Climate Change in the Northwest
“Tribal Perspectives”

Date and Location:
May 29-30, 2008 (Thursday and Friday)
Seattle Public Library Downtown
Microsoft Conference Room
1000 Fourth Ave.
Seattle, WA 98104

Goals and Objectives:
To inform regional Tribal leaders on the most current climate change science, and to provide an overview of the potential affects to Tribal Natural Resources. To provide a public policy overview of pending federal legislation in both the natural resource and energy sectors that may have implications for Tribes. To develop Tribal positions and/or action items.

Key Audience:
Regional Tribal Leaders and Directors of Tribal Natural Resources or Fish and Wildlife Departments.

First Day

9:00  Moderator Greeting
Roy Sampsel- Executive Director, Institute for Tribal Government, Hatfield School of Government, Portland State University

Opening
Stan Speaks, Director, Northwest Regional Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs

9:15  Climate Change and Implications for Conservation and Natural Resource Management
Jeff Burgett, Ph.D., US Fish and Wildlife Service

10:15  Understanding the Climate Drivers of the Pacific Northwest
Nate Mantua, Ph.D University of Washington Climate Impacts Group, Washington State Climatologist

10:35  Impacts of Climate Change on Hydrology and Water resources
Alan Hamlet, Ph.D, University of Washington Climate Impacts Group

11:00  Break

11:15  Climate Change Effects to Fisheries and Needed Actions
Jim Martin, Masters of Fisheries; Conservation Director, Berkley Conservation Institute at Pure Fishing; Board Member, National Wildlife Federation; Retired Chief, Fisheries, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and Salmon Advisor, Governor of Oregon

11:45  Q and A
12:00    Lunch Break

1:15  The Pacific Northwest's Changing Forests and Needed Actions
      David Peterson, Ph.D, U.S. Forest Service, Pacific Northwest Research Station

2:00  Regional Panel on Tribal Implications for Climate Change
      William Rodgers, J.D. (University of Washington Law School), Alan Parker (Evergreen State University), and Kyle Dittmer (Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission)

3:00  Q and A

3:30  Break

3:45  National Tribal Panel on Climate Change Implications in Indian Country
      Roger Pulwarty, Ph.D (National Drought Information System), Terry Williams-Natural Resources Director Tulalip, and Zoltan Grossman, Ph.D (Evergreen State)

5:00  Q and A

5:45  Reception at KLGates Law Firm

Second Day

9:00  Opening
      Ren Lohoefener, Regional Director, Region I, US Fish and Wildlife Service

9:15  Federal Legislation Overview with Potential Tribal Implications
      Mike Evans, KLGates Firm.

10:00  Q and A

10:15  Tribal Energy Update-Current and Pending Legislation
      Direlle Calica, Schaff & Clark-Deschene, LLC. Chris Stearns, Hobb, Stauss, Dean and Walker, LLP

10:45  Greetings and Congressional Perspectives from US Senator Maria Cantwell

11:15  Climate Change Mitigation: Congressional and State Efforts to Reduce Carbon Emissions-- The Western Climate Initiative
      --Tony Usibelli, M.S., Director of the Energy Policy Division of the Washington State Department of Community, Trade, and Economic Development (CTED); Washington State Coordinator for the West Coast Governors Global Warming Initiative.
      --Amit Ronen, Deputy Legislative Director from US Senator Maria Cantwell, WA, TBA (Senator Cantwell is a Member of the Indian Affairs Committee and the Energy and Natural Resources Committee)
      --Sarah Bittleman, Legislative Director, US Representative Darlene Hooley, Oregon (Rep. Hooley is a Member of the Energy and Commerce Committee)

12:15  Q and A

12:30  Lunch

1:30  Tribal Breakout Sessions on Regional Issues; Presentation and Moderation of Tribal Perspectives from Western Cascade Tribes (Mel Moon-Quileute Tribe,) and Eastern Cascade Tribes (Philip Rigdon-Yakama).
2:30 Break

2:45 Facilitate position papers and/or proposed action items for Regional Tribal consensus.

4:00 Q and A

4:30 Proposed follow-up actions and meetings.

5:00 Close