

THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF IDAHO
BOISE**

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2012-07

ESTABLISHING THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST ECONOMIC REGION IDAHO COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the Pacific Northwest Economic Region (PNWER) was established by statute in 1991 within the organization's seven original legislative districts of Idaho, Washington, Oregon, Montana, Alaska in the United States, and British Columbia and Alberta in Canada, including the additions of Saskatchewan and the Yukon Territory and the Northwest Territories;

WHEREAS, the vision of the PNWER was to establish a collaborative region-wide bi-national organization to address common issues and interests;

WHEREAS, the Governors and Premiers were added to the governance structure in 1993, with the private sector, nonprofit organizations and nongovernmental organizations added to the working group structure in 1994;

WHEREAS, the PNWER Working Groups currently include many areas essential to Idaho's economy and social structure, including: agriculture, Arctic caucus, cross-border livestock health, border issues, security and disaster resilience, energy transmission, renewable energy, environment, health care, innovation, invasive species, sustainable development, telecom, trade and economic development, transportation, tourism, water policy, workforce development; and

WHEREAS, the public and private sectors of Idaho could significantly benefit from a designated council to coordinate the efforts of and establish regular communications amongst and between the Idaho entities and the PNWER entities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. "Butch" Otter, Governor of the State of Idaho, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this state, do hereby create the Pacific Northwest Economic Region Idaho Council.

- 1. The Idaho Council shall consist of the following members:*
 - a. The Lieutenant Governor or his designee;*
 - b. Two representatives from the Department of Commerce, including the Director or his designee;*
 - c. Two representatives from the Idaho Department of Transportation, including the Director or his designee;*
 - d. Two representatives of the Idaho Department of Agriculture, including the Director or her designee;*
 - e. The Director of the Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security, or his designee;*
 - f. The Administrator of the Idaho Office of Energy Resources;*
 - g. Three members of the Idaho Senate, including representation by the minority party, as chosen by the President Pro Tempore;*
 - h. Three members of the Idaho House of Representatives, including representation by the minority party, as chosen by the Speaker of the House;*
 - i. Five members representing the private sector as chosen by PNWER subject to the approval of the Governor; and*
 - j. Designees of Idaho's Universities as chosen by PNWER subject to the approval of the Governor.*

2. *The Idaho Council's responsibilities including the following:*
 - a. *Design and develop an Idaho agenda of programs of interest in PNWER;*
 - b. *Provide leadership regarding Idaho's needs and opportunities related to domestic and international trade and business and government relations amongst PNWER participating entities;*
 - c. *Encourage the participation of Idaho's private, nonprofit and nongovernmental sector in PNWER initiatives; and*
 - d. *Strengthen relations with other PNWER entities by participating in and recognizing, to the extent possible, significant events and milestones such as elections, commemorations and awards.*
3. *Unless stated otherwise, members of the Council shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Governor.*
4. *The Lieutenant Governor shall serve as the Chair of the PNWER Idaho Council subject to the approval of the Governor.*
5. *The PNWER Idaho Council shall be coordinated by a Director, chosen and remunerated by PNWER subject to the approval of the Governor.*
6. *The PNWER Idaho Council shall have regular communications as determined by the majority of the Committee and bi-annual meetings called by the Chair and organized by the Director.*



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this 13th day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand and twelve and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-seventh and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred twenty-third.

C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER
GOVERNOR

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