



# Pacific Northwest Region TERO

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## **2025 Pacific Northwest TERO Spring Conference April 16-April 18, 2025, Muckleshoot Casino & Resort**

**“STRONGER TOGETHER: We Do TERO Stuff with Purpose”**

### **Wednesday April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

7:30 am     **Registration**

8:30 am     **Opening Ceremony** – Posting of the Colors, Grand Entry, Flag Song, Drum Group

**Opening Prayer**- Elder at Muckleshoot

**Welcome** – Melvin Wheeler, Chairman, PNW TERO

9:00 am     **Executive Order Update**- Bernice Delorme, CTER General Counsel  
from President Trump that may or are affecting Indian Country and TERO.

11:00 am   **Letter**- Hayden Jenkins | Northwest Washington Director  
U.S. Senator Patty Murray| Vice Chair, Appropriations Committee

**Noon**             **Lunch** (on your own)

1:15 pm     **Motivational Speaking** - Tonia Jo Hall

2:15 pm     **Building and Maintaining coalitions within communities of interest**  
Randy Curry, Business Manager/Financial Secretary IBEW LU 191

3:00 pm     **TBD**

3:45 pm     **Building Bridges Between Tribal Nations and the Office of the Commissioner**-Larry Robinette,  
Tribal Liaison for the State of Washington Office of the Insurance Commissioner

4:30 pm     **Recess**



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- 7:30 am      **Registration**
- 8:30 am      **Opening** – Melvin Wheeler Sr.
- 9:00 am      **Advocacy for Tribes**, Ben Tran
- 10:00 am     **Gaming and Hospitality Certificate Program**  
John MacClain, Instructor, University of Washington,  
Business Essentials of Tribal Gaming & Hospitality Management
- 11:00 am     **Outreach & Education Coordinator**- Zachary Florent, EEOC Seattle Field Office
- Noon**        **Lunch** (on your own)
- 1:15 p.m.    **Tribal Training/TERO Apprenticeship**-John Barkley
- 2:00 p.m.    **Statewide Forklift Certification**-Brendon Fleming
- 2:30 p.m.    **Atkinson Construction**-Karlton Daniel
- 3:00 pm      **"Empowering Careers & Businesses: Principles for Economic & Workforce Development Success"**-Christopher Winters
- 3:30 p.m.    **TBD**
- 4:00 p.m.    **CTER Meeting**  
Roll Call - Need Quorum  
Approval of Minutes  
Update – Melvin J. Wheeler Sr.  
CTER Summer 2025 Meeting – Location TBD
- 6:00 p.m.    **Cultural Night**-Tonia Hall (Aunty Beatrice)



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#### **Friday April 18th, 2025**

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| <b>7:30 am</b>  | <b>Networking</b>   |
| <b>8:30 am</b>  | <b>Opening – Melvin Wheeler Sr.</b>   |
| <b>9:00 am</b>  | <b>LiUNA – Lance Ragan</b>  |
| <b>9:45 am</b>  | <b>House Bill Apprenticeship-Teresa Ray Bumtay, Lummi Nation TERO Director</b>  |
| <b>10:30 am</b> | <b>The Native American Apprentice Assistance Program- NAAAP<br/>Program Updates and Next Steps<br/>David M. Davis, M.ED, PMP Associate Director</b> |
| <b>11:00 am</b> | <b>TBD</b>  |
| <b>Noon</b>     | <b>Adjourn – Closing Ceremony</b>   |