



## Welcome to The Public Interest Environmental Law Conference

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### **PIELC 2020 CANCELLED**

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After days of deliberation, the Conference Co-Directors have made the truly heartbreaking decision to cancel the 38th annual Public Interest Environmental Law Conference, which was scheduled to take place **March 5-8, 2020**. We do not take this decision lightly. The rapidly developing situation with COVID-19 in the Pacific Northwest demanded a cautious response to protect the public welfare.

This was obviously a very tough decision, as we were looking forward to hosting everyone in Eugene. We apologize for the inconvenience this will cause in your travel plans. If you are a panelist or travel stipend recipient, we will reach out to you individually shortly. If you registered for CLE credits, we are looking into video recording options to fulfill your CLE requirements or refunds. We will also pursue options to preserve some of the other scheduled content via video recording and provide this online at a later date. Additionally, we are available for questions at [askpielc@uoregon.edu](mailto:askpielc@uoregon.edu).

The Indigenous People's Reception and Alumni Reception hosted by the Environmental and Natural Resources Center, both large events with food service, have been cancelled independently.

Thank you all for your continued dedication, support, and tremendous effort in putting together PIELC 2020. We could not do it without each and every one of you. **We look forward to seeing the whole PIELC community in 2021.**

### **PIELC 2020 – Move: Migration on a Changing Planet March 05-08, 2020**

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This year, PIELC will host a conversation about migration on a changing planet. Changes to the environment have always affected the movement of humans and other life on earth. Recently, global awareness has shifted to issues of migration as the impacts of land use and resource extraction accelerate climate change and ecological crises. Conflicts and environmental disruptions force humans to leave their homes and face untold tribulation. Entire ecosystems creep toward the poles, and species climb to higher elevations. Climate, animal, and plant cycles fall out of sync with alarming consequences. Many species dwindle while others quietly wink out of existence. No place on earth is free from these changes.

Our goal for PIELC 2020 is to bring a focused perspective on how environmental change impacts migrations. We hope participants leave with an understanding of the role of public interest law and policy in developing collaborative approaches to these challenges.