



# NORTHWEST TOXICS SUMMIT

***Monitoring | Reducing | Preventing  
Educating | Engaging***

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**June 6, 2023 | 8:30-4:30**



Miller Hall  
World Forestry Center  
Portland Oregon

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# TOPICS

## **Toxics Monitoring**

*What do we already know? Where are the significant data gaps? What do we need to do next?*

## **Reducing Toxics**

*What are effective strategies and best practices for reducing and preventing toxics?*

## **Education and Engagement**

*How can we effectively and meaningfully engage communities?*

## **Prioritizing Environmental Justice and Tribal Communities**

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# AGENDA

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**8:00-8:30**      **Registration & Continental Breakfast**

**8:30-8:35**      **Welcome & Conference Overview**

MARY LOU SOSCIA & HOLLY DUNCAN  
Environmental Law Education Center

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**8:35-10:00**      **Toxics Monitoring**

Moderator:      JEN BAYER  
Pacific Northwest Aquatic Monitoring Partnership  
US Geological Survey

Panelists:      ***Toxics Monitoring in the Columbia River***

ELENA NILSEN, PhD  
Oregon Water Science Center  
US Geological Survey

***Monitoring in the Kootenai River Basin***

GENNY HOYLE  
Environmental Director  
Kootenai Tribe of Idaho

***Building a Columbia River Toxics Monitoring Program***

LAURA SHIRA, P.E.  
Environmental Engineer  
Yakama Nation

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**10:00-10:30 Break**

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**10:30-12:00 Toxics Prevention & Reduction**

Best Practices & Successful Strategies

Moderator: MICHELLE WILCOX  
US Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10

Panelists: **Green Infrastructure**  
CHRIS HATHAWAY  
Community Programs Director  
Lower Columbia Estuary Partnership

**OR's Successful Pesticide Stewardship Partnership Program**

DAVID GRUEN  
Columbia River Coordinator  
Oregon Department of Environmental Quality

**Toxics Reduction – An Industry Perspective**

ULISES PICCINI  
Environmental Health & Safety Manager  
TE Connectivity

**Municipal Leadership in Reducing Toxics**

SUSIE SMITH  
Executive Director  
Oregon Association of Clean Water Agencies

**Successful Toxics Reduction Strategies**

LISA COX  
Sr. Toxic Reduction Analyst | Business Initiatives  
Oregon Department of Environmental Quality

**Reducing Toxics through Pollution Prevention**

BEN JARVIS  
Pollution Prevention & Continuous Improvement Lead  
Idaho Department of Environmental Quality

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**12:00-1:00 Lunch (Provided)**

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**1:00-2:30**      **Education & Engagement**

Moderator:      ELAINE PLACIDO  
Executive Director  
Lower Columbia Estuary Partnership

Panelists:      ***The Human Dimension: Citizen Involvement in the Collection of Environmentally Relevant Chemical Pollutant Data***

ALAN KOLOK, PhD  
Professor of Ecotoxicology, University of Idaho

***Using Community Source Water Protection to Reduce Toxics***

NIKKI GUILLOT  
Source Water Protection Program Manager  
Washington State Department of Health

***Sharing Cultural Values and Good Behaviors for Clean Water***

ROY IWAI  
Water Quality Program  
Multnomah County Transportation Division

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**2:30-3:00**      **Break**

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**3:00-4:30**      **Toxics Reduction & Environmental Justice**

Prioritizing Environmental Justice and Tribal Communities

Moderator:      MARY LOU SOSCIA  
Toxics Program Director, Environmental Law Education Center

Panelists:      ***National Leadership on Toxics Reduction to Protect Tribal Communities through the National Tribal Toxics Council***

DIANNE BARTON, PhD, Water Quality Coordinator  
Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission  
Chair, National Tribal Toxics Council

***Protecting High Tribal Fish Consumers***

JOE OATMAN  
Deputy Director  
Nez Perce Tribe Department of Fisheries Resources  
Management

***Engaging the Hispanic Community in Nampa, ID, in  
Stormwater Management***

MARIA LOPEZ

Environmental Scientist

US Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10

***Protecting Air Quality for Environmental Justice Communities***

MARY PEVETO

Executive Director

Neighbors for Clean Air

**4:30**

***WRAP UP: Where do we go from here?***

Speakers and Participants

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