

Partnership Discussion for Mekong River Commission  
(MRC) Study Tour to the Columbia River ( May 1, 2008,  
Portland)

Dear Participant,

Thank you for agreeing to participate in this discussion. I have attached a list of interests that the participants from the MRC generated on Day 1 of the study tour. They show some of the most important interests and questions which they would like to have addressed during the study tour.

I have put several of the items in bold print. These items concern stakeholder and public participation, negotiations and partnerships. We want to create an open atmosphere to share your experiences and perceptions of these areas; the positives and negatives. By sharing your perceptions and experiences of the Columbia River regarding these areas, we hope to address the participants' interests in reflected in the attached list.

Since they are interested in lessons learned, here are 3 suggested questions that you might address:

1. Describe the partnership and/or experience of participation in the Columbia River system sties and decisions; the substantive issues of concern and the process of the involvement?
2. What do you think is positive and or negative and why?

3. What do you think are key lessons for participation process and what would you change - if anything?

I will act as facilitator and moderator for the discussions. We will have five panelists and approximately two hours.

I propose the following process.

1. I will ask for a ten minute presentation from three of the panelists (or organization) – this should take about 30 minutes.

2. I will then engage the panelist by asking some useful and provocative questions to all the panelists to stimulate some discussion among the panelists – this should last about 15 minutes.

3. I will then ask for ten minute presentations from the remaining two panelists (organizations) – this should take 20 minutes.

4. I will then engage the panelists by asking some useful and provocative questions to all the panels again – this should take about 15 minutes

5. I will then engage the all the panelist and participants in open discussions which hopefully addresses the questions they raised on day 1 – this should take the final 40 minutes.

We will conclude with a quick summary of major points.

Thank you again for your participation,

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