



# E-News

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A publication of news and events affecting the Northwest environmental industry

## - FROM THE DIRECTOR -

Cara said I had to say this first. Due to some scheduling conflicts, our luncheon featuring Mark Rey, US Department of Agriculture, Under Secretary for the Natural Resources and Environment, has been changed to Thursday May 20th. The luncheon will be held in the same place, the Portland Hilton, and same time, 11:30 am. Please make a note of it.

Last issue I was maliciously censored by my editor (Cara). I can only hope that this message gets through without being altered! 11 years ago I took over the reigns of the Oregon Environmental Technology Association (OETA). I told myself, "Well, if this job lasts a year, that will be terrific!" Each year since then I've told myself the same thing. OETA grew into NEBC and I'm still here. For 11 years a dedicated group of professionals from the environmental industry have put in countless hours of effort, contributed generously, and committed themselves to this association. I have been the direct beneficiary of that commitment and effort. They have made my job easy. I have also benefited from a terrific and hard working staff. Running NEBC has been the highlight of my professional career. I am proud of what it has accomplished, I am honored by its recognition in the region, but mostly I have been humbled by the trust that the board, staff, and members of NEBC have placed in me over the years. The biggest tribute they have paid to me is their friendship. It is with a great sense of accomplishment and sadness that I will be leaving NEBC this summer.

My wife and I have decided to relocate our family to Tucson, AZ. We are both natives the southwest and this move will be a return to roots and family for us after 16 years here in Oregon. If I could take NEBC with me I would. I will miss the world's perfect job.

I am working with the NEBC Board of Directors on a transition plan. We will be posting a position announcement the week of May 10th and working towards finding a new Executive Director over the summer. I hope to see many of you at upcoming events. If I don't, let me thank you for your support of NEBC and me over the years. Be in touch.

-David Welsh

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leading industry organization. DWT's environmental and natural resource attorneys represent businesses, governmental entities and individuals in civil and criminal litigation, business and property transactions, infrastructure and resource development, and regulatory compliance matters. Our environmental practice group includes lawyers with governmental, technical, and industrial experience, which enables us to work efficiently with clients and consultants to find specific, practical and cost effective solutions to any environmental issue.

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## - INDUSTRY/ASSOCIATION NEWS -

### SMALL COMPANIES HAVE LARGE COMPANY NEEDS

Are you the type of company that requires team members to wear multiple hats? How much time do you spend on your employee benefits? Are you able to keep up with all the rules surrounding, Continuation, Cafeteria Plans, and your benefit offerings?

NEBC companies have solutions available for all of these problems through the NEBC benefits program. Even if you choose not to purchase the benefits available to NEBC members, you can still have access to the web-based administration tools provided by GET-Benefits, Inc. If your company provides supplies or services to NEBC members you may also qualify! Check out GET-Benefits at [www.getbenefitsinc.com](http://www.getbenefitsinc.com) or Call Tino Versoza at H-C & Associates today, for more information (800) 627-5345.

### BRINGING THE WORLD TO YOU! WASHINGTON STATE TRADE WEEK 2004

The International Trade Division of the Washington State Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development (CTED) invites you to attend Trade Week 2004. We are making stops in Seattle, Lynnwood, and Spokane from June 9 through June 11, 2004, bringing the world to you! Learn how to increase your overseas sales while meeting with Washington State's representatives from China, Japan, Korea and Taiwan and our two new representatives from Germany and Mexico. Free country briefings and private consultations will be held at all locations. Each country briefing features a foreign representative who will give an overview of current market conditions, hot topics, and tips for doing business in his/her market of expertise. There will be an informal time for discussion, so come prepared with questions! In addition, a limited number of private appointments with individual foreign representatives are available in each location. Sign up now to request an appointment! To reserve your place at Trade Week country briefings or to request a private appointment, please return the attached form by fax to: 206-256-6158. For more information, contact Carla Boon at 206.256.6144 or [carlab@cted.wa.gov](mailto:carlab@cted.wa.gov). For more information and to rsvp for the World Trade Club's Annual Dinner, please see the following website: [www.worldtradeclub.net](http://www.worldtradeclub.net).

## FIRST BIENNIAL CENTRAL & EASTERN EUROPEAN ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH CONFERENCE

First Biennial Central & Eastern European Environmental Health Conference – International Health Sciences Solving Common Problems will be held October 24-27, Prague, Czech Republic. Consultants and scientists in North America and Central and Eastern Europe will explore advanced methods for characterizing risks posed by waste sites, and for selecting effective control strategies. Technical sessions will define the magnitude and scope of environmental health problems of common interest. Additional sessions will explore methods of assessing both the extent of exposure and potential adverse effects associated with the release of hazardous chemicals. Sponsors include EPA, WHO, NIEHS, ATSDR. Additional information: <http://www.fi.muni.cz/ceehc> or [CEEHC04@cvm.tamu.edu](mailto:CEEHC04@cvm.tamu.edu)

## THE WILLAMETTE RIVER CONDITION REPORT

The publication of The Willamette River Condition Report is a significant milestone for River Renaissance and represents an unprecedented interbureau achievement. It is a comprehensive assessment of economic, ecological, recreational and urban development conditions of the Willamette River, including its tributaries and watersheds in Portland. The report will serve as the basis for informed policy-making, and project and program development, as we move forward in River Renaissance. The report describes constraints and opportunities, and identifies what each system needs to move towards a healthier state. The Willamette River Condition Report is a working draft that will be revised based on public comment, new information, and continued research. To learn more and to view the full report, visit [www.river.ci.portland.or.us](http://www.river.ci.portland.or.us) or contact River Renaissance at 503.823.7700.

## CALL FOR SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY ARTICLES

NEBC is an advocate for the use of sound science in all policy making. NEBC acts as a regional source of environmental expertise and science for local, state, and federal agencies, policy makers and the public. To that end the NEBC Board of Directors has established a working group to coordinate the collection of issues of interest to membership. The goal is to eventually maintain a collection of sources, including websites, organizations, and/or journals, that could benefit the professional development of NEBC members. The board is currently seeking input from members on which issues are of interest and a list of where individuals are looking for resources related to those topics. Please submit ideas to [cara@nebc.org](mailto:cara@nebc.org) or via fax at 503.222.5050.

## - MEMBER-TO-MEMBER -

### NEW ENVIRONMENTAL DIVISION MANAGER

NEBC Olympic Chapter Committee Member Bob Bergquist, has accepted a new position of Environmental Division Manager with Skillings Connolly of Lacey, Washington. Skillings Connolly employs about 80 people in offices located in Lacey, Missoula, Montana, Boise, Idaho, and Northern California. The company specializes in transportation, environmental, and water/wastewater civil engineering. Bob has been a member of the NEBC for the past 3 years and was formerly the Environmental Services Manager with Economic and Engineering Services, Inc. in Olympia.

### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

#### **Senior Engineer/Project Manager, Job Code: WA 001-04 ERM (Environmental Resources Management)**

ERM is seeking a Senior Engineer for our Seattle office. This individual will have project management responsibilities for large investigation and remediation projects with specific emphasis on soil and groundwater remediation technologies, systems, and operations. This is an opportunity to work on large, complex projects using the latest remediation technologies. The position requires 7+ years of experience in the environmental remediation field plus excellent communication and project management skills. An undergraduate degree in civil, chemical, mechanical or environmental engineering and OSHA HAZWOPER training (29 CFR 1910.120) are also prerequisites. Professional Registration in Washington state and understanding of Washington environmental regulations (i.e., Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA)) strongly preferred. Ideally, this individual will have experience managing projects involving chlorinated solvents and heavy metals. ERM offers full medical/dental benefits, performance-based growth, competitive compensation, and advancement from within. Please email resume as Microsoft Word attachment to [ermw\\_jobs@erm.com](mailto:ermw_jobs@erm.com) Include job title/code in the subject line of your email.

### EDUCATION

**Applied Electrofishing Principles and Practices - Effective Methods to Maximize Fish Survival Rates** hosted by the Northwest Environmental Education Council will be held May 25 - 26, 2004 at 8:30 A.M. to 4 P.M. (2 Days) at the Ecotrust Conference Center located at 721 NW 9th Avenue, Portland, Oregon. The class will be instructed by Jim Shannon, M.S., Taylor Associates. Course Description: Electrofishing is an effective way to sample freshwater fishes. However, electrofishing may cause fish injury or mortality. The proper balance between efficient sampling and minimal adverse effects to fish is achieved through understanding the principles of electricity and use of proper field techniques. This course will provide an one-day overview of electrofishing principles and practices and one-half day of field experience. On May 25, participants will spend the day in the classroom learning electrofishing principles and science. On May 26, participants will spend one-half day in the field learning backpack electrofisher techniques at a nearby stream. In the afternoon of May 26, we will process the results of the field session and develop a power transfer standardization program. This ensures that the same amount of power is transferred from the backpack electrofisher to the fish throughout a survey. To learn more and to register, please call 206.762.1976.

**Natural Resource Damage Assessment Workshop - A legal and technical analysis** host by the Northwest Environmental Education Council will be held June 29 - 30, 2004 at 8:30 A.M. to 5 P.M. (2 Days) at the Ecotrust Conference Center located at 721 NW 9th Avenue, Portland, Oregon. The class will be instructed by Valerie Ann Lee, Esq.; Dr. PJ Bridgen; and Aron Van Wallendael, Environment International, Inc. Course Description: Liability and recovery issues resulting from damages to our natural resources involve a labyrinth of regulations and assessment criteria. No fewer than five major federal acts, comprising thousands of statutes, have been enacted to address natural resource damages. Additionally, scientific and economic assessment is required to determine the extent of injury, monetize damages, and implement successful restoration techniques. The course will be based on a new publication from the Environmental Law Institute: Natural Resource Damage Assessment Deskbook: A Legal and Technical Analysis. The first of its kind in breadth and scope, the Deskbook offers a comprehensive survey of the law and techniques involved in natural resource damage assessment. The Deskbook is an easy-to-read and indispensable guide to natural resource damage assessment and is recommended for lawyers, policy makers, business owners, Native American Tribes, and environmental professionals alike.

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ENGINEERING AND ENVIRONMENTAL

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# Healthy Forest Initiative

An initiative for wildfire prevention and stronger communities

**Mark E. Rey**

**Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment**

On August 22, 2002, President Bush announced the Healthy Forest Initiative. The Healthy Forest Initiative is a hallmark piece of legislation for affecting sustainable forest practices and community building. Join us for a presentation by Mark E. Rey, Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment, on the Healthy Forest Initiative and how the initiative will help support the local Pacific Northwest economy and what the opportunities and challenges are that lie ahead.



## Special Thanks to our Event Sponsors!



**Thursday, May 20, 2004**

**11:30 AM – 1:30 PM**

**Hilton Portland & Executive Tower - Pavilion Ballroom  
921 SW 6th Avenue - Portland, Oregon 97204**

**\$40.00 each registered attendee**

### - Menu Selections -

Meat Entrée: Grilled Tuscan Chicken with Sundried Tomatoes and Porcini Mushrooms Served with an Asiago Risotto  
Veggie Entrée: Three Cheese Tortellini with a Rich Asiago Alfredo Sauce

*Pre-registration Recommended, timely meal not guaranteed without reservation. Walk-ins will be charged a \$5.00 service fee. Cancellations accepted until 12:00 PM, May 18, after which no-shows will be charged. For more information contact NEBC at (888) 609-NEBC or visit our website at [www.nebc.org](http://www.nebc.org). To attend, fax completed form with payment to (503) 222-5050 - OR – checks can be mailed with this form to: NEBC, PO Box 672, Portland, OR 97207.*

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Attendees (please circle entrée selection, see menu above):

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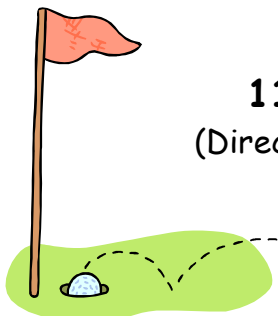
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# NEBC Olympic Chapter 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament & Barbeque



Thursday, June 24, 2004  
Harbour Pointe Golf Club

11817 Harbour Pointe Boulevard, Mukilteo, WA  
(Directions are available by calling the golf course at 425.347.2200)

**8:00 a.m. Shotgun Start, Scramble Format**

Registration will start at 7:30 a.m.

This event will be non-golfer fun and friendly!  
Bring your clients, employees, and friends.

Fill out and return with payment to NEBC, P.O. Box 672, Portland, OR 97207 or fax to 503.222.5050.

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Golfers: 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_  
3. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Individual Golfers x \$140 = \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Hole Sponsorship \$250 = \_\_\_\_\_

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**Total Enclosed = \_\_\_\_\_**

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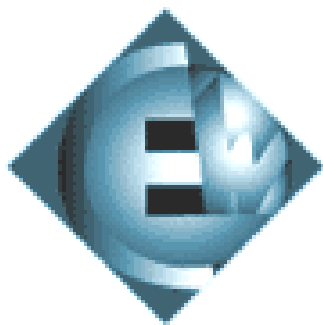
### Benefits for Golf Tournament Sponsors

- The first six (6) hole sponsors will be assigned contest holes
- Recognition of company during event and the opportunity to distribute and/or present company materials at the event
- Recognition of sponsors through signage at selected hole and in golf carts
- Company name and logo on all promotional materials distributed
- Access to attendee registration list and membership list for event promotional and recognition purposes

Sponsorships **do not** include golf. Contact your NEBC staff for more information at 503.227.6361. **Cancellations not received at least 48 hours in advanced will be charged.**

# Environmental Conference of Washington

The forum for current and emerging environmental management and policy issues  
Washington State Convention & Trade Center  
October 19 & 20, 2004



The Environmental Conference of Washington is part of the Association of Washington Business' (AWB) ongoing effort to keep companies informed of the numerous environmental laws, regulations and policy issues. Serving as Washington's states chamber of commerce, AWB has offered cost-effective, practical and timely information on environmental issues for over 11 years. AWB has partnered with the Northwest Environmental Business Council (NEBC) to bring you the most comprehensive forum in Washington

for in depth discussion of environmental policy, technical and regulatory issues. The conference is organized into three tracks so that you can tailor the program to meet your needs.

## Interested in Exhibiting?

Reserve your booth on the tradeshow floor of this premier event now! Space is limited and the trade show has sold out the last two years in a row. The tradeshow showcases companies offering advanced environmental technologies and services. This is a great opportunity for you to bring your latest innovations and service offerings in front of decision-makers, product buyers and the regulated community. For more information, please call Cara Bergeson at 503.227.6361 or email at [cara@nebc.org](mailto:cara@nebc.org).

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# Northwest Environmental Conference

A Forum for Practical Environmental Management



The Northwest Environmental Conference (NWEC) is the largest, most comprehensive environmental conference and tradeshow in the Pacific Northwest. NWEC's goal is to provide low-cost environmental management training to a broad range of environmental professionals.

The 2004 Conference continues more than 16 years of tradition of providing a forum to Help environmental professionals in the Pacific Northwest achieve environmental Excellence. The conference includes:

- NWEC tradeshow presented by the NEBC
- A pre-conference HAZWOPER training opportunity
- Table Talks - open discussions on hot environmental topics over breakfast

This year's conference will feature more interactive sessions, case studies, roundtable discussions facilitated breakfast table topic discussions, and plenty of networking opportunities. The conference sessions are divided into four tracks that address the needs of a diverse audience:

## Tracks:

**Environmental 101** – provides basic information to help businesses operate within compliance guidelines

**Advanced Technical** – provides practical advice on the latest technologies and techniques to improve environmental performance

**Advanced Leadership and Management** – highlights leading innovations in environmental management and ideas for operating “beyond compliance”

**Roundtable** – offers stimulating discussions on hot environmental topics

**[www.nwec.org](http://www.nwec.org)**

Online registration coming soon.

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Download the exhibitor application/contract at

<http://www.nwec.org/announce/NWECExhibitorApplicationContract.pdf>

**November 16 & 17, 2004**

DoubleTree Jantzen Beach Hotel  
Portland, Oregon

**Presented by:**

Associated Oregon Industries

Oregon Department of  
Environmental Quality

Washington Department  
of Ecology

Northwest Environmental  
Business Council

## - NEBC 2004 EVENTS CALENDAR -

<b>May</b>			
5	Olympic Chapter Luncheon – Topic: TBD	11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	McCormick & Schmick's Harborside – Seattle, WA
7	Olympic Chapter Mariners Night – SOLD OUT	5:00 PM	Safeco Field - Seattle, WA
20	Cascade Chapter Luncheon – Topic: Healthy Forest Imitative	11:30 AM – 1:30 PM	Hilton Downtown – Portland, OR
<b>June</b>			
24	Olympic Chapter Golf Tournament	7:30 AM – 1:00 PM	Harbour Pointe Golf Club – Mukilteo, WA
<b>July</b>			
15	Olympic Chapter Rooftop Mixer	5:00 PM – 7:30 PM	Hart Crowser – Seattle, WA
22	Cascade Chapter Golf Tournament	7:30 AM – 1:00 PM	Langdon Farms Golf Course – Aurora, OR
<b>September</b>			
1	Olympic Chapter Luncheon – Topic: TBD	11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	McCormick & Schmick's Harborside – Seattle, WA
9	Cascade Chapter Summer Mixer	5:00 PM – 7:30 PM	Lane Powell Spears Lubersky – Portland, OR
<b>October</b>			
7	Cascade Chapter Luncheon – Topic: TBD	11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	Fifth Avenue Suites – Portland, OR
19 -20	Environmental Conference of Washington	All Day	Washington State Convention & Trade Center – Seattle, WA
<b>November</b>			
3	Olympic Chapter Luncheon – Topic: TBD	11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	McCormick & Schmick's Harborside – Seattle, WA
16 - 17	Northwest Environmental Conference	All Day	DoubleTree Jantzen Beach – Portland, OR

**\*Events are subject change.**

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