

# PACIFIC NORTHWEST RIVER BASINS COMMISSION

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### SECOND ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING ANNOUNCED BY PACIFIC NORTHWEST RIVER BASINS COMMISSION

The second public organizational meeting of the Pacific Northwest River Basins Commission will be held in Vancouver, Washington, on June 2, at the "Inn at the Quay", it was announced today by the Commission's Chairman, Charles W. Hodde.

According to Hodde, major matters of business on the Commission's agenda will be adoption of preliminary bylaws and operating procedures; the description of duties and qualifications of several key staff members; and, forwarding the Commission's comments on Federal Rules and Regulations drafted by the Water Resources Council.

The Commission, which brings together representatives of all State and Federal water resource agencies in the Columbia Basin, selected Vancouver, Washington, as its permanent headquarters in its deliberations during the first organizational meeting in April.

It will establish a temporary office in Vancouver early in June. Negotiations are underway with the Port of Vancouver to provide a building for its permanent occupancy. Progress in this negotiation will be reported to the Commission.

States represented by members of the Commission include Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington and Wyoming--Federal Departments or indepen-

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dent agencies having a Commission member are Agriculture, Army, Commerce, Health Education and Welfare, Housing and Urban Development, Interior, Transportation, and the Federal Power Commission. The Chairman of the U. S. Entity for the Columbia River Treaty is also a member. The law provides also for one member from each interstate agency created by an interstate compact.

In accordance with provisions of the Water Resources Planning Act, the Commission will be the chief coordinating body for multiple purpose water and related land studies in the region and will sponsor and supervise the three major river basin studies now underway in the Northwest. It is also expected that the many current important studies and programs of the Technical Subcommittees, to be handed over to the Commission by the CBIAC, will be reviewed and accelerated.

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