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**Fall Conference
(virtual)**

**November 14 & 17
12:30-3:15pm PT**

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**Clean Energy Community
and Equity Issues**





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12:30 - 12:45pm PT

**Welcome &
Election Results**

12:45 - 1:45pm PT

**Siting Issues of New
Resources**

Moderator

Justin Allegro
Policy Director
The Nature Conservancy



Justin Allegro is the Policy Director for the Nature Conservancy (TNC) in Washington. He previously led state-level government relations efforts for TNC Washington, after six years as the Energy Policy Lead and Habitat Restoration Division Manager at the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife. Prior to moving to the PNW, he spent a decade lobbying for climate and conservation policy in D.C., at the National Wildlife Federation and Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance. He received a MS in Energy Policy and Climate Change from the Johns Hopkins University and a BA in Politics from Washington and Lee University. Justin lives in Seattle with his family.



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Panelist

Christine Golightly

Policy Analyst
Columbia River Intertribal Fish
Commission



Christine Golightly is a Policy Analyst with the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission where she works primarily on issues related to the operation of the federal hydrosystem and its effect on anadromous fish species and other tribal resources. She recently assisted with the development of CRITFC's 2022 Energy Vision for the Columbia River Basin, which provides the region with energy-related recommendations intended to protect the tribes' treaty-secured fish, wildlife, cultural and other resources. Christine holds a J.D. from Lewis and Clark College and a B.S. in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology from the University of Arizona.

Panelist

Max Greene

Deputy Director
Renewable Northwest



Max is the Deputy Director of Renewable Northwest, where he supervises work on regulatory matters such as utility resource planning and on policy matters including clean energy legislation and renewable energy siting. He is a member of various boards and committees including the Green-E Governance Board at the Center for Resource Solutions and the Executive Committee of the Oregon State Bar's Energy, Telecom & Utility Law Section. Prior to his work at Renewable Northwest, Max was a staff attorney in the Rhode Island office of the Conservation Law Foundation. Max earned a B.A. from Carleton College and a J.D. from Roger Williams University, and he clerked for the Honorable O. Rogerie Thompson on the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit.



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Panelist

Adam Schultz

Lead for the Electricity &
Markets Policy Group
Oregon Department of Energy



Adam is the Lead for the Electricity & Markets Policy Group at the Oregon Department of Energy where he leads a four-person team working on electricity policy issues in the state. His portfolio covers a wide range of topics, including regional electricity planning, energy markets, and resource adequacy. Previously he managed the UC Davis Energy Institute, worked on renewable energy procurement at the California PUC, and served as the Wayne Morse Legal Fellow for U.S. Senator Ron Wyden. He has a B.A. in Political Science from Tufts University and a J.D. from the Benjamin Cardozo School of Law.



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2:00 - 3:15pm PT

**Smart Energy Siting and Replacing
Lower Snake River Hydropower**

Moderator

Nancy Hirsh
Executive Director
NW Energy Coalition



Nancy Hirsh is Executive Director for the NW Energy Coalition. Nancy directs the Coalition's efforts to enhance investments in energy efficiency, renewable resources, and energy services for people of lower-income through work with utilities, commissioners, regulators, and policy-makers. She 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.



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Panelist

Shannon Wheeler

Vice-Chairman
Nez Perce Tribal Executive
Committee



Shannon F. Wheeler was first elected to serve on the Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee, the governing body of the Nez Perce Tribe, in 2016. He was re-elected to a second three-year term in 2019 and is currently serving his third term. During his tenure on the governing council, he has served on multiple Subcommittees and one year as the Treasurer. He served as Chairman of the Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee for three years and has been serving as Vice-Chairman for the past two years.

Panelist

Debra Lekanoff

Washington State
Representative
40th Legislative District



Representative Debra Lekanoff represents the 40th legislative district of Washington state. She is a proud mom who fights every day to ensure younger generations, including her daughter Emma, can continue to flourish. Sworn in to the Washington State House of Representatives in January 2019, Rep. Lekanoff is the only Native American woman to currently serve in the Legislature. In addition to serving in the Legislature, Rep. Lekanoff served as Governmental Affairs Director for the Swinomish Tribe. With over 20 years of government relations experience, she engages on a variety of issues at the international, federal, tribal, state, and local levels.



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Acronyms

BPA - Bonneville Power Administration
CEP - Community Energy Project
CRITFC - Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission
CS - Climate Solutions
DEQ - Department of Environmental Quality
DOE - US Department of Energy
DR - demand response
EE - energy efficiency
EV - electric vehicle
FERC - Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
IRA - Inflation Reduction Act
IIJA - Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (also known as BIL - Bipartisan Infrastructure Law)
LSRD - lower Snake River dams
NCLC - National Consumer Law Center
NEVI - National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure
NWECC - NW Energy Coalition
PUC - Public Utility Commission
UTC - Utilities and Transportation Commission
RNW - Renewable Northwest
RPS - renewable portfolio standard
TNC - The Nature Conservancy

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