



**NATURAL RESOURCES AT A CROSSROADS:  
HOW RECENT EVENTS HAVE AFFECTED NATURAL RESOURCES LAW  
AND POLICY AND HIGHLIGHTED THE IMPORTANCE OF PRIVATE/PUBLIC  
COLLABORATIONS TO ADVANCE SHARED OBJECTIVES**

*Presented By:*

Ad-Hoc Industry Natural Resource Management Group

*In Cooperation With:*

The George Washington University Law School Environmental Law Institute  
The George Washington University Environmental and Energy Management Institute  
and Others...

**DAY 1: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2022**

9:00 AM

**WELCOME**

**Barbara J. Goldsmith**, Executive Director, Ad-Hoc Industry Natural Resource Management Group;  
President, Barbara J. Goldsmith & Company LLC

**Dayna Bowen Matthew, J.D., Ph. D.**, Dean and Harold H. Greene Professor of Law, The George  
Washington University Law School

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**AGENDA REVIEW AND TARGETED OUTCOMES**

**Barbara J. Goldsmith**

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**OPENING ADDRESS: BIG PICTURE ISSUES INFLUENCING OUR PATH  
FORWARD**

In late 2020, our speaker identified three key drivers of change: the clear connection between our environment and safety; the evolution of traditional “CSR” reporting into corporate action for good; and the need to incorporate time into environmental policy, climate change and other issues. We will hear an update on these drivers real time and how it can instruct where we go from here in addressing the complex of environmental, energy and societal objectives and needs we continue to face.

**Roger Martella**, Vice President, Chief Sustainability Officer, GE

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10:00 AM

## KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Introduction: **Lisa Palmer**, National Geographic Visiting Professor of Science Communication, The George Washington University School of Media and Public Affairs

**Juliet Eilperin**, Pulitzer Prize-Winning Journalist, Book Author, Deputy Climate and Environment Editor, The Washington Post

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## PLENARY SESSION: UPDATE ON ISSUES AND CHALLENGES RELATED TO THE SYMPOSIUM THEME

Speakers will examine individually, and collectively, a suite of issues pertinent to our deliberations and how private work and public/private partnerships are teeing up fresh approaches and solutions. Among them: shifts in regulatory and judicial practices, corporate accountability and reporting, “forever chemicals”, climate change effects and energy balance – all of which affect stewardship of natural resources.

Moderator: **H. Jordan Diamond**, President, Environmental Law Institute

Speakers:

**John Cruden, J.D.**, Principal, Beveridge & Diamond PC; Former Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division (ENRD), US Department of Justice

**Sally Fisk, J.D.**, Vice President and Assistant General Counsel, Chief Counsel - Environmental & Sustainability Law, Pfizer, Inc.

**Nathaniel “Nat” Keohane, Ph.D.**, President, Center for Climate and Energy Solutions

**Jeff Rose**, Vice President, Government Relations and Public Policy, Battelle

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## BREAK FOR LUNCH

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1:00 PM

## LUNCH SESSION SPEAKERS

Introduction: **Randall S. Abate, J.D.**, Assistant Dean for Environmental Law Studies, The George Washington University Law School

**Scott Lundgren**, Director, Office of Response and Restoration, US Department of Commerce, National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) on behalf of Richard W. Spinrad, Ph.D., Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere & NOAA Administrator, US Department of Commerce

**Heidi King, Research Professor**, The George Washington University Regulatory Studies Center

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2:00 PM

## EXPERT PANEL: CLOSER COORDINATION OF REMEDIATION AND RESTORATION – A POSSIBLE MODEL

A proposed Best Practice Framework to facilitate coordination of remediation and natural resource restoration at sites nationwide, where appropriate, will be presented and discussed. Following review of the Framework, a panel of multi-stakeholder experts will respond to a series of specific questions aimed at identifying how the framework could be used more broadly in actual practice.

Moderator: **Jean Martin, J.D.**, Senior Counsel, Litigation & Regulatory, BP

Presentation of the Framework: **Steven Jones, Ph.D.**, Senior Ecologist, GHD (retired)

Panelists:

**Cas Bridge**, Project Manager, Environmental, Chevron

**David Charters, Ph.D.**, Environmental Response Team, Office of Superfund Remediation and Technology Innovation, US Environmental Protection Agency

**Jeff Martin, J.D.**, Partner, Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP

**Tony Penn**, Chief, Assessment and Restoration Division, US Department of Commerce, National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

**Rebecca Stevens**, Restoration Coordinator/Program Manager, Hazardous Waste Management Program, Coeur d'Alene Tribe

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**BREAK**

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**EXPERT PANEL: CONSIDERING PFAS ISSUES IN THE NATURAL RESOURCE DAMAGES CONTEXT – A POSSIBLE MODEL**

A proposed Best Practice Framework to evaluate PFAS issues in the context of natural resource damage assessments undertaken at sites nationwide will be presented and discussed. Following review of the Framework, a panel of multi-stakeholder experts will respond to a series of specific questions aimed at identifying how the framework could be used more broadly in actual practice.

Moderator: **Lana Rowenko, J.D.**, Kelley Drye & Warren LLP

Presentation of the Framework: **Kristin Robrock, Ph.D.**, Managing Engineer, Exponent

Panelists:

**Kegan Brown, J.D., Partner**, Latham & Watkins, LLP

**Karolien Debusschere, Ph.D.**, Deputy Coordinator, Louisiana Oil Spill Coordinator's Office, Department of Public Safety & Corrections, Public Safety Services; Chair, States NRD Alliance

**William H. Desvousges, Ph.D.**, President and Owner, W.H. Desvousges & Associates

**J. Barton Seitz, J.D.**, Senior Counsel, Baker Botts, LLP with input from colleague Alexandra Dapolito Dunn, Partner, Baker Botts, LLP

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**DAY 1 SUMMARY/DAY 2 PREVIEW**

**Randall S. Abate, J.D.**

**Barbara J. Goldsmith**

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## DAY 2: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2022

9:00 AM

### WELCOME

**Barbara J. Goldsmith**, Executive Director, Ad-Hoc Industry Natural Resource Management Group; President, Barbara J. Goldsmith & Company LLC

**Jonathan P. Deason, Ph.D., P.E.**, Co-Director, Environmental and Energy Management Institute; Lead Professor, Environmental and Energy Management Program, The George Washington University

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### EXPERT PANEL: EVALUATING CLIMATE CHANGE AND NATURAL RESOURCE DAMAGES – A POSSIBLE MODEL

A proposed Best Practice Framework to consider climate change and extreme weather effects in the context of natural resource damage assessments undertaken at sites nationwide will be presented and discussed. Following review of the Framework, a panel of multi-stakeholder experts will respond to a series of specific questions aimed at identifying how the framework could be used more broadly in actual practice.

Moderator: **Emily Sanford Fisher**, General Counsel, Corporate Secretary, and Senior Vice President, Clean Energy, Edison Electric Institute

Presentation of the Framework: **Paul Boehm, Ph.D.**, Principal Scientist, Exponent

Panelists:

**Darrin Gambelin, J.D.**, Partner, Downey Brand LLP

**Emily Joseph**, Director, Office of Restoration and Damage Assessment, US Department of the Interior

**Theodore Tomasi, Ph.D.**, Managing Principal, Integral Consulting Inc.

**Robert Twilley, Ph.D.**, Chairman of the Board & Interim CSS Executive Director, Professor, LSU College of the Coast & Environment

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### PATH FORWARD ON THE BEST PRACTICE FRAMEWORKS

This segment will briefly summarize actions suggested during the three expert panels to encourage collaborative use of the Frameworks.

**Barbara J. Goldsmith**

**Timothy Hoelzle**, Deputy Director, Office of Restoration and Damage Assessment, US Department of the Interior

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### 2022 SYMPOSIUM KEY OBSERVATIONS AND FOLLOW UP ACTIONS

This segment will look back at the broader issues discussed during the Symposium program to identify key points and areas for action.

**Barbara J. Goldsmith**

**Jason Kinnell**, Principal Economist and Founding Partner, Veritas Economic Consulting

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12:00 PM **ADJOURN**