



Briefing Notice

The Columbia River

Resilient and Healthy Rivers Series

Wednesday, January 15, 2025 • 2:00 - 3:30 PM EST

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The **Environmental and Energy Study Institute (EESI)** invites you to a briefing about climate adaptation, resilience, and mitigation strategies in the Columbia River basin. The Columbia, which winds through British Columbia, Oregon, and Washington state, is an important source of food, drinking water, irrigation, recreation, and clean energy for the Pacific Northwest. However, the effects of climate change have created and exacerbated problems like estuarine habitat loss, toxic algal blooms, low water levels, and diminished fish populations, highlighting the importance of finding science-based solutions to these issues.

This briefing will also discuss the outcomes of the **Uncommon Dialogue**, which brought together tribes, national and local government, the hydropower industry, and river conservation stakeholders to identify shared approaches to steward river health and safety while ensuring hydropower operations provide clean, affordable energy. Panelists will also discuss the role of federal investments in the Columbia River's resilience and health, including *Inflation Reduction Act* and *Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act* funding.

Speakers for this session include:

- ▶ **Jeremy Takala**, Chair, Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission
- ▶ **Miles Johnson**, Legal Director, Columbia Riverkeeper
- ▶ **Jackson Blalock**, Marine & Estuarine Resilience Program Manager, Pacific Conservation District
- ▶ **Elaine Placido**, Executive Director, Lower Columbia Estuary Partnership
- ▶ **Sarah Dyrda**, Northwest Region Director, American Rivers

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This event is free and open to the public.

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