

2018 Western Regional Meeting

DATES

Monday – Wednesday
September 24 – 26

LOCATION

The Heathman Lodge
Vancouver, Washington

SPECIAL EVENT

Dinner Cruise

To celebrate NCASI's 75th anniversary, all meeting attendees are invited to join us on Tuesday evening for a dinner cruise on the Portland Spirit. Transportation will be provided from the hotel.

FIRST CALL

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 made for the 2018 Western Regional Meeting scheduled for Monday through Wednesday, 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.

This year's meeting will continue the tradition of sharing technical and regulatory information of interest to the forest products industry in this region. The program will include discussions of NCASI and industry technical and forest management studies, as well as important regulatory developments. Attendance by member company personnel and invited regulatory and university researchers concerned with these areas is encouraged.

PROGRAM

Three **workshops** are planned for Monday afternoon, September 24:

- Environmental Regulations “Bootcamp” covering essential federal environmental regulations and their application in the forest products industry
- Two sequential roundtable discussions on water and air permitting (concurrent with the Bootcamp)
- 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.

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

The **Water Quality Technical Session** on Tuesday afternoon will cover topics of local and regional interest, including state water program updates and technical topics such as assessments for fecal indicator bacteria and experience with a membrane bioreactor. Also Tuesday afternoon, the **Wood Products Technical Session** will focus on plywood and composite wood products (PCWP) MACT, atmospheric dispersion modeling, experience with biofilters, and treatment of wood products mill wastewater.

On Tuesday evening, registrants are invited to participate in a **dinner cruise on the Portland Spirit** 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. The cruise operators may require photo identification for boarding. **RSVPs must be received by Monday, September 10.**

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 national and regional regulatory and technical topics of interest including novel emissions testing, permitting a production expansion, and implementation of the revised Subpart MM MACT rule. 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. Research presented will include terrestrial and aquatic biodiversity and fish responses to contemporary forest management practices, as well as habitat and diet for species of conservation concern.

REGISTRATION

Those planning to attend the meeting can register online at [2018 Western Regional Meeting](#). Please note that government agency personnel and university staff are asked to share the cost of the meeting by paying a reduced registration fee. Lunch will be provided on each day for those who pre-register, and all registrants are invited to attend the Monday reception and the Tuesday dinner cruise.

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.

LODGING

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Heathman Lodge with a cutoff date for reservations of Sunday, September 9. Reservations can be made by telephoning the Heathman Lodge at 888-475-3100 prior to the cutoff date and requesting NCASI's room rate. A special rate of \$143.00 (plus taxes and fees) per night has been arranged for the NCASI Western Regional Meeting. Upgrade to 'Business Level' is available for an additional fee. Note that the room block rate is not available when making reservations online.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

A second meeting notice containing a preliminary agenda will follow. If you have questions about the meeting, please contact Paul Wiegand (919-941-6417 or pwiegand@ncasi.org). Jake Verschuyl (360-293-4748 or jverschuyl@ncasi.org) can assist with matters regarding the Forestry Session. For general information, contact Karen Phelps (kphelps@ncasi.org) at the West Coast Regional Center.

We look forward to seeing you at the 2018 West Coast Regional Meeting!

[Register
Here](#)