

## Presenter Biographies (in speaking order)

### Charlton Bonham

Charlton “Chuck” Bonham is the Director of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (previously the Department of Fish and Game). Bonham was appointed by Governor Edmund G. Brown in August 2011. His eight years of service makes Bonham one of the longest standing Directors in recent history.

Prior to his appointment, Bonham served in a number of roles for Trout Unlimited (TU) for over ten years, including as the organization’s California Director and as a Senior Attorney. He was responsible for developing, managing, and implementing TU’s programs in California.

Bonham has also served as a gubernatorial appointee on the Board of Directors of the Delta Conservancy. Bonham received his J.D. and Environmental and Natural Resources Law Certificate from the Northwestern School of Law of Lewis and Clark College in Portland, Oregon. He was also a Peace Corps Volunteer in Senegal, West Africa.

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### Eileen Sobeck

Eileen Sobeck has nearly 40 years of government service, and more than two decades of executive and management experience leading professional staff in complex organizations. She is new to state government, but has spent her career in federal agencies that touch on many of the same science-based, public resource challenges the State Water Board faces.

Most recently, she was the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Assistant Administrator for Fisheries at the U. S. Department of Commerce (2014-2017). Prior to her work at NOAA, she was the Department of Interior's Acting Assistant Secretary for Insular Affairs (2012-2014), and Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks (2009-2012). Ms. Sobeck is a lawyer by training and spent 25 years at the U. S. Department of Justice, ultimately serving as Deputy Assistant Attorney General for Environment and Natural Resources (1999-2009).

While Ms. Sobeck has spent her professional career in Washington, D.C., she has many ties to California. She grew up in Davis, is a graduate of Stanford and Stanford Law School, and has strong family connections to California.

### Chairman Joseph James

The Honorable Joseph L. James, the Yurok Tribal Chairman, is from the village of Sregon along the Klamath River in Northern California. Chairman James has worked for Tribal Governments for the last 22 years in the areas of fisheries, water policy and law, infrastructure, protection of cultural resources, economic development and leadership. He has served as the Yurok Tribe's Transportation Manager, East District Councilmember and most recently elected as the Chairman in October 2018 and Yurok Economic Development Board President. As part of his Nation-building actions, Chairman James has expanded the economic development portfolio, protected the Yurok Tribe's natural and cultural resources and have furthered the importance of educational achievement for tribal youth, and instituted dynamic elders programs and services. Chairman James's innovative and strategic approaches have been effective and serves as a model for both tribal and non-tribal responses to Coronavirus. These proactive measures of closure of tribal businesses, closure of the Yurok reservation and culturally relevant public outreach methods have all led to minimizing the impacts of COVID-19.

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### Chairman Russell "Buster" Attebery

The Honorable Russell "Buster" Attebery has been the Tribal Chairman of the Karuk Tribe since 2011. He is the Northern California Tribal Chairmen's Association's representative to the CA Chairs. He graduated from Sacramento State University with a Bachelor of Arts degree. He received a lifetime Clear Teaching Credential from Humboldt State University through the Indian Teacher Education Program. Chairman Attebery has worked for Redding School District and the Siskiyou County School District.

## James Stone

James Stone is the executive director of the Nor-Cal Guides and Sportsmen's Association for the past three years as well as the volunteer President for the past five years. NCGASA represents the majority of the fishing and hunting guide license holders in the state of California including all of the fishing guides that access the Central Valley rivers & Klamath River. NCGASA Advocates for more production in our gatcheries, sustainable water flows for our fish while fighting for our public trust resources to make them better for the future generations. James has been a member of the California Advisory Committee on Salmon and Steelhead Trout for 4 years and on the Pacific Fishery Management Council's Salmon Advisory Subpanel for 3 years. James has participated in public comment testimony and many other committees as well as sitting on the Sutter County Fish & Game Commission.

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## Barry Nelson

Barry Nelson serves as a policy representative for the Golden Gate Salmon Association Mr. Nelson has been active on water issues in California for more than thirty years. From 1999 to 2013, Mr. Nelson was a senior policy analyst in NRDC's Water Program. He has been deeply involved in efforts to protect the San Francisco Bay-Delta Estuary and its tributary rivers and to promote environmentally and economically sustainable water management. In 2009, Mr. Nelson led the environmental community's successful effort to pass historic state water reform legislation that created the Delta Stewardship Council and the state program to reduce per capita water use 20 percent by 2020. From 1984 to 1999, Mr. Nelson was on the staff of Save The Bay in Oakland, where he served as the chair of the campaign to pass the landmark Central Valley Project Improvement Act.

Mr. Nelson is a graduate of the University of California at Berkeley, with a BA in economics and rhetoric and a MA in rhetoric.

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## Mike Conroy

Mike Conroy is the Executive Director of the Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Associations (PCFFA) and Principal of West Coast Fisheries Consultants. PCFFA members include a diverse collection of commercial fishing associations up and down the West Coast, spanning from San Diego to Alaska. PCFFA, its members, and the fishing communities we benefit and rely upon and support science-based management measures which ensure the sustainability of the stocks we harvest today and into the future. West Coast Fisheries Consultants is a boutique consulting business focused on the legal, management and operational aspects of fisheries operating off the west coast. Before carving out this niche, Mike practiced corporate law, operated commercial passenger carrying fishing vessels and commercial fishing vessels.

## Mark Bransom

Mark Bransom is the Chief Executive Officer of the Klamath River Renewal Corporation (KRRC), a non profit organization formally tasked with removing the four lower Klamath River dams and implementing required mitigation measures in compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local regulations. Mark has over 25 years of planning, engineering, and construction experience in water resources and environmental management for state and local governments, federal agencies, Tribal Nations, NGOs, and private sector clients throughout the Western United States.

Prior to the Renewal Corporation, Mark worked as a Senior Vice President in Water Resources & Environmental Management at CH2MHill, a global consultancy, where he oversaw a variety of large water infrastructure and environmental restoration projects. He was also previously a member of the faculty at Oregon State University, where he taught, conducted research, and consulted on natural resources management and infrastructure projects. Mark holds a BS in Natural Resources Planning from Humboldt State University and earned his PhD in Civil and Environmental Engineering from Oregon State University.

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## Kate Poole

Kate Poole is a senior director with the Natural Resources Defense Council and leads the freshwater work in NRDC's Nature Program. She has served as lead counsel for NRDC in multiple lawsuits seeking to reform the operations of the Central Valley Project and State Water Project to reduce their impacts on threatened and endangered fish and to ensure that long-term contracts for the diversion and use of California's rivers comply with environmental and natural resource protection laws. Before coming to NRDC, Ms. Poole was a partner with the law firm of Adams Broadwell Joseph & Cardozo and was of counsel at the Seattle office of Earthjustice Legal Defense Fund. Ms. Poole graduated from the University of Michigan with a magna cum laude Bachelor's degree in economics. She received a cum laude Juris Doctor from the University of Michigan Law School.

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## Patrick Samuel

Patrick joined CalTrout in 2014 and was one of the lead authors of the 2017 State of the Salmonids II: Fish in Hot Water report. He is now the Bay Area Regional Director. Prior to joining CalTrout, Patrick worked with the Fisheries Leadership & Sustainability Forum in Monterey, and NOAA Fisheries and California Department of Fish and Wildlife in Sacramento.

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## Don McEnhill

Don McEnhill grew up on the Russian River while spending his summers at his family's cabin on Fitch Mountain where he formed a lifelong bond with the River. With his business background, he effectively works with citizen groups, businesses, property owners and government agencies to safeguard our most important community resource. He has researched and advocated on water quality issues, developed our education programs and Riverkeeper Stewardship Park, while managing our growing organization since 2001. Don is an avid bicyclist, white water paddler and most enjoys playing on the River with his kids!