



# COLUMBIA RIVER GORGE COMMISSION

AGENDA – JULY 8, 2025

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The Gorge Pavilion

395 SW Portage Rd, Cascade Locks, Oregon

The meeting will take place in person **and** via Zoom Webinar

- 8:30 a.m. Commissioner “Meet and Greet” with continental breakfast:** Please feel free to come early to meet each other before the meeting begins. Coffee and light breakfast will be available for Commissioners.
- 8:45 a.m. *(Begin Call/Sign-in Testing for Video and Audio Connections -- Please review CRGC Zoom Protocol)***
- 9:00 a.m. Call to Order and Roll**
- 9:03 a.m. Approval of June 10, 2025, Commission Meeting Minutes**
- 9:05 a.m. Land Acknowledgment** – Amy Weissfeld
- 9:10 a.m. Treaty Tribe Word of the Day** – Carina Miller
- 9:15 a.m. Opportunity for Treaty Tribe Nations to Address Commission:** As part of the Government-to-Government consultation process, the Commission welcomes input from Treaty Tribe Nations on any issue on the agenda and any other matters.
- 9:20 a.m. Public Comment\*** for items related to the National Scenic Area not on the agenda.
- 9:25 a.m. USDA Forest Service Report:** Donna Mickley, Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Forest Supervisor and Nicolas Granum, Deputy Forest Supervisor, will provide an update on USDA Forest Service activities in the National Scenic Area.
- 9:35 a.m. Work Session:\* Developing the 2025-2027 CRGC Work Plan** - Krystyna U. Wolniakowski will provide an overview of a draft work plan for discussion based on the Commission’s priorities, administrative requirements to manage the agency, and staff and budget resources available.
- 10:55 a.m. BREAK**
- 11:10 a.m. Committee Reports:**
- Communications Committee
  - Economic Vitality Committee
  - Discuss Executive Committee Role
- 11:45 a.m. Information Item:\* New Vital Sign Indicators Portal** – Sage Ebel, Vital Signs and Natural Resources Planner will present the Vital Signs data hub to the commission along with the first Vital Signs annual report. The commission will be invited to

review the data hub following the meeting in a two-week preview period. The report will also include a brief presentation from A Hunter, the VSI Research Intern on his work on recreation equity in the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area.

**12:30 p.m. LUNCH**

**1:30 p.m. Work Session:\* Staff Assessment of Oak Policy Issues** – Lisa Naas Cook, Climate Program Manager, and Bryce Guske, Senior Land Use Planner, will provide an overview of a staff assessment of oak policy needs and issues that planners encounter in the National Scenic Area. The session will focus on key themes identified and include Commission discussion.

**2:40 p.m. Other Business**

**3:00 p.m. Adjourn**

*NOTE: The \* indicates that public comment is welcome and is limited to 3 minutes.*

**The times listed on the agenda are approximate. The chair of the Commission reserves the opportunity to change the order and time of the items if earlier agenda items run long or to accommodate invited speakers' schedules.**

**Meeting materials are available on our website [July 8, 2025, Gorge Commission Meeting](#).**

**GUIDELINES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

The Commission welcomes your input and offers the following guidelines for making your comments the most effective. If you wish to speak to the Commission during the public comment period or to address one of the agenda items marked for public input, please follow the Public Commission Meeting Protocol found on our website [July 8, 2025, Gorge Commission Meeting](#).

Be courteous and professional – Your message is best received if it has a neutral and professional tone. Address the issues and facts that are of interest to you, not personalities.

Effective use of public comment time – All speakers will be offered three (3) minutes to express their thoughts. The Chair may announce a change in a meeting's time limits to keep the meeting on schedule.

Plan your speaking points in advance to help ensure a clear message for the Commission to hear. The points you are making will have the most impact if you ensure their accuracy. Organize your thoughts in the following manner: your Point, Reasoning, an Example of your point, and a Summary of your point. The Commission strives to use this P.R.E.S. model in its discussions and will be listening to these parts of your message.

Please be respectful of your time so that others may also have an opportunity to speak.

**Submitting Written Comments**

If you would like your comments entered into the record, please email your written comments to [PublicComment@gorgecommission.org](mailto:PublicComment@gorgecommission.org) before noon on July 7, 2025, to allow the Commissioners adequate time to review your comments before the Commission meeting.

***Thank you again for commenting on issues important to you. We appreciate your interest in the future of the National Scenic Area and the time and thought you put into your comments.***