

Dam Removal Funder Symposium

Hosted by American Rivers and The Resources Legacy Fund

Tuesday, April 30, 2024 through Wednesday, May 1, 2024

Reservoir Center for Water Solutions

301 Water Street, SE, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20003

APRIL 30

- 8:15am **Check-in starts**
- 9:00am **Logistics and Symposium Goals (Why We Are Here)**
Shara Sparks, Resources Legacy Fund
- 9:10am **Welcome and Opening Remarks on Dam Removal Goal-Setting and Needs**
Tom Kiernan, American Rivers, and Avi Garbow, Resources Legacy Fund
- 9:30am **Dam Removal, Climate Change, and Community Resilience: Importance of Dam Removal as a Multi-benefit Tool**
Facilitated by Brian Graber, American Rivers
- Panelists:
Dr. Sarah Null, Associate Professor, Utah State University
Dr. Leslie King, Commissioner, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
Kayeloni Scott, Executive Director, Columbia/Snake River Coalition
Kayed I. Lakhia, Director, National Dam Safety Program, FEMA
Erin McCombs, Southeast Conservation Director, American Rivers
- 10:45am **BREAK**
- 11:15am **Dam Removal and Sovereign Power of Tribal Nations in the Pacific Northwest**
Tom Kiernan in conversation with several Confederated Tribes of the Columbia River Basin
- 12:00pm **Guest Speaker**
- 12:20pm **LUNCH**
- 1:00pm **Guest Speaker**
- 1:20pm **Braiding Public and Private Philanthropy Funding Case Studies**
Facilitated by Serena McClain, American Rivers
- 1:40pm **Leveraging Private Philanthropy and Public Funding to Invest for Meaningful Change: Part I**
Facilitated by Serena McClain, American Rivers

Panelists:

Beth Lambert, Director, Massachusetts Division of Ecological Restoration
Shannon Boyle, Federal Interagency Fish Passage Task Force, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Jessica Edwards, Fisheries Restoration Program, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Michigan Dam Risk Reduction Grant Program (invited)

3:00pm

BREAK

3:30pm

Public-Private Funding Conversational Sessions

4:30pm

Day One Wrap Up

Brian Graber, American Rivers

5:00pm

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8:15am

Coffee and light refreshments

9:00am

Welcome

Brian Graber, American Rivers

9:20am

Siva Sundaesan, Deputy Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

9:40am

Leveraging Private Philanthropy and Public Funding to Invest for Meaningful Change: Part II

Facilitated by Andrea Keller Helsel, Hewlett Foundation

Panelists:

Keytra Meyer/Pimm [Tripp](#) Allen, Humboldt Area Foundation

Richard Whitman, Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board

California Department of Fish and Wildlife (invited)

Nathaniel Gillespie, Assistant National Fish Program Lead, U.S. Forest Service

10:40am

BREAK

10:50am

Next Steps: Where do we go from here?

Facilitated by Brian Graber and Serena McClain, American Rivers

12:00pm

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