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Connecting Environmental Science With Economic Health

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1994-1998; 2001-Present

Mediator and facilitator for inter-jurisdictional, multi-party natural resource management collaboration and conflict resolution involving hydrology, geomorphology, biology, aquatics science, law, governance, socio-economic, cultural, historic, and many other factors.

Lois Schwennesen has a long and successful track record in:

- Collaborative natural resource policy development and implementation
- Multi-party, multi-issue conflict resolution
- Leading problem-solving teams through findings of fact, issues assessment, design of options for resolution, and development of settlement agreements or proposals
- Finding overlaps and connectivity in the perspectives and interests of entrenched, disparate, and conflicting parties to achieve progress satisfactory to the participants
- Mediating agreements of regional and national scope

Case examples:

- US Forest Service Land Management Planning Rule: Facilitated broad stakeholder collaboration and input into the rule-making process from the Pacific Northwest Region and USDA-FS government-to-government consultation with Tribal Leaders.
- Washington State Forest Practices Board Northern Spotted Owl Policy Working Group: Subsequent to litigation, facilitated State, Federal, timber, and conservation parties collectively to develop and recommend rules and initiatives to preserve spotted owl habitat.
- Jackson Hydroelectric Project, Skagit County: Facilitated multi-party negotiations for relicensing settlement agreement that addressed many complex natural resource issues.
- Tulalip Tribe Treaty Rights/Damages: Mediated negotiations between Tribal Leadership and Snohomish County Public Utility District in the State of Washington.
- N. Umpqua Hydroelectric Relicensing Settlement Agreement Implementation, Oregon: Provided conflict prevention and resolution to multi-party teams implementing protection, mitigation and enhancement projects.
- Lewis River Hydroelectric Relicensing, Washington: Co-mediated a settlement agreement signed by 26 competing interest groups, including two utilities, two Tribal Governments, and many local, State, Federal, community and environmental negotiators related to the operation of four hydropower projects.
- Oregon Blue Mountains Forest Plan Revision: Facilitated competing stakeholders work to collectively define issues and options for a revised, updated forest plan.
- Conflict Resolution Training: Taught classes for community, tribal, and government students at the University of Washington and Seattle University, and as needed for participants during case work.



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Mediator and Vice President, Triangle Associates, Inc.

1998-2001

Provided mediation, facilitation, strategic advice, and conflict resolution assessments and services. Collaboratively defined policy options and implementation mechanisms for projects involving local and tribal governments, utilities, state and federal agencies, private corporations, non-governmental organizations, and others.

Project examples:

- N. Umpqua River Hydroelectric Projects Relicensing, Oregon: Mediated a multi-issue settlement agreement among State, Federal, utility, conservation and other parties.
- Washington State Municipal Water Supply: Developed solutions to water supply policy conflicts for inclusion in the Governor's legislative package through a negotiated process with water districts and other parties representing a broad range of interests.
- Nuclear Waste Transfer: Worked with a nationally representative group of stakeholders to design a collective process for making inter-state nuclear waste transfer decisions.
- Hanford Budget: Facilitated nuclear site budget reductions with governmental, private contractor, tribal, and NGO participation.

Director of Parks, Planning, and Natural Resources, King County Washington

1983-1994

Management positions ranged from a 1 million dollar budget and 22 staff in 1983 to a 76 million dollar budget with 780 staff in 1993.

Developed and implemented land, water, and growth management policies in collaboration with 34 cities, the regional government, adjacent counties, and the State. Worked with Federal land management planning and implementation requirements of NFMA, ESA, NEPA and other Federal and State policies and regulations.

Directed a cabinet level agency responsible for King County's land use; natural resource management and policy; zoning; development and construction permitting; environmental protection; economic & cultural development; parks and recreation; and open space, trails, and wildland acquisition.

EDUCATION

Masters in Public Administration - Harvard University

1980

Emphasized natural resource management policy and administration.

Bachelor of Arts, Environmental Studies - University of California, Cum Laude

1973

Emphasized original research, environmental policy development and implementation.



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