

# 2026 Columbia Gorge Fisheries and Watershed Science Symposium AGENDA

April 21, 2026

9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Registration Open at 8:00 AM - Lunch Provided

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| Bill Sharp, Yakama Nation Fisheries     | Opening Comments  | 9:00  |
| Davis Yellowash Washines, YN            | Invocation  | 9:10  |
| Jesse Burgher, Cowlitz Tribe            | <i>Beaver-related restoration and freshwater climate resilience through tribal stewardship</i>  | 9:20  |
| Andrew Spaeth, WADNR                    | <i>Eastside 20-year Forest Health Strategic Plan &amp; the Science Behind It</i>  | 9:40  |
| Adam Lieberg, CLT                       | <i>From Prioritization to Implementation: How Columbia Land Trust is Managing its Frequent-fire Forests in the South Mt. Adams Region</i> | 10:05 |
| BREAK – 15 Minutes                      |   | 10:25 |
| Kate Valdez, YN                         | <i>Data Centers in the Northwest: Implications for Tribal Resources and Recommendations for the Governor's Data Center Working Group</i>  | 10:40 |
| Lauren Goldberg, Columbia Riverkeeper   | <i>Advocating for Columbia River: Case Studies to Inspire Hope in Uncertain Times</i>   | 11:00 |
| James Lawonn, ODFW                      | <i>Avian Predation in the Columbia River Basin: Overview and Lessons Learned After Several Decades of Management</i>                      | 11:20 |
| Scott Ladd, YN                          | <i>Persistent drought and 2026 Water Supply Outlook for the Columbia River Basin</i>  | 11:40 |
| LUNCH – 1 hour (lunch provided)         |   | 12:00 |
| Kory Kuhn, YN                           | <i>Klickitat River Juvenile Salmonid Outmigration Monitoring 2017-2025</i>  | 1:00  |
| Ryan Gerstenberger, YN                  | <i>Klickitat River Adult Salmon and Steelhead Monitoring and Trends</i>   | 1:20  |
| Zak Robinson, CRITFC                    | <i>Introgression Among Major Phylogeographic Lineages Alters Phenology and Fitness of Klickitat River Spring-Run Chinook Salmon</i>       | 1:40  |
| Marie Winkowski, WDFW                   | <i>Describing Aquatic Biodiversity in Washington using environmental DNA metabarcoding</i>  | 2:00  |
| Jack Fogarty, MARS                      | <i>American Bullfrog Removal and its Impacts on Local Gorge Wildlife</i>  | 2:20  |
| BREAK – 15 Minutes                      |   | 2:40  |
| Matt Steinwurtzel, CTWS                 | <i>Speeding Recovery: Restoration Collaboration in the Hood River Basin between Tribes and Watershed Groups</i>                           | 2:55  |
| David Lindley, YN STHP                  | <i>Honor. Protect. Restore. Building Resiliency in Uncertain Times</i>  | 3:15  |
| Tova Tillinghast, James Osmolenski, UCD | <i>White Salmon River Watershed Health Updates</i>  | 3:35  |
| WRAP-UP                                 |   | 3:55  |

**Informational Tabling and posters (corridor):**

- CRITFC
- Friends of the White Salmon River
- Mid-Columbia Fisheries Enhancement Group
- Columbia Riverkeeper
- Yakama Nation Fisheries–Superfund