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## West Coast Environmental Law Dialogues for Legal Innovation

### **About West Coast Environmental Law's *Dialogues for Legal Innovation***

West Coast Environmental Law is pleased to present the first in a series of dialogues for legal innovation designed to engage thought-leaders and decision-makers in achieving law reform that protects the environment. West Coast's *Dialogues for Legal Innovation Series* will bring together diverse perspectives to help shape solutions to complex legal and policy issues that affect the well being of British Columbians and our communities.

**PLEASE NOTE THIS EVENT IS AT MAXIMUM CAPACITY AND REGISTRATION HAS CLOSED**

### **About West Coast Environmental Law**

West Coast Environmental Law is dedicated to safeguarding the environment through law. For over 35 years, our staff lawyers have successfully worked with communities, First Nations peoples, non-governmental organizations, the private sector and all levels of governments to develop proactive legal solutions to protect and sustain the environment. West Coast uses in-depth legal analysis and research to engage citizens in changing the law, and has helped establish and shape many of BC's most significant environmental legislative initiatives. We believe in a just and sustainable society where people are empowered to protect the environment and where environmental protection is enshrined in law.

### **About The Dialogue: *Emerging Solutions for Clean Green Power***

West Coast Environmental law invites you to join us on January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2010, to discuss legal and policy solutions to advance truly clean, green, renewable electricity generation in BC.

This dialogue will include short presentations from leaders in the field of sustainability and energy planning, including Prof. Bob Gibson, (University of Waterloo) and Prof. Mark Jaccard (Simon Fraser University), as well as West Coast Environmental Law staff lawyer Josh Paterson. Presentations will focus on introducing and elaborating on the 2009 *Recommendations for Responsible Clean Energy Development in British Columbia*; however, the principal focus of the evening will be on a high level facilitated discussion by dialogue participants. Audience members will be given the opportunity to ask questions as our dialogue participants explore the issues:

- Why is electricity that is clean and green important?
- What will it take to make viable legal and policy shifts to enable clean green power in BC?
- What needs to be done to build on emerging solutions for clean green power in BC?

Please join us – by participating you become part of the solution.

For inquiries please contact Lucia Beamish: [WCEL.DialogueSeries@gmail.com](mailto:WCEL.DialogueSeries@gmail.com).

**Date:** January 11, 2010

**Location:** Morris J Wosk Centre for Dialogue - Asia Pacific Hall  
580 West Hastings Street (enter via Seymour Street courtyard entrance)

**Time:** 6:30 – 9:30 pm

**Cost:** Admission is free but attendees are invited to make a donation to West Coast to support our work on law reform for clean, green electricity in BC: [www.wcel.org](http://www.wcel.org).

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## **Dialogue Participant Profiles: *Emerging Solutions for Clean Green Power***

**Jim Abram, Representative Electoral Area 'C', Strathcona Regional District.** Director Abram has been a CSRD, now SRD director since February 1988. He served on the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) executive for 10 years and was UBCM's president for the 2000-2001 term.

**Gwen Barlee, Policy Director and Executive Team member, Western Canadian Wilderness Committee:** With a background in political science, Ms. Barlee's focus is on species at risk and she is also active in resource policy and parks campaigns.

**Tzeporah Berman, Executive Director, PowerUP Canada:** PowerUP Canada is a new nonprofit citizen's initiative calling for stronger laws, investments and policies to support the expansion of a clean economy and to combat global warming.

**Melissa Davis, Executive Director, Citizens for Public Power:** Joining the organization in July 2007, she brings over 20 years experience in the non-profit sector—chiefly in the areas of cause-related marketing, communications, and resource development—and a commitment to social justice issues.

**Robert Gibson, Professor and Associate Chair, Graduate Studies, University of Waterloo:** Prof. Gibson works mainly on environmental and sustainability policy issues. His works has centered on decision-making successes and failures in environmental planning, assessment and regulation in various Canadian jurisdictions.

**Matt Horne, Director, BC Energy Solutions, Pembina Institute:** Mr. Horne works to advance policy that will reduce greenhouse gas emissions in BC and provide replicable models for Canada. He has worked directly with municipalities and First Nations in BC to develop community and regional climate and energy plans.

**Nicholas Heap, Climate and Energy Policy Analyst, David Suzuki Foundation:** On staff with the David Suzuki Foundation since 2005, Mr. Heap has worked with government, scientists, energy experts, and activists to advance sustainable energy solutions for government, utilities, and for the private sector.

**George Hoberg, Professor, Department of Forest Resources Management, University of British Columbia:** Prof. Hoberg specializes in natural resource policy and governance. A political scientist by training, his main research and teaching focus recently has been on sustainable energy policy in Western Canada, focusing on the oil sands and BC electricity.

**Mark Jaccard, Professor, School of Resource and Environmental Management (REM), Simon Fraser University:** Mr. Jaccard is a professor specializing in energy system sustainability at REM at SFU. He chaired the BC utilities commission from 1992-97. He is currently serving on the IPCC special report on renewables and is lead author for sustainable energy policy with the Global Energy Assessment.

**Paul Kariya, Executive Director, Independent Power Producers Association (IPPBC):** IPPBC works to develop a viable independent power industry in British Columbia that serves the public interest by providing cost-effective electricity through environmentally responsible development of the Province's energy resources.

**Kekinusugs, Judith Sayers, School of Law and Business, University of Victoria and Former Chief Hupacasath First Nation:** Ms. Sayers specializes in aboriginal economic development. Her community has developed a community energy plan and sits on a Public Advisory Panel for the Canadian Electricity Association.

**Lannie Keller, Coordinator, Friends of Bute Inlet:** A community activist with strong concern for environment and social justice, Lannie runs her home and backcountry tour lodges with small scale renewable energy systems. She is a full time resident of the Bute Inlet area.

**Doug Konkin, Deputy Minister of Environment and Climate Action, Government of BC:** Mr. Konkin was appointed Deputy Minister, Ministry of Forests in 2003. He has been in government service for over 25 years with a background in forest sciences and resource planning.

**Cam Matheson, Director of Energy Planning, BC Hydro:** Mr. Matheson is responsible for overseeing BC Hydro's long term power planning, demand and market forecasting, transmission planning and regulatory filings. He has also worked in BC Hydro's power operations, environmental, and aboriginal relations over the last 12 years.

**Craig Orr, Executive Director, Watershed Watch:** Mr. Orr has been a professional ecologist for more than 30 years and helps Watershed Watch in its efforts to conserve water and salmon habitat, and to minimize impacts to wild salmon and those caused by climate change.

**Josh Paterson, Staff Counsel, West Coast Environmental Law:** Mr. Paterson is the Aboriginal and Natural Resources lawyer at West Coast Environmental Law, where he works with First Nations and communities to advance law reform solutions that hasten the transition away from fossil fuels and toward truly sustainable renewable sources of energy.

**Tom Pedersen, Director, Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions (PICS), University of Victoria:** Hosted and led by the University of Victoria, PICS builds on the strengths of BC's four research-intensive universities to develop innovative climate change solutions and lead the way to a vibrant low-carbon economy.