



Thomas Christian

Project Associate



PROFILE

Thomas Christian joined Triangle Associates in 2017 and supports facilitation and public involvement projects. His recent work has focused on a wide range of water resource and salmonid recovery issues throughout the Pacific Northwest. Thomas has strong writing skills, program management experience, and a proven ability to analyze and communicate complex socio-environmental issues.

Thomas holds an M.A. in Environmental Studies from Western Washington University where he studied cultural geography and the social politics of natural resources. Thomas also brings communications and field work experience from his time with both the National Park Service and the U.S. Forest Service.

SKILLS and EXPERTISE

- Facilitation
- Project Management
- Writing
- Public Speaking
- Event Planning
- Policy Research & Analysis
- Federal Lands
- Recreation and Forestry
- Water Resources

EDUCATION

2017	2012
<i>M.A. Environmental Studies</i>	<i>B.A. History</i>
Western Washington University	Augustana College

TRAININGS

- *Indian Treaties and Implied Natural Resource Protection Workshop*, Center for Environmental Law & Policy, 2018
- *Facilitated Dialogue Training*, International Coalition of Sites of Conscience, 2017

EXPERIENCE

Columbia River System Operations (CRSO) EIS, Socioeconomic Tech. Team, 2018 – Ongoing

- Provides facilitation support to the co-lead agencies (Bonneville Power Administration, the Army Corps, and the Bureau of Reclamation) responsible for the CRSO NEPA/EIS process.
- Prepares agendas, writes reports, schedules meetings, and facilitates phone calls to ensure effective communication with tribal, local, state, and federal cooperating agencies.

Lake Ozette Sockeye Steering Committee (LOSSC), 2018 – Ongoing

- Provides project management support to the LOSSC, a multi-stakeholder group which provides input on the recovery of Lake Ozette Sockeye Salmon listed under the Endangered Species Act.
- Facilitates subcommittee calls and develops agendas, meeting summaries, and final products for Steering Committee meetings.

Puget Sound Steelhead Recovery Team, 2018 – Ongoing

- Provides project management services to the National Marine Fisheries Service and the Puget Sound Steelhead Recovery Team, a multi-agency/stakeholder group tasked with writing the Recovery Plan for Steelhead listed under the Endangered Species Act.
- Facilitates subgroups working on the development of Strategies and Actions for Steelhead recovery.

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PREVIOUS WORK EXPERIENCE

Park Ranger

National Park Service, Olympic National Park, 2017

Research Fellow

Border Policy Research Institute, Western Washington University, 2016- 2017

Forestry Technician

U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan Wenatchee National Forest, 2014-2015

Outdoor Education Program Lead

Holden Village, 2013

REPORTS

[Modernizing the Columbia River Treaty](#)

Border Policy Research Institute, Spring 2017

THOMAS' PROJECT EXPERIENCE, CONTINUED

Washington Dept. of Ecology Net Ecological Benefit Workshop, 2018

- Co-facilitated a workshop with Natural Resource managers from Washington State tribal governments and federal agencies on the implementation of WA Senate Bill 6091, also known as the “Hirst Fix”, which addresses offsets for county-issued permit exempt wells.
- Held pre-workshop interviews with tribal participants to discuss the implementation of Senate Bill 6091 and related issues (water rights, instream flows, treaty rights, tribal sovereignty).
- Wrote a report on the workshop participant’s comments and concerns regarding implementation of SB 6091, treaty rights, and tribal sovereignty.

Oregon Dept. of State Lands Rulemaking for Aquatic Resource Mitigation, 2018 – Ongoing

- Supports the facilitation of a Rule Advisory Committee (RAC), or stakeholder group, reviewing a proposed rule change to bring Oregon’s compensatory mitigation rules for wetland and stream losses in line with federal regulations.
- Provided public outreach to conservation and environmental groups, local government, and development interests regarding the rulemaking content and process.
- Drafted agendas, developed communication materials, wrote meeting summaries, and tracked action items.

West Central Local Integrating Organization (LIO), 2017 – Ongoing

- Provides program support for the LIO, an organization in west-central Puget Sound between local governments, tribes, and non-profits, working to coordinate Puget Sound recovery efforts.
- Organizes logistics for quarterly meetings of local elected officials and bi-monthly Working Group meetings.
- Supports the Working Group in the evaluation of local Near-Term Actions to be included in the 2018-2022 Action Agenda.

Oregon Dept. of State Lands Rulemaking for Easements on Trust and non-Trust Lands, 2018

- Provided facilitation support for a RAC made up of representatives from government, industry, and advocacy groups.
- Performed an assessment of RAC members’ interests and concerns by holding one-on-one interviews.
- Drafted agendas, developed communication materials, wrote meeting summaries, and tracked action items.

Warmhouse Beach Superfund Site, 2017 – Ongoing

- Supports government-to-government communication between the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Makah Tribe.

