



ASSOCIATION OF POWER BIOLOGISTS

2023 Annual Meeting Agenda

September 27, 28, & 29, 2023

APB 2023 Meeting, Skagit Valley Casino Resort, Bow, WA

Wednesday, September 27th, 2023

APB Meeting and Bowling

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| 11:00 am – 12:00 pm | APB Women’s Group Meeting |
| 11:00 am - 12:00 pm | Registration |
| 12:30 pm - 12:45 pm | President’s Opening Remarks & Welcome |
| 12:45 pm - 04:00 pm | Meeting Presentations |
| 06:00 pm - 09:00 pm | Bowling (see description below) |

APB 2023 Bowling Tournament, Sedro 10 Bowling, 612 Metcalf St. Sedro Woolley, WA 98284

Summary: Bowling begins at 06:00 pm at Sedro 10 Entertainment! It is a 10-lane bowling alley dating back to the 1940’s that has recently been restored. APB will provide drinks and dinner. It is about a 15-minute drive to the bowling alley from the hotel. We’ll plan to travel to and from in the vans.



Thursday, September 28th, 2023

APB Field Tours and Banquet

08:00 am - 05:00 pm Field Tours with lunch provided by APB (tour descriptions below)

06:30 pm - 08:30 pm Banquet at the Skagit Valley Casino Resort, (Dinner and drink tickets provided)

Field Tours -

The Lower Baker dam is 285 feet high and forms Lake Shannon. The Upper Baker dam is 312 feet high and forms Baker Lake. Both reservoirs have Floating Surface Collectors on them. There is a hatchery and artificial spawning beaches near Baker Lake, and an adult fish trap on the Baker River in the Town of Concrete.

PSE has purchased over 776 acres of wildlife property consisting of elk, forest, and wetland habitat. We are also managing habitat for amphibians and legacy wood. Approximately 27 acres are maintained as Elk forage meadows.

Tentative Field Tour itinerary below: (Two groups, Fisheries and Terrestrial)



Fisheries Tour

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| 08:00 am | Leave from Hotel |
| 09:00 am | Arrive Lower Baker River Project, Concrete, WA |
| 9:00 am - 12:00 am | Tour of Lower Baker/Adult Fish Trap/Floating Surface Collector |
| 12:00 pm - 12:45 pm | Eat lunch provided by APB at the Lake Shannon Day Use Park |
| 12:45 pm - 1:30 pm | Drive to Upper Baker River Project/Baker Lake |
| 1:30 pm - 04:00 pm | Tour of Upper Baker/Floating Surface Collector/Hatchery/Spawning Beaches |
| 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm | Return to Skagit Valley Casino Resort and relax before the banquet. |



Terrestrial Tour

08:00 am	Leave from Hotel
09:00 am	Arrive Lower Baker River Project, Concrete, WA
9:00 am - 11:00 am	Tour of Lower Baker Dam/Adult Fish Trap/Floating Surface Collector
11:00am – 12:00 pm	<i>Carex flava</i> site visit
12:00 pm - 12:45 pm	Eat lunch provided by APB at the Lake Shannon Day Use Park
12:45pm – 1:15 pm	Drive to the Burpee Hill North Wildlife property
1:15 pm – 4:15 pm	Visit Elk, Forest, and Wetland habitat at Burpee Hill North
4:15 pm – 5:00 pm	Return to Skagit Valley Casino Resort and relax before the banquet.

Friday, September 29th, 2023

APB 2023 Meeting, Skagit Valley Casino Resort, Bow, WA

09:00 am - 11:00 am Conference Presentations and Round Table Discussion(s)

11:00 am - 12:00 pm Business Meeting

Meeting Fee

The Edison Electric Institute has once again offered to provide financial support to our organization. We thank the **Edison Electric Institute** and **Sarah Ball** for providing support.

The 2023 APB Annual Meeting will be in-person. The cost of the full conference this year will be \$125.00

Once again this year, there is the opportunity to pay for networking events and extras separately from the meeting fee. This was made available because certain organizations are unwilling or unable to pay for networking and extras. This allows those costs to be paid for separately and through different means (out-of-pocket, etc.). Regardless of how you pay, APB does strongly encourage attendance to the full conference since networking is an invaluable part of this organization's benefit.

Three items are available for purchase on the registration page:

- Full conference – \$125 (includes meeting attendance and networking events and extras)
- Meeting attendance - \$50
- Networking events/extras - \$75 (requires purchase of meeting attendance)

Please visit the [Association of Power Biologists](https://www.apb.org) to register and pay online through PayPal (PayPal, Venmo and Debit/Credit Cards accepted). Contact Matt Peter, APB Treasurer/Vice President, at mpeter@cityoftacoma.org or 253-208-2814 with any questions regarding registration or payment.

Presentations and New Membership

If you would like to be a presenter at the 2023 APB Annual Meeting, please start thinking about topics to present. We encourage existing and potential members to step forward to discuss topics relevant to utility relicensing and compliance, lessons learned, success stories, case studies, and challenges. APB members would love to hear about your successes (and failures!). If you are interested in presenting, please contact the officers Gregg Garnett, Matt Peter, and Scott Heller with questions or to provide your presentation title. Expect presentations to be about 15-20 minutes long, which includes time for questions.

New members are encouraged to apply and are welcome to attend the 2023 APB Annual Meeting. New member applications can be obtained from and mailed to Scott Heller, APB Secretary at scott.heller@pse.com.

Meeting Location and Room Reservations

The 63rd Annual APB Conference will be hosted by Puget Sound Energy in Bow, WA on **Wednesday September 27 – Friday September 29, 2023** at the fabulous [Skagit Valley Casino Resort](#) located in Skagit County, Washington.

There is a room block for APB with rooms held until September 24th. Reservations made after that date will be subject to availability. Reservations can be made by calling the **Hotel Front Desk at 1-877-275-2448**. Group block reservations cannot be made via web booking. To reserve a room under the block and receive the discounted rate, mention the **“Power Biologist Room Block” and rate code: 0923POWERBIO** at the time of reservation.

We look forward to seeing everyone in September!

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