The Executive Seminar Program is a professional education program for midcareer natural resource professionals in public, private, tribal, and non-profit organizations offered by the Mark O. Hatfield School of Government and the Center for Public Service at Portland State University. This program uses live case studies of controversial natural resource issues as a focal point for advanced leadership development and enhanced understanding of governance principles. Each seminar reconstructs the natural resource policy controversy by visiting the site of the issue, reviewing background materials, and meeting with the decisive players in the conflict. Past presenters have included members of Congress, governors, state legislators, tribal leaders, agency heads, lobbyists, coalition leaders, and journalists.

The seminar program develops leadership skills that enhance the performance of managers in their own organizations and prepares leaders for the complex decision making process inherent in a pluralistic society. Participants will understand the need to evaluate social, economic and political values in natural resource policy development.

A total of four seminars will be held during the program year. Three seminars of approximately one week each will be held on site to reconstruct cases. A fourth two-day session in the Portland area will conclude the program with a review of leadership principles, techniques for policy resolution, and a summarization of insights gained by the participants. PSU faculty provide oversight and emphasize sound administration practices as well as ways to improve policy outcomes.

2015-2016 Case Studies:

**Treaty Rights at Risk in Western Washington**
Date: November 16-20, 2015
Location: Anacortes, WA

**Implementing the Sealaska Lands Bill in Southeastern Alaska**
Date: May 9-13, 2016
Location: Juneau & Ketchikan, AK

**Adaptive Management of USFWS Refuges in SE Oregon and N Nevada**
Date: June 20-24, 2016
Location: Burns & Frenchglen, OR

**Final Capstone Session**
Date: July 28-29, 2016
Location: Portland State University

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