

## **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 begins**

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 **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

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

Michigan Dam Risk Reduction Grant Program (invited)

2:15pm

**BREAK**

2:30pm

**Plenary Talk**

2:50pm

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

*Facilitated by Andrea Keller Helsel, Hewlett Foundation*

Panelists:

Humboldt Area Foundation

Richard Whitman, Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board

California Department of Fish and Wildlife

NOAA

3:50pm

**Public-Private Funding Conversational Sessions**

4:50pm

**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

**Plenary Talk**

9:40am

**Braiding Public and Private Philanthropy Funding Case Studies**

*Facilitated by Serena McClain, American Rivers*

Panelists: National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (invited); Native Americans in Philanthropy (invited); Resources Legacy Fund

10:20am

**BREAK**

10:30am

**Plenary Talk**

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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