



The Mid-Columbia Agriculture Hall of Fame was formed in Year 2000 to recognize and honor distinguished individuals that have made significant contributions to the agricultural community in the Greater Franklin County region and its immediate surrounding areas; although nominees from neighboring counties of Franklin County within a 150-mile radius are often also considered for this prestigious award.

The Pasco Chamber Board has proudly created a Selection Committee comprised of quality individuals representative of our agriculture industry and has chartered them with the honorable task of reviewing all nomination submittals. Induction candidates are selected based on their outstanding performance in the agriculture industry and their bountiful support of the local and rural communities. Candidates are recognized by their peers for not only their dedication, generosity, and selflessness, but also their demonstrated achievements, noteworthy expertise, and creative innovations that often provide a legacy of impactful results and lasting benefit to the overall enhancement of the local agricultural industry and community at large. Farmers, growers, ranchers, and owners/employees of agribusiness firms are all eligible for nomination as either individuals and/or families.

The Ag Hall of Fame inductions will be presented at a special gala January 18, 2024 at the Pasco Red Lion. ***Deadline for Application is November 1, 2023.***

### **Mid-Columbia Agriculture Hall of Fame Intent to Nominate**

Nominee's Name Doc Hastings  
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Date of Death (if deceased) \_\_\_\_\_  
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# Nomination Package Requirements

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## 1. Cover of Nomination packet (front page)

Name of Nominee  
Hi Resolution Photo of Nominee  
The Nominator and relation  
Date submitted

## 2. Years of Community and Agriculture Service

Please list no more than twenty (20) organizations and services the Nominee has participated in to enhance our agriculture community. (E.g. commissions, associations, community service, volunteer activities and events, etc.)

## 3. Brief Bio of Nominee

Please provide (1-2 pages) of background information profiling the Nominee's family history and childhood experiences, including the geographic region of Nominee's upbringing. Be sure to emphasize any and all character traits and attributes unique to the Nominee and discuss personal interests and values that would help create a *Nominee signature story*. As the Nominator, it is imperative to include your personal sentiments and justification to support the selection of your Nominee into the Mid-Columbia Agriculture Hall of Fame.

## 4. Attachments (not to exceed ten (10) pages)

Please provide photos, newspaper, and/or magazine clips, individual letters of recognition and support, special awards, event photos etc.

Upon request, the Chamber will provide a guideline to serve as a framework to assist you with the development of your submittal, as well as writing and editing resources. It is important that the nomination process remain streamlined, easy, and enjoyable.

Return completed nomination form:

Pasco Chamber of Commerce  
1110 Osprey Pointe Blvd, Suite 101  
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Congressman Doc Hastings  
Submitted by Kirsten Lancaster, daughter  
November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023

Submitted for Visionary Award Consideration for years of service advocating on behalf of agriculture in the region

### **Years of Community and Agriculture Service**

- Elected to WA State House of Representatives 16<sup>th</sup> District 1978, served to 1986.
  - Assistant Majority Leader and Caucus Chairman
  - Tax Advisory Committee and Committee on Agriculture
    - Passed law to allow opened corked wine legally transported in vehicle in WA State
- Elected to US House of Representatives 1994, served through 2015
  - Chairman of the House Committee on Natural Resources
    - Leader on protecting the Lower Snake River Dams from removal.
    - Led efforts to rewrite Endangered Species Act to allowing less unnecessary regulations for agriculture.
    - Bureau of Reclamation Surface Water Storage Streamlining Act
    - Preserved Cattle Grazing on Federal Lands
  - Rural Health Care Coalition
  - Specialty Crop Caucus Member
  - Columbia Basin Development League Preseverance Award & Honorary Life Membership
  - Washington Policy Center Champion of Freedom Award
  - Arranged a personal tour of Hanford Reach to Speaker Newt Gingrich, focusing on irrigation and endangered species issues
  - Hosted President George W. Bush and toured Ice Harbor Dam, the last sitting President to visit the region

### **Brief Bio of Nominee**

**Richard ‘Doc’ Hastings** (born February 7, 1941) served as the U.S. representative for Washington's 4th congressional district from 1995 until his retirement in 2015. The district includes much of central Washington including the Tri-Cities, Yakima, Okanogan, Wenatchee and Moses Lake. The most conservative Republican in Washington's Congressional delegation, he chaired the House Committee on Ethics from 2005 to 2007 and chaired the House Committee on Natural Resources from 2011 to his leaving office.

Hastings retired in 2015 after declining to run for re-election in 2014.<sup>[</sup>

Doc was born in Spokane, Washington to Ivan and Florence Hastings. He served in the United States Army Reserve from 1964 to 1969. In 1967, Hastings married his wife, Claire, in Sacramento, California; the couple has three children: Kirsten, Petrina, and Colin, and has 8 grandchildren.

He studied business administration at Columbia Basin College and Central Washington State College, but did not graduate from either. He was named Columbia Basin Alumni of the Year in 2001. He returned to Central Washington as commencement speaker in 2008.

Before being elected to Congress, Hastings ran his family-owned small business, Columbia Basin Paper and Supply. He was an active member of the Pasco Chamber of Commerce, the Pasco/Kennewick Rotary Club, the Pasco Downtown Development Association, and the Pasco Jaycees.

During his career as an elected official, he enjoyed the support of the agricultural community honored with numerous awards from farming interest groups, especially with his time on the Resources Committee. Hastings is rated as one of the most pro-business representatives in Congress, according to the United States Chamber of Commerce which gives Hastings a score of 94 out of 100 based on his 16-year voting record. The 501(c)4 organization Club for Growth gave Hastings a grade of 94 out of 100.

The House Committee on Natural Resources, chaired by Doc Hastings of Washington, considers legislation about American energy production, mineral lands and mining, fisheries and wildlife, public lands, oceans, Native Americans, irrigation and reclamation. He guided legislation as chair of that committee protecting the lower Snake River Dams from removal efforts by environmental extremists. A trusted ally of Republican House Speakers, Doc was rarely in the public spotlight yet helped create the nuclear cleanup caucus, insured funding for the Hanford Site, protected Northwest dams, backed water storage solutions, and championed the development of public lands. Presently, Doc serves on water interest solutions regarding Columbia River Treaty with Canada, completion of the Columbia Basin Project and active in the pursuit to reconvey Army Corp of Engineers lands along the Columbia River in the Tri-Cities region back to local control.

Voters elected him nine times by an average margin of 63 percent. During his tenure, Doc was a witness and active participant in the nation's most controversial events, including the 1994 "Contract with America," Clinton impeachment, 9/11, multiple wars, massive increases in the national debt, the Great Recession, multiple budget battles, Obamacare, and the 2013 fiscal cliff.



Rep. Doc Hastings spoke at a Save Our Dams Rally held mid-span on the Cable Bridge over the Columbia River on Feb. 18, 1999. Tri-City Herald file

### **Washington Policy Center Annual Dinner 2015**

More than 2,250 attendees gathered in Spokane and Bellevue to hear from some of our nation's most prominent figures. In Spokane, our Eastern Washington Annual Dinner event drew over 750 people at the new Davenport Grand Hotel. The electric evening featured former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations John Bolton and former Wall Street Journal editorial board member and economist Stephen Moore, and honored Hon. Doc Hastings with WPC's Champion of Freedom award. Moore spoke of the upcoming presidential election, the economic plans of the candidates, and about the importance of research organizations like WPC at the state level. In his keynote address, Ambassador Bolton took attendees on a tour of the hot spots of the world and posed the question "do you think we're safer in the world when we're strong, and assertive in support of our interests and friends, or do you think we're better off being weak?" And in Bellevue, more than 1,500 attendees gathered for the Annual Dinner and Young Professionals event to hear from American Center for Law and Justice Chief Counsel and bestselling author Jay Sekulow and New Mexico Governor Susana Martinez and honor Rainer Scholars with WPC's annual Champion of Freedom award. When Jay Sekulow addressed the crowd he encouraged the attendees to continue to work on ensuring charter schools remain in Washington state. "I want to thank the Washington Policy Center for the great work you're doing.. That you continue to do. Fight for those charter schools. You know your Supreme Court here doesn't have a particularly great record. Believe me, I know first-hand. So, fight hard." Governor Susana Martinez delivered a message of hope for the future as she shared some of her insights of governing New Mexico. She praised Washington Policy Center, saying "Every year, the Washington Policy Center brings together some of the brightest minds, those who are truly invested in moving our nation forward through sound, reasonable policy changes."

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PARKER PRESENTS FORMER REP. DOC HASTINGS WITH PERSEVERANCE AWARD



## Chairman Hastings: Transparency of Litigation Settlement Practices Necessary to Prevent Abuse

*“Important ESA decisions should not be forced by arbitrary court deadlines, or negotiated behind closed doors”*



House Natural Resources Committee Chairman Doc Hastings delivered the following statement on the House floor today in support of H.R. 2804, *the Achieving Less Excess in Regulation and Requiring Transparency Act of 2014*.

# Los Angeles Times

House approves changes to Endangered Species Act despite veto threat



Rep. Doc Hastings (R-Wash.) introduced the 21st Century Endangered Species Transparency Act in March 2014. The bill has little chance of passing the Democratic-controlled Senate.  
(Dennis Cook / Associated Press )

## President's Remarks on Salmon Restoration Ice Harbor Lock and Dam Burbank, Washington

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you all very much. I appreciate you coming out to say hello. Thank you. Be seated, please. Thanks for coming out to say hello. It's a little different view from the views we have in Crawford. (Laughter.) The temperature is a little cooler, too, I want you to know.

But thanks for coming. It's such an honor to be here at the Ice Harbor Lock and Dam. I find it interesting that another Texan came to dedicate the dam. Vice President Lyndon Johnson dedicated this unbelievable facility in 1962. He said it's "an asset of astounding importance to the region and to America." He was right in 1962. And when I tell you its an asset of astounding importance to this region of America in 2003, I'm right, as well. (Applause.)

We just had a great tour, seeing this facility and its technological wonders. This work has added to the strength of your state, and it's added to the prosperity of the people. It's really important that we remember that when we're talking about national assets. After all, people's money built this facility, and we want the facility to help the people. The facility has been a crucial part of the past in this region, and I'm here to tell you it's going to be a crucial part of the future, as well. (Applause.)

I was pleased to see the incredible care that goes in to protecting the salmon that journey up the river. It's an important message to send to people, it seems like to me, that a flourishing salmon population is a vital part of the vibrancy of this incredibly beautiful part of our country. And I appreciate the commitment that we are making as a country, and that you're making as a community, for salmon restoration. What I saw was, and what you know, firsthand, is that we can have good, clean hydroelectric power and salmon restoration going on at the same time. And that's what I want to spend some time talking about. (Applause.) We have a responsibility to work together to make sure the human condition is strong and to make sure that the salmon flourish. And we'll meet that challenge.

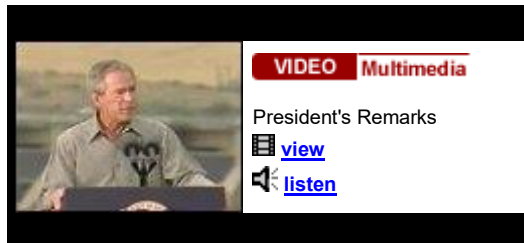
I thank Gale Norton for her leadership. She is the Secretary of the Department of the Interior. She is a lady from the West. She understands land management. She knows what I know, that the folks who live closest to the land are those that care most about the land. And we appreciate that attitude. (Applause.)

I'm traveling in some pretty darn good company, too, when it comes to the congressional delegation. Old Doc Hastings has made a pretty good hand -- (applause). He informed me first thing, before he even said hello, that he was a grandfather again -- today. So congratulations, Doc. (Applause.) I wouldn't take too much credit for it, Doc, if I were you. (Laughter.)

I appreciate so very much traveling with George Nethercutt, as well. (Applause.) Both Doc and George are always telling me about how important eastern Washington is. (Applause.) Every time I talk to them, they're reminding not only that the folks here are just fine, fine, down-to-earth, hardworking people, but our nation is blessed to have the resources that are coming from this part of your beautiful state.

The western part of your state is beautiful, as well, and it's well represented -- parts of it are well represented by my close friend Jennifer Dunn. I'm glad you're here, Jennifer. (Applause.) The Acting Secretary of the Army, Les Brownlee, is with us today. I appreciate you coming, Les. Thank you for being here. (Applause.) We've got a lot of folks from the Corps of Engineers that are with us, people who are making this dam work, and I want to thank them for their service to our country. I appreciate so very much the National Marine Fishery Service, through the Commerce Department, the representatives that are here, as well.

I thank all the mayors that have come out; the state and local officials. I like to tease the mayors and tell them they've got a pretty darn tough job. After all, if the pothole isn't filled, they're going to hear from somebody firsthand at the coffee shop. (Laughter.) That doesn't happen to the President much. (Laughter.) I thank the mayors for coming. Just keep the garbage picked up. (Laughter.)





I appreciate so much the tribal chiefs that are here with us today, distinguished leaders that are here to make sure that the heritage of the salmon is protected and honored and revered, Chief Burke and Black Wolf, Sockeye and Sailor -- I'm honored you all are here and thank you for coming, as well, for taking time. (Applause.)

One of the things I've learned about Washington, D.C., there's a lot of experts on the environment there. (Laughter.) At least they think they are. They're constantly trying to tell people what to do. My judgment is those who think they know what they're doing in Washington, D.C. ought to come out and visit with the folks that are actually protecting the environment. (Applause.) People such as yourself. I have been to your state enough to know that the people of this great state are never very far away from some of nature's most beautiful sights. And the people who appreciate those beautiful sights the most are those who live close to the sights. They understand best of all what it means to be a good steward of land and water.

The Washington way of life depends, and always will depend, on the wise protection of the natural environment. It's been a part of your past; it's going to be an important part of the future of this state -- and our country, for that matter. And a vital part of the natural environment is the Pacific salmon.

Lewis and Clark -- as Doc made sure -- pointed out where Lewis and Clarke stayed -- where he thought they stayed. (Laughter.) But he did say that they stayed in this part of the world a long time. I can see why. The weather's nice, and the scenery is beautiful. But think about what it was like when those rivers in 1805 time frame were just full of salmon. It must have been an unbelievable sight for them, particularly if they were hungry. (Laughter.)

Today, there are a lot fewer salmon in the waters. And the mission has got to be to fight the decline. The mission has got to be to make sure that we understand that without the salmon in the Columbia and Snake Rivers that this would be a huge loss to this part of the world. That's part of what the focus of my short discussion is today, is to let you know that we understand in this administration that we want to work with the local folks to revitalize the salmon runs.

The good news is that salmon runs are up. (Applause.) And that's really positive. And we just need to make sure we keep that momentum. I want to talk about some ways we're going to do it. Gale mentioned one thing is that we can spend that money in Washington, and we're writing a pretty good size check in '04. It helps keep the commitment about what I said when I ran for President. I said, look, we are concerned about the fish. We're also concerned about the citizens of Washington State who depend upon the dams for electricity, and the water to water their land so we can have the crops necessary to eat in America.

But the economy of this part of the world has relied upon the steady supply of hydropower. And we've got an energy problem in America. We don't need to be breaching any dams that are producing electricity. (Applause.) And we won't. Part of a national energy policy has got to make sure that we increase supply and maintain supply. And I saw the six generators that are able to capture a steady flow of water that produces that power, that enables people to live. We want the salmon to live; we want the quality of life in this part of the world to be strong, as well.

You know something, I talk about people closest to the land care about the land more than most. Every day is Earth Day if you're a farmer. (Applause.) Farmers depend upon the quality of the land and the quality of the water. And I understand that. And I understand that this dam and the dams along this river have a got a lot to do with the ability for people to farm the land.

You know, one of the great things about our national security is we don't have to worry about food from some other country. We produce enough to eat here in America. And that's good for our national security. I can't say the same for energy, by the way. We're reliant upon foreign sources of energy. That is a problem for national security. We're not reliant upon foreign sources of food. And that's important. This dam helps us become -- so that we don't get reliant upon foreign sources of food.

Our farmers depend upon the dams on this river. People who run the barges need the dams. The dams accommodate -- in other words, commerce happens, people can make a living, people have food on the table so they can feed their families. At the same time, the salmon are getting more plentiful. And it's a positive story, and it's a story we've got to continue to make sure this stays positive.

We have shown the world that we can have good quality of life and, at the same time, save salmon. And that's exactly what this administration will continue to do. I understand we can't do it alone, but we can help. We can make a difference. As Gale mentioned, the budgets are increasing. We're helping on technology. I just saw some technology that enables the young salmon and Steelhead to pass through the dam near the surface of the dam at lower speeds and lower pressures. That will help the young salmon runs. The technology is employed at the Lower Granite Dam. It will be installed soon here at Ice Harbor. In other words, the federal government is doing its part by gathering the technologies that will make the salmon runs stronger and better over time.

I bet in '62 there wasn't that much concern about salmon runs, when Vice President Lyndon Johnson was here. I haven't reviewed his entire speech, I don't know how much time he spent talking about technologies necessary to save salmon. But in 2003, we can say we're developing good, strong technologies to save salmon. We're getting better at it. (Applause.)

And I appreciate so much the hard work of the federal employees that are doing what we pay them to do. I also know my friend, Donnie Evans, who is the Secretary of Commerce, has got conservation plans that are now being developed and implemented in

Chelan and Douglas County public utility districts. It's a good creative use of federal money, it seems like to me, to create these conservation plans and habitat restoration programs, to be smart about how we develop the strategies necessary to encourage salmon runs to increase.

The plan will minimize the impact of dams, improving fish bypass systems and hatchery programs. And we'll continue to work to fund local habitat restoration programs. In other words, there's a lot going on. But the truth of the matter is, in order to make this strategy work we're going to have to work with the local folks. That's the reality of the situation.

I know that -- I saw some of the irrigation systems, spray systems -- they look pretty darn modern to me. I suspect some of the oldtime farmers here will tell you that there's been a lot of technological advancement when it comes to conservation of water. The more water our farmers conserve by using efficient sprinkler systems, obviously, the less operating costs they have. But also it helps the salmon. And so, for the farmers who are here, I want to thank you for doing your part not only feeding America, but being good stewards of the water you use.

There's a group called Fish First. I met a fellow named Gary Loomis. And I appreciate Gary coming today. Gary is a guy who cares about restoring salmon runs and salmon habitat. So he and a group of volunteers have come together to work on the salmon projects around the state of Washington. They're installing culverts to accommodate the fish. They're creating side channels and ponds. They're getting their money through private donations. There's a lot of people who care about salmon runs, and they ought to be helping by contributing money. And they're using volunteers and some public grants.

As I understand that Gary Loomis' group is going to add another 4,900 foot of stream channel, mainly through volunteer work. And I appreciate what you're doing, Gary. I want to -- why don't you stand up and give people a chance to look at you and let you know the -- (applause). I want to thank you for what you're doing. This will give me a chance to tell the people of the great state of Washington and Oregon that if you're interested in salmon runs, if you want to do your part about conserving this great legacy, volunteer with groups like Gary Loomis' group.

There's a lot of good conservation groups that have a good common-sense view about making sure that the quality of human life is strong, and the quality of fish life is vibrant and healthy, as well. Volunteer help makes a difference. (Applause.)

I appreciate the positive attitude that people have here in this part of the world, the can-do attitude -- "here is a problem; let's go solve it together." And that's what we're here to confirm. It makes a -- it's a lot better than what happens a lot of times when it comes to conservation issues. And that is, people just file lawsuit after lawsuit after lawsuit, just kind of tie everything up in endless litigation and nothing gets better.

We've got that issue, by the way, with our forests. I was in Oregon yesterday, saw the devastating forest fires that are taking place. It's just sad to see national assets just go up in tremendous flames, because we have not done a good job of thinning out our forests and protecting our forests. And a lot of the reason why is because people just file lawsuits, and we get stuck in the court, and nothing happens. The forests don't benefit. People in the communities close to the forest are -- have their lives endangered because of the kindling that has piled up. We need to cut through all this business and get solving the national problems.

And so the good news about what's happening here is it looks like you've been able to bypass all the endless litigation, come up with solutions to the problem so that the people can say, you know, the job well done. Generations -- (applause) -- future generations can say, these folks had a chance and they responded.

And I want to thank you for what you do to make sure that this part of the world is as vibrant and healthy, and the heritage of the salmon remains strong. There's no doubt in my mind you will accomplish the objective. No doubt in my mind we will help. We want to be helpers, not hinderers, coming out of Washington, D.C.

The amazing thing about this country is when we put our mind to something, we can do a lot. We can do a lot. (Applause.) My mind is still focused on protecting America, by the way. We're going to hunt the terrorists down wherever they are, and bring them to justice. (Applause.) And we're making progress. See, in America we know that freedom -- free countries will be peaceful countries. We also know that freedom is not America's gift to the world, it is the Almighty's gift to every human being. (Applause.)

Abroad, this great nation will lead the world to more peaceful times. We'll promote freedom. We worry about the human condition when people are enslaved by tyranny. And at home, we'll protect our assets. We'll conserve our beautiful environment. And at the same time, we'll work to make sure that people can make a living, that people can work hard, put money on the table, they can do their duty as a mom or a dad for -- to feed their families.

Listen, America is a fabulous country, fabulous not only because of the values we hold dear, but fabulous because of the nature of the people, who are the American people. Thank you for coming. May God bless you. (Applause.)

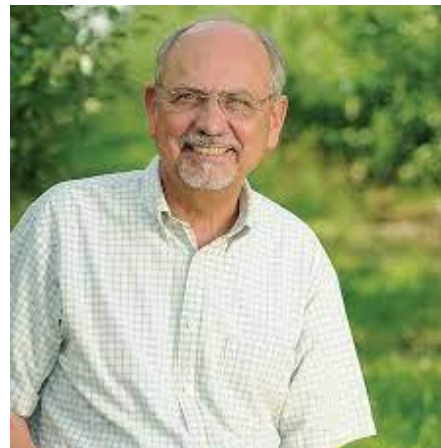
# People passionate about saving Snake River dams

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Retired Rep. Doc Hastings, R-Wash., and other officials spoke about the importance of the Snake River dams at a news conference before a Pasco public meeting to discuss what should be included in a new study, that is expected to consider breaching the dams. ANNETTE CARY Tri-City Herald





Speaker John Boehner accepts a portrait of Rep. Doc Hastings (R-WA) into the House collection. Hastings has served as Chairman of the House Natural Resources Committee since 2011.

November 19, 2014. (Official Photo by Heather Reed)