

## Washington Coastal Hazards Resilience Network Annual Meeting – 2023

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May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023

9:00 am – 4:00 pm

(off-site happy hour to follow at Northwest Beerwerks)

In person at WA Department of Ecology Headquarters  
300 Desmond Dr SE, Lacey, WA 98503  
Conference Room ROA – 32/34/36 (Downstairs Auditorium)

Meeting Mission Statement:

Reconvening to Chart a Path Forward for Equitable Evolutions in Coastal Resilience

*Join coastal decision-makers, planners, resource managers, researchers, and other practitioners for a day of knowledge sharing and partnership-building around the exciting and important work that is currently happening in Washington’s coastal resilience space. Anyone working or engaged in the fields of coastal hazards and climate resilience is welcome to attend.*

| Time                   | Topic  | Speakers   |
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| 8:30-9:15 am           | <b>Check-in, coffee, and connect</b>   |  |
| 9:15-9:30              | <b>Welcome and Introductions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Welcome to the 2023 CHRN Event!</li></ul>   | Olivia Zimmerman (ECY)<br>Bobbak Talebi (ECY)  |
| 9:30-10:45             | <b>What is a Resilience Project? Regional &amp; Community Projects</b><br><i>Facilitated Panel and Q&amp;A</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Resilience Action Demonstration (RAD) Project</li><li>Westport Community Outreach Project</li><li>Aberdeen-Hoquiam Flood Protection Project</li><li>Whatcom County SLR Vulnerability and Risk Assessment</li></ul><br><i>Objective: Inspire and build motivation from current projects. Understand current projects and initiatives across communities.</i> | <b>Facilitator:</b><br>Jackson Blalock (WSG)<br><b>Panelists:</b><br>Kevin Goodrich (City of Westport)<br>Nick Bird (Aberdeen)<br>Chris Elder (Whatcom County) |
| 10:45-11:00            | <b>Break</b>   |  |
| 11:00-11:45            | <b>CHRN updates; Group discussion and brainstorming activity</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Recent developments for CHRN</li><li>Discussion and brainstorming: “What would you work on if you had unlimited capacity and resources?”</li></ul><br><i>Objective: Facilitate small group discussion about the kinds of work we’d like to see happen in the coastal hazards space.</i>   | Chandler Countryman (WSG)<br>Henry Bell (ECY)  |
| 11:45 am -<br>12:45 pm | <b>Lunch - Provided for Registered Attendees</b>   |  |
| 12:45 - 2:00           | <b>Addressing and overcoming barriers to advance climate resilience</b>  | <b>Facilitator:</b>  |

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|             | <p><i>Facilitated Panel and Q&amp;A</i></p> <p><i>Objective: Explore efforts that address the problem of limited resources and capacity in less resourced or highly vulnerable communities, and inspire resilience efforts moving forward.</i></p>   | <p>Henry Bell and Olivia Zimmerman (ECY)</p> <p><b>Panelists:</b><br/> Kas Guillozet (BEF)<br/> Brian McTeague (Squaxin Island Tribe)<br/> Rynn Lamb (FEMA Region 10)<br/> Laura Durgerian (Mithun)</p> |
| 2:00 - 2:15 | <b>Break</b>   |   |
| 2:15 - 3:30 | <p><b><i>New programs, initiatives, and legislation: state and federal investments in climate resilience</i></b><br/> <i>Speakers, presentations, and Q&amp;A</i></p> <p><i>Objective: Examine the landscape of climate resilience efforts following the legislative session and other recent investments.</i></p> | <p><b>Introduction</b><br/> Tim Gates (ECY)</p>   |
|             | GMA Model Climate Element Proviso Work (25 min)  | Sarah Fox, Michael Burnham, Gary Idleburg, and Alicia McAfee (Commerce)   |
|             | Updating the Statewide Strategy for Climate Resilience (15 min)  | Jennifer Hennessey (ECY)  |
|             | Coastal climate hazards: a multi-organizational approach to advance local efforts (15 min)   | Bobbak Talebi (ECY)   |
|             | NOAA coastal and climate resilience - projects and opportunities for Washington (10 min)   | Bree Turner and Gwen Shaughnessy (NOAA)   |
|             | Cascadia Coastlines and Peoples Hazards Research Hub - update on ongoing initiatives (10 min)  | Ali Burgos (CoPes Hub)  |
| 3:30 - 3:45 | <p><b><i>Looking forward and call to action</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wrap up and closing remarks</li> </ul>  | Ian Miller (WSG)  |
| 3:45 - 4:00 | <b>Adjourn</b>   |   |
| 4:30 - 6:30 | <b><i>Post-Event Happy Hour (optional): Northwest Beerwerks</i></b>  | <p><i>Location:</i><br/> 420 Steele St SE<br/> Olympia, WA 98501</p>  |

**Thank you to our Event Steering Committee Members!**

Henry Bell - Department of Ecology

Ian Miller - WA Sea Grant

Jackson Blalock - WA Sea Grant

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Harriett Morgan - Department of Fish and Wildlife

Kevin Goodrich - City of Westport

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