

Rachel's Network 2024 Spring Meeting: Women's Environmental Leadership in the Pacific Northwest
May 6-10; Snoqualmie & Seattle, WA

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ACTIVITIES ONLY

SUNDAY, MAY 5		
5:00-6:15 pm	BOARD WELCOME RECEPTION	Riverside Patio First Floor Suite (Room 121) & Hidden Terrace, Salish Lodge
6:30-8:00 pm	BOARD OF DIRECTORS DINNER	Cliffside Room, Salish Lodge
MONDAY, MAY 6		
8:00-8:45 am	SOCIAL BREAKFAST	Wine Cellar, Salish Lodge
9:00am-4 pm	BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING WITH LUNCH	Meeting: Cliffside Room, Salish Lodge Lunch: Riverside Patio First Floor Suite (Room 121) & Hidden Terrace

SPRING MEETING AGENDA

MONDAY, May 6
6-8pm

WELCOME RECEPTION & SOCIAL DINNER

Visit the Snoqualmie Falls Visitor Center to learn about local Tribal history and enjoy a heavy hors d'oeuvres dinner reception with other women funders.

Snoqualmie Falls Visitor Center

TUESDAY, May 7

8-9am

BREAKFAST

Ballroom, Salish Lodge

9-10am

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

President **Fern Shepard** and Board Chair **Kef Kasdin** set the stage for our time together. Attendees introduce themselves and their funding passions.

Ballroom, Salish Lodge

10-10:30am

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Snoqualmie Falls and the surrounding area is the most important sacred site to the Snoqualmie Tribe and is central to the history, spiritual practice, and identity of the Snoqualmie people. Honor this land and its people while overlooking the falls.

Snoqualmie Falls Visitor Platform

10:30-11am

BREAK

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11am-12:30pm

PANEL: GROUNDING IN PLACE—EXPLORING REGIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

A panel of women leaders discuss environmental issues facing the Pacific Northwest, including deforestation of old-growth forests, wildfires, recreational impacts, and habitat restoration for native species. Moderated by Rachel's Network Catalyst Award Director **Shreya Durvasula**.

Panelists:

- Snoqualmie Tribe Executive Director of Governmental Affairs & Special Projects **Jaime Martin**
- Birds Connect Seattle Executive Director **Claire Catania**
- The Mountaineers Conservation & Advocacy Director **Betsy Robblee**

Ballroom

12:30-1:30pm

SOCIAL LUNCH

Enjoy a buffet lunch in our first-floor patio suite or outside on the Hidden Terrace overlooking Snoqualmie Falls.

Riverside Patio First Floor Suite (Room 121) & Hidden Terrace

1:30-2pm

BREAK

2-3:30pm

PANEL: PACIFIC NORTHWEST WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP & WATER

Hear from experts on river and estuary ecology, dam removal, and salmon restoration. Moderated by Earthjustice Senior Attorney **Patti Goldman**.

Panelists:

- Duwamish River Community Coalition Executive Director **Paulina López**
- *Seattle Times* environment reporter and author **Lynda Mapes**
- Ridges to Riffles Indigenous Conservation Group Vice-Principal of Operations **Molli Myers**

Ballroom

3:30-5:45pm

BREAK OR OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

Relax or participate in one of the following optional activities:

- **Self-Guided Hike to Snoqualmie Falls** (1.4-mile round trip, 331 ft elevation gain, approximately 45 minutes)
- **Self-Guided Walk to Downtown Snoqualmie** (1.1-mile flat walk; enjoy the historic train depot, shops, and restaurants)
- **Visit the Salish Lodge Spa** (advance appointment required)
- **Drop-in Dragonfly Partners Office Hours** – learn more from **Allison Budschalow** about her work with the Rachel's Network board of directors

6-6:45 pm

EVENING RECEPTION

Riverside Patio First Floor Suite (Room 121) & Hidden Terrace

7-9pm

KEYNOTE DINNER: ADVOCACY AND ORGANIZING FOR THE 2024 ELECTION

Washington Conservation Action (WCA) CEO **Alyssa Macy** shares her organization's work to

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protect the environment, strengthen democracy, and organize communities in the midst of a significant election season. Hosted by Rachel's *Action* Network.

Introduction by **Katie Davis**
Ballroom

WEDNESDAY, May 8

8-9:30am

BREAKFAST ROUNDTABLES

Join Rachel's Network members for informational conversations on various topics and projects.

Table topics include:

- Funding Indigenous Leadership to Save the Amazon, led by **Marcia Angle**
- The Importance of Wildlife Conservation, led by **Angela Chabot**
- How to fund the transition from fossil fuels to clean energy, led by **Katie Davis**
- Rachel's Network Catalyst Award, led by **Shreya Durvasula**
- Electing Women Climate Leaders, led by **Ning Mosberger-Tang**

Ballroom

9:30-9:45 am

BREAK

9:45–11am

PANEL: FUNDING CLIMATE RESILIENCE IN THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST

Women environmental funders share their motivations, strategies, and success stories. Moderated by **Angela Chabot**.

Panelists:

- SVP Seattle Executive Director **Emiko Atherton**
- Na'ah Illahee Fund Executive Director **Susan Balbas**
- Washington Women's Foundation President & CEO **Maria Kolby-Wolfe**

Ballroom

11-11:15am

BREAK

11:15am-12:30 pm

PANEL: WASHINGTON STATE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY & LEADERSHIP

Two of Washington state's top environmental leaders in the legislature share their success stories and policy priorities. Hosted by Rachel's *Action* Network and moderated by 1.5°Climate Strategies Group Founder & President **Ning Mosberger-Tang**.

Panelists:

- WA State Representative **Davina Duerr** (1st Legislative District)
- WA State Representative **Debra Lekanoff** (40th Legislative District)

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BREAK

2-3:30pm

PANEL: WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP AND MARINE SPECIES PROTECTION IN PUGET SOUND

Part of the Salish Sea, Puget Sound is a complex estuarine system of interconnected marine waterways and basins in the Pacific Northwest and is the second largest estuary in the US. The Sound is home to marine mammals, fish, and humans, and provides life to all. Learn about women's leadership to protect the future of Puget Sound and the species that rely on it.

Moderated by Wild Lives Foundation Chief Operating Officer **Rachel Rivera**.

Panelists:

- SR3 Marine Mammal Research Director **Holly Fearnbach**
- Puget Sound Partnership Director of Ecosystem Recovery **Kirsten Feifel**
- Sea Potential Co-founder/Director of Corporate Advancement **Ebony Welborn**

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KEYNOTE DINNER: TRIBAL ECOSYSTEM STEWARDSHIP

Hear from former President of the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) **Fawn Sharp** about the importance of Indigenous wisdom, Tribal sovereignty, and land stewardship in fighting climate change.

Introduction by **Kimberley Milligan**

Ballroom

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THURSDAY, MAY 9

7:30-8:30am

GRAB & GO BREAKFAST

Ballroom

SEATTLE ADVENTURE DAY (FULL EXPERIENCE REGISTRATION REQUIRED)

8:30-5pm

**FIELD TRIP WITH LUNCH
(TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED)**

Enjoy a two-hour private cruise down the [Green-Duwamish River](#) and learn about advocacy and restoration efforts led by women leaders. Featuring American Rivers Northwest Region Director **Sarah Dyrda** and Duwamish River Community Coalition Executive Director **Paulina López**.

After a private lunch at Salty's on Alki Beach and quick stroll along the Whale Trail, hear from SR3 Executive Director **Casey Mclean**, during a behind-the-scenes tour of [SR3's SeaLife Rescue Center](#), the Pacific Northwest's only hospital dedicated to marine wildlife.

Check in to your Puget Sound-view room at Seattle's historic Edgewater Hotel and relax or go for a walk before dinner (*sleeping rooms at Edgewater Hotel provided as part of Seattle adventure day registration*).

7-9pm

CLOSING DINNER

Forest Room, Restaurant Six/Seven, Edgewater Hotel