

Martha C. Bean, provides mediation, facilitation and collaboration services, as well as strategic guidance. She has guided groups to focus on products and results for over 35 years. Martha has mediated complex environmental policy agreements in local, state and national arenas. She is known for careful situation assessments, and for designing collaboration and decision systems responsive to each setting. Martha brings analytic skills to her work, drawing on her academic background in environmental sciences. A hallmark of her approach is a unique ability to convey complex scientific, technical and organizational information through imagery. Martha has provided complex strategic planning services for land trusts, state and local elected officials and their staffs, inter- and intra- agency working groups, technical research and implementation staff, research organizations, national non-profit organizations, federal agencies and a federal congressperson.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

U.S. Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution

Association for Conflict Resolution
Board Member, Salish Sea Expedition for STEM Education

Council Member, Council of Advisors to the Dean Huxley College at Western Washington University

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Post Graduate Studies, Integration of Science into Public Policy Decisions, University of College of the Environment, 1998-2001

Professional Mediation Skills Certification, University of Washington School of Law Mediation Clinic, 1997

Masters of Arts, Environmental Planning, University of California at Berkeley, 1981

B.S., Environmental Planning, Huxley College of Environmental Studies, Western Washington

Selected Project Experience

EPA Region 10 – Strategic Planning for Environmental Remediation and Restoration, 2015 – Ongoing:

- Convene, design and facilitate internal team and Technical Workgroup collaboration on environmental remediation and restoration for a dispersed, highly contaminated mine-waste site in Idaho.
- Design and implement project management decision systems, technical workshops and agendas for each meeting to maximize outcomes and interactions.
- Use of on-line systems for information sharing and collaboration.

MOU on Air Quality Analysis for Oil and Gas Projects, 2008 – 2011:

- Conducted an assessment of highly contentious interagency regarding air quality analysis and management of oil and gas projects on federal land. Followed this with a Leadership summit to chart a course for resolution.
- Designed, convened, facilitated and mediated a multiagency negotiating team to address overlapping authorities, conflicting mandates, appropriate air quality policies and standards, how to incorporate and measure cumulative impacts, funding and fund distribution, and methods for conducting air quality analyses in uncertain circumstances.
- Mediated Memorandum of Understanding signed by DOI (BLM, USFWS), EPA and DOA (USFS); mediated associated detailed technical directive.
- Provided implementation support, manuals and training on technical and policy requirements of the MOU and technical directive.
- Designed interactive workshops that allowed participants to focus on real-world examples of complex policy and scientific challenges.
- Used multi-media and multi-platform (live, interactive and on-line) systems for training and workshops.

Yellowstone Winter Use Planning, 2005 – 2007 ; 2007 – 2010:

- Served as senior advisor to the National Park Service and colleague Nedra Chandler on Yellowstone winter Use planning work (2005-2007) and subsequent science summit on impacts of winter use on visitor experience and wildlife (2019-2010).
- Conducted assessments, interviewed participants and stakeholders, provided expertise in design of collaborative workshops and meetings.
- Worked with scientific, technical and policy staff to develop graphic depictions and visual stratagems conveying complex material to a wide variety of stakeholders and decision makers.
- Facilitated and mediated complex large group and focus group sessions focused on outcomes and decisions.

Selected Project Experience, continued

Stehekin River Corridor Implementation Plan EIS, 2011:

- Provided outside review of responsiveness of the draft EIS on Stehekin River Corridor EIS to public comments. EIS was prepared in response to record flooding in 1995, 2003 and 2006.
- Provided neutral assessment of responsiveness of 1995 Land Protection Plan (LPP) for Lake Chelan National Recreation Area.

Missouri River Recovery, 2009 – 2011:

- Provided outside review of responsiveness of the draft EIS on Stehekin River Corridor EIS to public comments. EIS was prepared in response to record flooding in 1995, 2003 and 2006.
- Provided neutral assessment of responsiveness of 1995 Land Protection Plan (LPP) for Lake Chelan National Recreation Area.