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Speaker Bios

Sharon Buccino

Sharon Buccino is a Senior Attorney and Director of the Land & Wildlife program at the Natural Resources Defense Council, a non-profit organization dedicated to protection of the environment and public health. Ms. Buccino has worked in NRDC's Washington, DC, office since 1993. She represents NRDC in court, before Congress and federal agencies. Her current work focuses on energy policy, the National Environmental Policy Act, and open government. She worked on the Indian Energy title in the Energy Policy Act of 2005.

Prior to joining NRDC, Ms. Buccino practiced environmental and administrative law with a private firm in Washington, DC. She also served as a law clerk for the Alaska Supreme Court. Ms. Buccino earned her J.D. from Stanford Law School and her B.A. from Yale University.

Brian Kummet, Nez Perce Tribe- Brian began his career in 1984 as a Timber Cruiser for the BLM in Missoula, Mt. The following summers of 1985 & 1986 were spent in Dillon, Mt. with the BLM on an Engine Crew in Wildland Fire Suppression. After graduating in 1986 from the University of Wisconsin at Stevens Point with a B.S. degree in Forest Management, Brian worked as a Project Forester for the Menominee Tribe in Northeastern Wisconsin from 1986 to 1989. In 1989, Brian was promoted to a Timber Sale Administration Forester for the Menominee Tribe, which he held until relocating to Idaho in the fall of 1991 to accept the position of Reforestation & Timber Stand Improvement (TSI) Forester for the Nez Perce Tribe in North Central Idaho. Since reorganizing the program in 1999, Brian is currently the Fee Lands Forester for the Nez Perce.

Michael Connolly Miskwish – Campo Kumeyaay Nation

Michael Connolly Miskwish is an adjunct professor at San Diego State University and a professor at Kumeyaay Community College. For 8 years he served in Senior Manufacturing/Industrial Engineering and Supervisory positions in the aerospace industry. He also served 18 years in the environmental field including 12 years as President & CEO of Connolly & Associates and Laguna Resource Services, Inc., an environmental consulting company. He is a former board member of Rural Community Assistance Corporation; National Tribal Environmental Council; Tribal Air Monitoring Support Center; Campo Environmental Protection Agency; Southern Indian Health Council; NAFTA Government Advisory Committee and EPA Tribal Operations Committee.

Mr. Connolly Miskwish has published several papers on history, economics and environment. He also is the author of two books on Kumeyaay history and a contributing author to a book on sustainable economics. His education includes a B.S. in Manufacturing Engineering.

Thomas Hand- *NativeEnergy*

Thomas joined *NativeEnergy* in July, 2006 shortly after graduating from Middlebury College and taking a brief vacation to climb Denali in Alaska. During college Thomas worked on a number of energy efficiency and carbon reduction initiatives. Of these the most exciting was Project BioBus, which traveled the USA in the fall of 2004 teaching high school and college students about renewable energy. He graduated with a degree in Economics but most of his work outside the

classroom was focused around greenhouse gas reductions at the college and in the local community.

Thomas grew up in Dorset, Vermont and enjoys rock climbing, hiking, skiing, soccer and mountaineering.

Jonny Bearcub Stiffarm

Jonny Bearcub Stiffarm, an enrolled member of the Fort Peck Assiniboine & Sioux Nation, is the Business Development Manager for *NativeEnergy*. She brings a wealth of experience in negotiation, small business development, contracts, and leadership. She served in Mayor Wellington Webb's administration as the Deputy Director of the Mayor's Office of Contract Compliance for both the City and Denver International Airport and his Native American Indian Liaison to the local, regional and national Indian Nation entities. She received her undergraduate from Brigham Young University and a juris doctorate from the University of Minnesota School of Law.

Steve Torbit

Stephen C. Torbit, Ph.D., is the Director of NWF's Rocky Mountain Natural Resource Center and the Tribal Lands Conservation Program. Dr. Torbit earned his Ph.D. in wildlife ecology from Colorado State University and specialized in ungulate nutritional ecology. He has assisted with reintroduction of black-footed ferrets on the Ft. Belknap and Cheyenne River Sioux Reservations and with the management of wolves by the Nez Perce Tribe in Idaho. He works with tribes throughout the U.S. on natural resource conservation.

Garrit Voggeser

Garrit Voggeser is the Senior Manager of NWF's Tribal Lands Conservation Program based in Boulder, Colorado. Dr. Voggeser received his Ph.D. in history, with a focus on American Indian and environmental history, from the University of Oklahoma. Voggeser works on a variety of ecosystem protection, climate change, wildlife, habitat, and water quantity and quality issues with tribes throughout the nation. He has also served as NWF's Bison Team Associate Coordinator and held internships with NWF and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation.

Tracey A. LeBeau (Cheyenne River Sioux)

Tracey is a Red Mountain Tribal Energy (RMTE) Partner and has more than a dozen years of energy industry experience. She has a strong background in energy and infrastructure project visioning, oil and gas development, renewable energy development and regulation, and right-of-way issues. Prior to co-founding RMTE, Tracey managed project development activities for several commercial energy projects as well as provided project structuring and regulatory expertise to institutional investment and Tribal clients in North America. Tracey previously served as Vice President for Earth Energy Environment, LLC (E3) and E3 Canada Corporation, project development companies which develop, finance, own and operate energy projects and partnerships in the U.S. and internationally. Previous to this, Tracey was a Director at Kansas Pipeline Company, lending midstream project development expertise on various projects in the U.S. In the energy marketing sector, Tracey was formerly a Director for American Energy Solutions, Inc., a national natural gas and electricity marketing firm based in Kansas City, Missouri. Early in her career, Tracey served in various capacities at the Council of Energy Resource Tribes (CERT). Tracey received her undergraduate degree from Stanford University and her Juris Doctor from the University of Iowa, specializing in international and domestic environmental law as well as federal Indian law.

Henry Red Cloud, Lakota Solar Enterprises

A solar heat collector manufacturing and assembly company established in 2005 on Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. As a respected Oglala Lakota tribal elder and great-grandson of Chief Red Cloud, Henry is a leader who has developed *new ways to honor the old ways* using 21st century technology. He and his crew at LSE have assembled and installed solar heating systems for more than 200 Pine Ridge and Rosebud families. Henry has also presented renewable energy workshops and demonstrations in 10 reservation communities across the Great Plains. In 2007, he worked with Trees, Water & People to establish the *Red Cloud Renewable Energy Center* at Pine Ridge, a training and resource center where tribal members can learn about renewable energy from other Native Americans.

Richard Fox, Trees, Water & People

Richard is the co-founder and National Director of TWP, and has been providing organizational development and technical training and assistance to non-profit groups, tribal organizations and government agencies since 1988. Before entering the nonprofit sector, Richard was a natural resource consultant and contractor for 18 years, supervising hundreds of environmental projects including the planting of over 27 million trees in 17 states. Previous to co-founding TWP, he was the Executive Director of the *Potomac Conservancy*, a Washington D.C.-based river protection land trust. For the last eight years, Richard has been developing TWP's *Tribal Lands Renewable Energy Program*, focusing on helping families lower their utility bills and building tribal renewable energy skills and capacity at the community level.

Terry Williams, Tulalip Tribe

Since 1982, Williams has served as a Fisheries and Natural Resources Commissioner for the Tulalip Tribes. In this role he directs pre-season fisheries negotiations, governmental planning and cooperative habitat management. Williams has also served on the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission since 1985 and served on the Pacific Salmon Commission since 1997. From 1995-1996 Williams was appointed to serve as the director of the EPA American Indian Environmental office in Washington, D.C, and from 2003-2004 he served as the Chair of the Tribal Committee of the national Environmental Justice Advisory Committee. In 2006, Williams was a participant in the EPA Tribal Trust Program that addressed cultural sustainability via restoration and protection of endangered species.

Mr. Williams has also worked on tribal issues at the international level. In 1997, Williams was appointed to represent indigenous peoples on the U.S. delegation to the United Nations Conference on Biodiversity.

Bob Gough, Intertribal COUP

Bob Gough is an attorney with graduate degrees in sociology and cultural ecology, with over 30 years experience and two fellowships on tribal cultural and natural resource issues. The first director and now a consultant to the Rosebud Sioux Tribal Utility Commission, Gough participated in WAPA negotiations for tribal allocations of federal hydroelectric power. He is the secretary of the Intertribal Council On Utility Policy, an organization composed of federally recognized Indian tribes in the Northern Great Plains providing a forum on rights and resources for utility services on tribal lands, and co-chaired the national assessment's Native Peoples/Native Homelands Climate Change Workshop.

Mr. Gough contracts with the DOE -Wind Powering America program's Wind Powering Native America Initiative, and co-directs the NativeWind.org and EnergyIndependenceDay.org campaigns supporting partnerships between ICLEI-Cities for Climate Protection and the

Intertribal COUP tribes interested in building sustainable homeland economies based upon renewable energy.

Jonathan Windy Boy, Montana House of Representatives (Chippewa Cree)

In 2002, Mr. Windy Boy was elected to represent House District 32 in the Montana Legislature. In this capacity, Mr. Windy Boy has served as a member on the Business and Labor, Federal Relations, Energy and Telecommunications and Human Services committees, and as a Vice Chair for the Agriculture Committee.

Mr. Windy Boy holds an Associates degree from Southwest Indian Polytechnic Institute and is the co-founder and first president of the Council of Large Land-based Tribes, a Chippewa Cree Councilman since 1998, FCC-Intergovernmental Communications Commission, Elected Member, a Native American Bank Board Member, Chairman of the Montana/Wyoming Tribal Leaders Council, a Secretary for the National Caucus of Native American State Legislators Board Member for the Water Resources and Tribal Employment Rights Office Committees and serves in many other capacities for local, state, and regional groups. Mr. Windy Boy is also an accomplished Grass Dancer, achieving 14 wins at the International Grass Dance Championships, and 6 wins at the World Championships.

Jerry Lamb - Economic Development Specialist- Governor's Office of Economic Development

Born on the Ft. Belknap Indian Reservation, Mr. Lamb is an enrolled member of the Gros Ventre Tribe. Jerry earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration and a Masters in Business Administration, at The University of Montana. In 2003, Lamb directed UM-based American Indian Business Leaders, a national student organization that promotes Indian education, entrepreneurship, and leadership. During his graduate studies, Jerry did extensive research and writing on tribal governments, court systems, tax and jurisdiction issues, and the unique aspects of conducting business in Indian Country. He was featured in Minority MBA Magazine and the University of Montana President's Report 2003.

He recently served as Director of Hospitality at the Coeur D'Alene Casino Resort Hotel, located on the Coeur d'Alene Indian Reservation in north Idaho. He is the former Executive Director of the American Indian Business Leaders organization, a national student organization that promotes Indian education, entrepreneurship, and leadership. While at U of M, Mr. Lamb was also the first Native American to serve as Vice President of the Associated Students of the University of Montana.

Kevin Furey- Energy Development Officer- State of Montana Dept. of Commerce

Mr. Furey has served the State of Montana in two different positions. His current position is that of Energy Development Officer for the State of Montana's Department of Commerce - Energy Infrastructure Promotion and Development. In this capacity, Kevin promotes the energy policies of the Schweitzer Administration, working to encourage clean, green energy development, and increased infrastructure development. In his previous position with the State of Montana, Mr. Furey served as a State Legislator from East Missoula for two Legislative Terms.

Kevin graduated from the University of Montana as a University Scholar with a Bachelor's degree in Political Science and Environmental Studies in 2006. Mr. Furey is currently pursuing a Master's Degree in Public Administration.

In 2003 Mr. Furey served his country in Iraq as an Army Reservist, in 2006 he was commissioned as an officer in the Army Reserves.