoslavia), Consul and Trade Com-



missioner at the Consulate of Canada in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil and as Second Secretary & Vice Consul at the Canadian Embassy in Tehran, Iran.

At the Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development in Ottawa, Mr. Hill has held positions as Director for Middle East & Africa Commercial/Economic relations, Director for Europe & Central Asia Commercial/Relations, Deputy Director of the Latin America Division, Deputy Director of the Western Hemisphere Summits Office and as Senior Desk Officer in the Trade Commissioner Service Strategic Planning Division.

Mr. Hill was born and raised in Weyburn, Saskatchewan, Canada. He earned History and Education degrees from the University of Saskatchewan and completed his graduate studies in International Studies at the University of Cândido Mendes in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

**Nancy Hirsh** is Executive Director of the NW Energy Coalition. Nancy directs the Coalition's efforts to enhance investments in energy efficiency, renewable resources and low-income energy services through work with utilities, commissioners, regulators, and legislators. She also serves on the board of Renewable Northwest. From 1996 through 2014 she served as the Coalition's policy director. Before joining the Coalition, she spent twelve years in Washington, DC working on national energy policy issues for the Environmental Action Foundation and the National Wildlife Federation. She lives in Seattle with her husband, children and dog. When not advocating clean energy solutions, she is an avid backpacker and hiker.

The NW Energy Coalition is an alliance of more than 100 environmental, civic, and human service organizations, progressive utilities, and businesses in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana and British Columbia. The Coalition promotes development of renewable energy and energy conservation, consumer protection, low-income energy assistance, and fish and wildlife restoration on the Columbia and Snake rivers.

**Lloyd Knight** is Administrator of the Division of Plant Industries in the Idaho State Department of Agriculture. Since the Idaho Invasive Species Act was approved by the Idaho Legislature in 2008, the agency has implemented the Aquatic Invasive Species prevention program, focusing primarily on quagga and zebra mussels. ISDA has operated watercraft inspection stations since 2009. Knight oversees programs related to noxious weeds, plant pests and disease, and exotic pests.

**Paul Lumley** is the Executive Director for the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission (CRITFC) and a citizen of the Yakama Nation, which is located in central Washington State. Mr. Lumley worked at CRITFC from 1987-2004 under several capacities. He returned to CRITFC after 5 years in Washington DC to begin his tenure as executive director on July 1, 2009. Mr. Lumley has an extensive history working with Northwest Tribes on salmon issues, particularly in the Columbia River Basin. Paul Lumley received his Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics from Western Washington University in 1986.

**Stephen Phillips** is a senior program manager at the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission (located in Portland Oregon) where he has worked for nearly 25 years. For the last 17 years his main responsibil-



ity has been management of PSMFC's Aquatic Nuisance Species Program. In that capacity he has overseen the development of the regional watercraft inspection and decontamination protocols and standards, the PSMFC watercraft inspection and decontamination training program, and watercraft inspection and interception database. He also chairs and administers the 100<sup>th</sup> Meridian Initiative's Columbia River Basin Team and the Pacific Ballast Water Group, among other projects. Stephen serves on the Executive Committee of the Western Regional Panel on Aquatic Nuisance Species and was a member of the Invasive Species Advisory Committee (ISAC) to the National Invasive Species Council from 2009-2016. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Biology from Baldwin Wallace College and a Master's degree in Fisheries Science from Oregon State University.

**Tom Stuart** is a retired US Air Force officer, aviator, and central Idaho businessman. His education includes a Bachelor's degree in Physics and History from the United States Air Force Academy and graduate work at Boise State University in business, accounting and teacher education.

Tom has been an active volunteer and spokesman in state, regional, and national salmon and steelhead recovery work since 1990. He serves on the Board of *Idaho Rivers United (IRU)*, and is currently Board President of the *Save Our wild Salmon Coalition (SOS)*, representing some 50 fishing, conservation, energy and taxpayer groups with a total of 6 million members nationwide. SOS focuses on public education and advocacy, and when necessary, coordinates litigation to improve survival of Idaho and Snake River salmon through eight federal dams and reservoirs on the Snake and Columbia Rivers. SOS supports removing four low-value, high cost dams on the lower Snake River. Tom is also active in the *Northwest Energy Coalition*, *American Rivers*, *National Wildlife Federation*, *Trout Unlimited*, and the *Northwest Sportfishing Industry Association*.

**Jim Yost** is a Member of the Northwest Power and Conservation Council. Jim was born in Rupert, Idaho and raised in the Magic Valley of southern Idaho, where he learned and applied knowledge of water, agriculture and natural resources. Jim graduated from the College of Southern Idaho in 1968 with an Associate of Arts degree, and from Boise State in 1971 with a Bachelor of Arts in education. Elected in 1972 to the Idaho State Senate at age 24, Jim was the youngest Idaho legislator ever elected. He served two terms.

Jim owned and operated a dairy distributorship for a number of years in Wendell, Idaho, and worked for the Union Pacific Railroad for ten years. In 1988 he was named Assistant Public Affairs Director for the Idaho Farm Bureau, and in 1991 became Public Affairs Director. In 1995 he worked for a time for the Northwest Power and Planning Council.

Idaho Governor Phil Batt appointed Jim as his Natural Resources Senior Policy Advisor. Jim also served in this capacity under Governors Kempthorne, Risch and Otter, until his appointment to the NW Council.