

CEER 2014 Dedicated Session Proposal

Title:

The Columbia Estuary Ecosystem Restoration Program: Strategic Prioritization and Implementation for Project Identification, Development, and Selection from a Multi-Stakeholder Perspective.

Summary:

The purpose this session is to describe methods and applications for strategic prioritization, development, and implementation of restoration projects to benefit juvenile salmon in the lower Columbia River and estuary. This restoration effort (\$10-20M per year) is conducted within the adaptive management framework of the Columbia Estuary Ecosystem Restoration Program, funded and led by the Bonneville Power Administration and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Description:

The session will focus on methods to strategically prioritize restoration actions and will provide examples of implementation (results). Presenters will address topics related to different "management" goals and perspectives in project development and selection all within the same estuarine system. Additionally, how scientific data and analyses are used to guide project development and selection will be discussed from the different perspectives.

Intended Audience:

The intended audience is managers, restoration practitioners, researchers, and others interested in the ecosystem restoration work underway in the lower Columbia River and estuary. Managers and practitioners from private, governmental, and Tribal organizations will learn from the different regional and agency perspectives. Participants will have an opportunity to interact with managers, scientists, and others intimately involved in the Columbia Estuary Ecosystem Restoration Program.

Session Organizer:

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Qualification of Organizer:

Mr. Blaine D. Ebberts has been involved with ecosystem restoration in the lower Columbia River and estuary since 2000. His current position is Habitat Program Manager for Ecosystem Restoration. Blaine leads the Portland District's efforts to restore ecosystems in the lower Columbia River and estuary in response to a Biological Opinion on operation of the Federal Columbia River Power System, and assist with restoration efforts from other restoration authorities. Blaine has been with the Corps for over 20 years in a career spanning work on hydrosystem operations, fish passage facilities, and ecosystem restoration. Blaine was a member of Greenpeace during the 1970s and helped thwart illegal whaling in the Pacific Ocean (see *Rolling Stone* magazine, Sept 1978.)

List of Potential / Invited Participants to Proposed Dedicated Session (minimum of 5):

Name <i>Proposed Presentation Title</i>	Contact Information
Catherine Corbett <i>Overview of the Habitat Restoration Prioritization Strategy for the lower Columbia River</i>	Lower Columbia Estuary Partnership 811 SW Natio Parkway Portland, OR 97204 503-226-1565 ext. 240 Corbett@lcrep.org
Si Simenstad <i>Landscape Planning Framework for Restoration and Protection of Juvenile Salmon Habitat using the Columbia River Estuary Ecosystem Classification</i>	University of Washington School of Aquatic and Fisheries Science PO Box 355020 Seattle, WA 98195-5020 206-543-7185 Simenstd@u.washington.edu
Ben Zelinsky <i>Columbia Estuary Ecosystem Restoration Program: Adaptive Management Strategy Report and Action Plan for Program Execution</i>	Bonneville Power Administration 905 NE 11 th Avenue Portland, OR 97232 503-230-4737 bdzenlisky@bpa.gov
Ron Thom <i>The Expert Regional Technical Group for Ecosystem Restoration</i>	Pacific Northwest National Laboratory Marine Sciences Laboratory 1529 W. Sequim Bay Road Sequim, WA 98382 Ron.thom@pnl.gov
Cynthia Studebaker <i>Synthesis Memo and Scientific Guidance in the Development of Ecosystem Restoration Projects (alternate talk)</i>	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers 333 SW First Avenue Portland, OR 97208-3495 503-808-4788 Cindy.a.studebaker@usace.army.mil

Note: proposed presentation titles may change.