

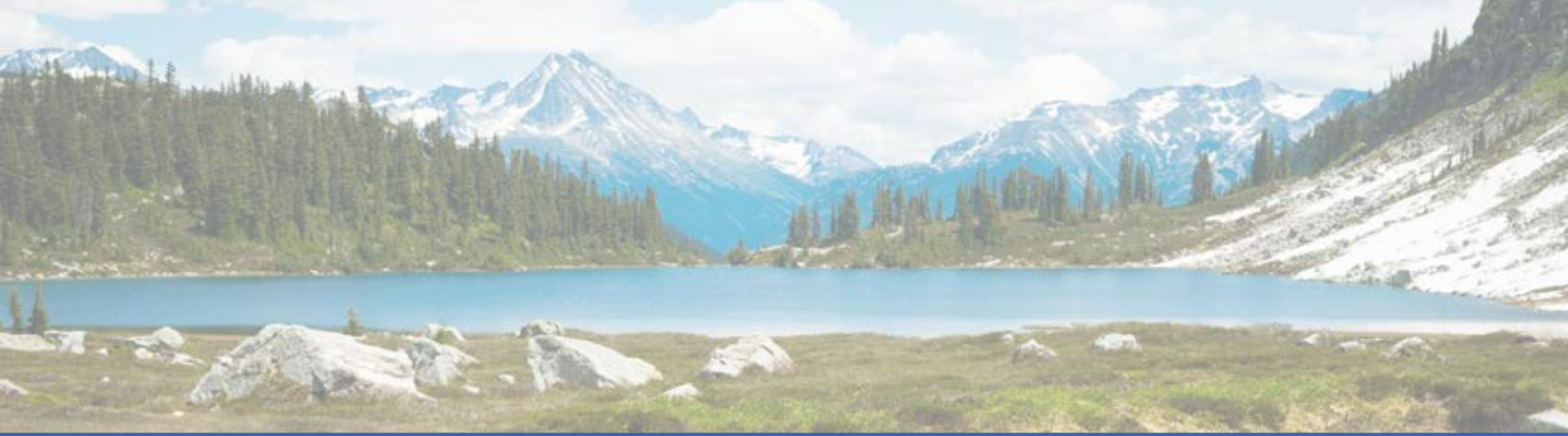


Pacific Northwest Economic Region

24th Annual Summit

July 20 – 24, 2014
Whistler, British Columbia





On behalf of the Province of British Columbia, I invite and encourage you to participate in the 2014 Annual Summit of the Pacific North West Economic Region. We are honoured that PNWER has chosen Whistler, British Columbia, to hold the Summit on July 20-24, 2014.

British Columbia was a founding member of PNWER and actively promotes collaboration in the Pacific Northwest region through the close cultural, bilateral and multilateral links we have built with our neighbours.

PNWER continues to nurture better understanding of our common interests and global responsibilities including climate action, border security, and infrastructure development. PNWER is a leader in fostering regional and international cooperation on priority issues such as energy, the environment, disaster resilience, economic development, invasive species, trade, tourism, transportation, and workforce mobility.

The Whistler Summit will bring together private sector and government leaders to extend and strengthen our collaboration as a region. Our region often shares similar challenges as well as opportunities. By working together we can pursue our individual and collective goals and enhance the quality of life of our citizens.

I hope you will be able to attend the July 2014 PNWER Summit in Whistler.

Christy Clark
Premier



You're invited to the Pacific North West Economic Region (PNWER) Annual Summit in Whistler, British Columbia from July 20 – 24, 2014. PNWER is the only statutory, non-partisan, bi-national, public / private partnership in North America, with goals of strengthening relationships, finding cross-border solutions to common challenges, and advocating for regional interests. In its 24th year, the PNWER Annual Summit brings together over 500 key business leaders, legislators, and government leaders from PNWER's ten states, provinces, and territories to address the major policy issues impacting the region.

PNWER Working Groups

Topics of importance that will be included in sessions and round table discussions:

Agriculture
Cross Border Livestock Health
Border Issues
Disaster Resilience
Energy
Energy Storage
Ocean Policy
Forestry
Energy & Environment
Innovation

Invasive Species
Natural Gas Transportation
Mining
Trade and Economic Development
Transportation
Tourism
Water Policy
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PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE*

JULY 20-24, 2014 | WHISTLER, BRITISH COLUMBIA

Sunday, July 20th11:30am-7:00pm **Registration - Fairmont Chateau Whistler**12:00pm - 5:00pm **Executive Board Luncheon Meeting**6:00pm - 8:00pm **Welcome Reception - Fairmont Chateau Whistler**9:00pm **Hospitality Suite****Monday, July 21**7:00am - 5:00pm **Registration-- Fairmont Chateau Whistler**7:30am - 9:00pm **Opening Ceremonies & Breakfast**

9:15am - 12:00pm	Market Access <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expanding market access for natural resources in the Pacific NW Addressing regional rail, road and port infrastructure needs 	Natural Gas Transportation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Policy Recommendations for increased adoption Off-grid industrial applications Rail, truck, and marine pilots 	Workforce Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Economic development opportunities through labor mobility Mechatronics training program 	Forestry <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trends in forest management: forest health, fire prevention, best practices in climate change adaptation Best practices to market wood products, BC's Wood First Initiative: Creating a Culture of Wood
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12:15pm- 1:45pm **Keynote Luncheon** featuring the **Honourable Christy Clark**, Premier of British Columbia (*invited*). Hosted by Spectra.

2:00pm - 5:00pm	Energy: LNG Exports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> LNG impacts to regional economy and workforce needs 	Mining <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Best practices for health and safety Community engagement and social license Extractive industries transparencies initiative 	Ocean Policy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oil spill response: Inter-jurisdictional collaboration for rapid response. Challenges for response in remote areas Marine spatial planning 	Agriculture <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Food safety Food interests in trade agreements including tariff and non-tariff issues
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6:30pm - 8:00pm **Reception at Whistler Blackcomb's Roundhouse Lounge.** Group will travel 6,069ft/1,850m via the Whistler Village Gondola. Please see website for registration information.9:00pm **Hospitality Suite****Tuesday, July 22**7:00am - 5:00pm **Registration-- Fairmont Chateau Whistler**7:30am - 9:00pm **Keynote Breakfast**

9:15am - 12:00pm	Energy & Environment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Best practices in energy efficiency & green energy services Policy trends to promote renewable energy 	Trade and Economic Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> U.S. - Canada Regulatory Cooperation Council initiatives 	Invasive Species I <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Zebra and Quagga mussel Prevention Industry initiatives to prevent the spread of invasive species (<i>lunch in session</i>) 	Cross-Border Live-stock Health I <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Veterinary drug submission harmonization Zoning for foreign animal diseases Meat and poultry certification 	Tourism <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two Nation Vacation and Norpass Visa pilot project Best practices in marketing and new opportunities
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12:15pm - 1:45pm **Keynote Luncheon** featuring **His Excellency Gary Doer**, Ambassador of Canada to the United States of America (*invited*) and **His Excellency Bruce Heyman**, Ambassador of the United States of America to Canada (*invited*).

Tuesday, July 22 Continued

2:00pm - 5:00pm	Energy Storage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> State of industry in PNWER region Trends and challenges in energy storage technologies <i>(note this session runs from 2:00pm—6:00pm)</i>	Border Issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cross-border clusters pilot project Regional Roundtable to suggest new issues for the Beyond the Border Action Plan Improving process for business travelers 	Invasive Species II <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Early detection and rapid response Pathways based risk assessment Control and eradication success stories 	Cross-Border Livestock Health II <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dairy farm audit Animal welfare Disease safeguards at the border 	Innovation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cross-border regional collaboration for startups Best Practices for Supporting entrepreneurs; Incubation and Hub networks
6:30pm	Open Evening - Enjoy Whistler!				
9:00pm	Hospitality Suite				

Wednesday, July 23

7:00am - 5:00pm **Registration**— Fairmont Chateau Whistler

7:30am - 9:00pm	Keynote Breakfast featuring Mike Hamilton , Partner, MK Hamilton and Associates, “Cybersecurity Meets Government, Meets Infrastructure: A Briefing for Legislators”					
9:15am - 12:00pm	Transportation I <ul style="list-style-type: none">Aligning truck size and weights	University Presidents’ Roundtable	Arctic Caucus <ul style="list-style-type: none">Regional Beaufort Business CouncilUS Arctic Council Chairmanships and our region’s role	Cross-Border Live-stock Health III <ul style="list-style-type: none">Porcine epidemic diarrhea discussionAntiparasitic Resistance	Water Policy <ul style="list-style-type: none">Water governanceWater policy modernization	
12:15pm-1:30pm	Keynote Luncheon featuring the Honorable Steve Bullock , Governor of Montana					
1:45pm - 2:45pm	Columbia River Treaty Symposium	Plenary				
3:00pm - 5:00pm	1:45pm—5:00pm	Transportation II <ul style="list-style-type: none">Greening supply chainsRegional rail and port capacity	University Presidents’ Roundtable	Cross-Border Live-stock Health IV <ul style="list-style-type: none">Genetically modified organisms and live-stock feed	Executive Committee Meeting	Pemberton Agriculture Tour <ul style="list-style-type: none">Visit organic—focused Pemberton Distillery3:00—5:30Register online
6:00pm - 8:00pm	Reception at the Squamish Lil’wat Cultural Center. Learn about the indigenous peoples of the region. Hosted by Spectra.					
9:00pm	Hospitality Suite					

Thursday, July 24th

8:00am	Optional Continental Breakfast
9:00am—7:00pm	All—Day Vancouver Policy Tour. Visit Port Metro Vancouver and other sites. Details on website.
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* Schedule is tentative and subject to change. Please visit www.pnwer.org/2014summit for regular updates and registration.

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About Whistler

Consistently ranked as North America's top ski and snowboard resort, Whistler is nestled amongst the spectacular Coast Mountains of British Columbia, Canada. At one time an isolated wilderness frequented only by the Lil'wat and the Squamish First Nations as a waypoint for trading, today's Whistler is home to 9,500 permanent residents from around the globe. With its role as Host Mountain Resort for the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games, Whistler was further established as the ultimate winter destination.

However, there is another side to Whistler – summer. As the snow melts, rolling expanses explored by snowshoe enthusiasts reveal four championship golf courses designed by legendary players such as Arnold Palmer and Jack Nicklaus. Forested pathways that once housed groomed cross-country ski tracks transform into a network of family-friendly and single-track biking trails. Ski runs make way for alpine hiking and downhill-biking in the world famous Whistler Mountain Bike Park. Winter made Whistler famous but its natural beauty, diverse residents and limitless year-round offerings make it an original and unforgettable place.

The PNWER Annual Summit offers policy tours and networking activities highlighting the natural beauty of Whistler and the innovative best practices of local industry.

About the hotel

Nestled at the base of Blackcomb Mountain, Whistler's landmark ski-in ski-out hotel and golf resort, The Fairmont Chateau Whistler, defines mountain luxury. ***Don't miss out; stay at the heart of the action!***



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