NW Energy Coalition presents its 2015 Awards Gala

Dinner and Awards Presentation

Welcome
Nancy Hirsh
NW Energy Coalition

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Megan Decker
NW Energy Coalition Board Chair
Stacey Donohue, Idaho Public Utilities Commission
Known for her skill at negotiating common solutions to polarizing issues, Stacey advances both energy conservation and the interests of utility bill payers. She is a go-to expert for advancing Idaho’s energy efficiency efforts.

Kaleena Miller, National Center for Appropriate Technology
Kaleena is a Montana clean energy ambassador responsible for major weatherization events in Butte, Browning and the Crow Reservation. She helps underserved and disadvantaged people lower their power use and utility bills.

Crystal Raymond, Seattle City Light
Crystal led Seattle City Light’s creation of the nation’s first and most comprehensive utility climate adaptation plan. Her work has established a model for other utilities across the country.

Jaimes Valdez, Northwest SEED
As policy manager for Northwest SEED, Jaimes has set the foundation for solving the looming solar incentive crisis. His work in Oregon and Washington inspires others to work together for a clean energy future.
Bob Olsen Memorial Conservation Eagle Award

Okanagan Nations Alliance

The Okanagan Nation Alliance represents eight member communities -- Okanagan Indian Band, Upper Nicola Band, Westbank First Nation, Penticton Indian Band, Osoyoos Indian Band and Lower and Upper Similkameen Indian Bands and the Colville Confederated Tribes. ONA’s leadership created and coordinates the Okanagan Salmon Community Initiative, a network of fishers, environmentalists, consumers, naturalists and knowledge keepers building responsible, ecosystem-based fisheries. The Okanagan River’s sockeye population is one of only two remaining populations of sockeye salmon in the international Columbia River basin.

Elizabeth May

Elizabeth has led the Green Party of Canada since 2006 and has been a champion of government leadership to reduce climate pollution since she was elected as a Member of Parliament for Saanich-Gulf Islands. An environmentalist, author, activist and lawyer, she served as the executive director of the Sierra Club of Canada from 1989 to 2006. She is part of the Canadian delegation to the UN Climate talks in Paris.

Doug Still Memorial Community Organizing Award

Edwina Allen, Sierra Club Idaho Chapter

After more than 20 years with the Idaho Department of Labor, Edwina became a volunteer leader for the Sierra Club Idaho Chapter. For the past 11 years she has worked tirelessly to protect the environment on the Club’s wildlands and wilderness team and has mobilized hundreds of Idahoans to speak out for clean energy.

Joëlle Robinson, Climate Solutions

Joëlle is a virtuoso at engaging citizens and diverse constituencies — faith, health, veterans, youth, parents, sportsmen, businesses — to make their voices heard for climate solutions. She has been leading local organizing aimed at building a climate movement for the past 20 years, and now works to stop coal exports from the U.S. West Coast.

Headwaters Award

Roger Hamilton

Roger has spent much of his professional career serving the public interest and advancing clean and affordable energy in Oregon and the Northwest. From his leadership of the Oregon Public Utilities Commission in the early 1990s to visioning a new Western power grid through 2050, he has never hesitated to share his analysis or communicate the need for strong public policy on climate change. Though retired from the Western Grid Group, which he founded, Roger is still a senior energy and public policy advisor at the University of Oregon.
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