

# Pacific NorthWest Economic Region

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The Pacific NorthWest Economic Region (PNWER) is a statutory, public/private partnership composed of legislators, governments, and businesses in the states of Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and Washington and the Canadian provinces of British Columbia, Alberta, and the Yukon Territory. PNWER's mission is to promote greater regional cooperation between governments and businesses to improve the region's global competitiveness and its natural environment.

The PNWER consists of a Delegate Council and an Executive Committee. The Delegate Council includes the Governor or the Governor's designee and four legislators from each participating state and four representatives from each participating province or territory. The Executive Committee consists of one legislator from each participating state, province, or territory who is a member of the Delegate Council and four of the Governors, Premiers, or Commissioners or their designees. The Legislative Council is authorized under section 5-11-305, MCA, to make Montana's appointments to the PNWER.

Working groups may be established to address specific topics. The current working groups are: Agriculture, Border Issues, Energy, Environment, Forestry, Health Care, High Tech, Homeland Security, Invasive Species, Sustainable Development, Telecommunications, Tourism, Trade and Economic Development, Transportation, Water Policy, and Workforce Development.

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