

2018 Western Regional Meeting

DATES

Monday – Wednesday
September 24 – 26

LOCATION

The Heathman Lodge
Vancouver, Washington

SPECIAL EVENT

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Save the Dates

We are proud to announce that 2018 marks the 75th anniversary of NCASI! The 2018 Regional Meetings will celebrate this significant milestone and the combined accomplishments of industry environmental leaders and NCASI staff over the past 75 years.

NCASI Regional Meetings are a “must-attend” for mill, forest landowner, and corporate environmental professionals, regardless of job experience. These meetings are the primary forums connecting NCASI technical studies to real-time issues impacting facilities and working forests. Regional Meetings also serve to highlight the breadth and depth of NCASI expertise and resources available to Member Companies. Attending the meeting is the best way to leverage this information toward solving operational issues.

It is NCASI's goal to have every Member operating facility represented at one of the Regional Meetings and celebrations.

Plans are now being developed for the 2018 Western Regional Meeting scheduled for September 24-26 at the Heathman Lodge in Vancouver, Washington. The program is being organized by a team of NCASI Staff with guidance from the West Coast Regional Committee.

Three workshops are planned for Monday afternoon, September 24:

- an Environmental Regulations “Bootcamp” covering essential regulations and their application in the forest products industry;
- two sequential roundtables on water and air permitting (concurrent with the Bootcamp); and
- a combined workshop on Leveraging NCASI Resources.

Immediately following the workshops on Monday NCASI will host a reception to welcome all attendees to the Western Regional Meeting.

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Tuesday morning's **General Session** will feature a keynote speech, provide summary perspectives on NCASI's contributions over 75 years, and cover topics of general interest.

The **Water Quality Technical Session** on Tuesday afternoon will cover water topics of local and national interest as well as technical study findings useful to mill environmental staff. Also Tuesday afternoon, the **Wood Products Technical Session** will focus on plywood and composite wood products (PCWP) MACT and other wood products regulatory and technical issues, including updates on NCASI research.

Registrants are invited to participate in **a dinner cruise on the Portland Spirit** on Tuesday evening in celebration of NCASI's 75 years of service to the industry. Buses will provide transportation to and from the meeting hotel. The cruise and dinner are included with registration to the meeting, and non-participating guests may attend for a nominal fee.

Wednesday will comprise three sessions. The **Sustainability and Climate Technical Session** will include presentations on an array of trending sustainability concepts such as the "circular economy" and opportunities for beneficial use, the valuation of "natural capital," and big data in sustainability. The **Air Quality Improvement Session** will cover regulatory and technical topics of interest including emissions testing, particulate matter, and HAPs. A concurrent **Forestry Technical Session** will be held all day on Wednesday, during which research about the effects of contemporary forest practices on biodiversity, water, and wildlife will be discussed.

Those with Professional Engineering, Certified Forester, or other certifications should note that NCASI is an approved Continuing Professional Competency sponsor and can offer professional development credits to those attending this Regional Meeting.

Details on meeting content and registration will follow. For information, contact Karen Phelps (kphelps@ncasi.org) at the West Coast Regional Center.