

THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF IDAHO
BOISE**

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2023-01

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; and

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

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; and

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 Brad Little, 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 their designee;*
 - b. Two representatives from the Department of Commerce, including the Director or their designee;*
 - c. Two representatives from the Idaho Department of Transportation, including the Director or their designee;*
 - d. Two representatives of the Idaho Department of Agriculture, including the Director or their designee;*
 - e. The Director of the Idaho Office of Emergency Management, or their designee;*
 - f. The Administrator of the Idaho Office of Energy and Mineral 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. A representative from the five federally recognized tribes located in Idaho as chosen by the Governor;*
 - j. Members representing the private sector as chosen by the Governor;*
 - k. 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;*
 - 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 or their designee shall serve as the Co-Chair of the PNWER Idaho Council subject to the approval of the Governor.*
 - 5. A private sector member shall be chosen by the Governor to serve as Co-Chair of the PNWER Idaho Council.*
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 - 7. The PNWER Idaho Council shall be coordinated by a Director, chosen and remunerated by PNWER subject to the approval of the Governor.*
 - 8. 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 on this 7th day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-three.

BRAD LITTLE
GOVERNOR

PHIL MCGRANE
SECRETARY OF STATE