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March 31, 2011

TO: Council Members

FROM: Steve Crow

RE: Presentation by PNWER about Columbia River Symposium this summer

Matt Morrison, Chief Executive Officer of PNWER will brief the Council on PNWER's activities and in particular the Columbia River Symposium that will take place in Portland this summer as part of PNWER's annual summit.

Founded in 1991, The Pacific NorthWest Economic Region (PNWER) is the only statutory, non-partisan, bi-national, public/private partnership in North America. PNWER was created by statute by the states of Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, Montana and Washington, the Canadian provinces and territories of British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Northwest Territories and the Yukon. It is the forum for collaborative, bi-national planning involving both the public and private sectors and offers leadership at the state/provincial level in Salem, Olympia, Boise, Helena, Juneau, Edmonton, Regina, Victoria, Yellowknife and Whitehorse, and at the national level in Washington, DC and Ottawa.

PNWER facilitates working groups consisting of public and private leaders to address specific issues impacting our regional economy. Each working group produces an action plan based on regional input.

PNWER's 21st Annual Summit will be held in Portland, Oregon, July 19-22, 2011, at the Hilton Hotel. The PNWER Annual Summit brings together over 600 key business and government leaders from PNWER's ten jurisdictions to form action items for the year and address policy issues affecting the region. This year PNWER will host a Columbia River Symposium during the Summit for Legislators and interested parties.

Attached is a bio of Mr. Morrison, Chief Executive Officer, PNWER.

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