Gain updates essential to your practice in this year’s environmental law year in review. Learn about the July 2020 revisions to Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations implementing the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) and their potential effects. Delve into water resource management issues as they relate to the Endangered Species Act. Receive updates on Oregon forest law and policy, as well as Superfund legal updates and ADR tools for your next environmental negotiation. Explore Oregon ocean and coastal law including wind development, fisheries and pollution. The ethics of storytelling in environmental advocacy will also be explored.

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8:30 Introductory Remarks
Maura Fahey, CLE Chair, ENR Section Chair-Elect, Crag Law Center, Portland, OR
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8:40 Crystal Balls and Tea Leaves: NEPA Implementation in a Changing Landscape
• July 2020 revisions to Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations implementing the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA)
• The potential effects of these revisions on national forestlands
• Filed and prospective litigation challenging CEQ and NEPA revisions
• What the future holds for the two agencies promulgating these rules
Susan Jane Brown, Western Environmental Law Center, Portland, OR
Elizabeth Rosso, Jordan Ramis PC, Portland, OR

9:40 Transition

9:45 ESA Issues in Water Resources Management
• Irrigation and water management and the impact on species listed under the Endangered Species Act
• Intersection of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and tribal reserved rights—Baley v. United States and Klamath Irrigation District v. Bureau of Reclamation
• Ongoing effort by Deschutes Basin Board of Control and City of Prineville to develop a habitat conservation plan
David Filippi, Stoel Rives LLP, Portland, OR
Thane Somerville, Morisset Schlosser Jozwiak & Somerville, Seattle, WA

10:45 Transition

10:50 Superfund Legal Update & ADR Tools for Your Next Environmental Negotiation
• Recent developments in Superfund law
• Mediation and arbitration of multi-party environmental matters
• Allocation factors unique to environmental disputes and presenting them during allocation and mediation
Ashley Carter, Portland Office of City Attorney, Portland, OR
Mark Schneider, Perkins Coie LLP, Seattle, WA

11:50 Lunch

12:20 Oregon Forest Law and Policy Update
• Litigation updates and recent legal and regulatory changes to forest management of Oregon’s state, federal, and private forestlands
• Amendments to the Eastside Screens governing federal forest management
Ralph Bloemers, Crag Law Center, Portland, OR
Sara Ghafouri, American Forest Resource Council, Portland, OR

1:20 Transition

1:25 1200-z General Permit Rulemaking
• DEQ’s revised rulemaking for the NPDES 1200-z stormwater general permit, process, and expected timeline
• Draft provisions of the 1200-z rulemaking
• Water quality-based effluent limitations
Justin Green, Water Quality Division Administrator, Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, Portland, OR
Stacy Hibbard, Environmental Program Manager, City of Portland, OR
James Saul, Earthrise Law Center, Portland, OR

2:25 Transition

2:30 Ocean and Coastal Law: A Primer on Governance, Wind Development, Fisheries, and Pollution
• Fisheries management and plastics pollution
• Overview of Oregon’s ocean and coastal regulatory program
• Regulatory framework that applies to offshore wind development
Tara Brock, Oceana, Portland, OR
Josh Franklin, Chief Development Officer, Progression Energy, San Diego, CA
Heather Wade, Coastal Policy Specialist and Senior Planner, State of Oregon, Salem, OR

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3:30 Transition

3:35 The Ethics of Storytelling in Environmental Advocacy

- How strong advocacy can inadvertently cross ethical lines
- Examples of ethical and unethical interactions with a fact finder or regulator
- ORPC rules 1.6, 3.3, 4.1, and 8.4

Steve Johansen, Lewis & Clark Law School, Portland, OR

4:35 Closing Remarks

Maura Fahey, CLE Chair, Crag Law Center, Portland, OR

4:40 Adjourn

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