

New Board of Directors Candidate Biography Form

Board Candidate: *Lisa Remlinger*

Affiliation: *Operations Director, Natural Systems Design*

Location: *Seattle, WA, USA*

Focus/Specialties: *Strategic Partnerships, Staff Development/Leadership, Water Policy, Water Quality/Quantity Regulations, Environmental Advocacy/Lobbying, Rulemaking Implementation, Spokesperson/ Communications, Staff Management, Program Design/Implementation, Performance Management*

Specialties: *As Operations Director at Natural Systems Design, I help develop workload strategy, lead efforts in building an inclusive culture where organizational outcomes and team success intersect and support strategic coordination and growth. I work closely with the President and other Principals to secure and develop resources, systems, and tools needed for success.*

Biographical Sketch: *I am a dedicated environmental leader with 18+ years overseeing programs and initiatives in support of natural resources, clean water, and climate programs. I have extensive experience with organizational development and have advanced community forests, endangered species conservation plans, forest carbon projects, and clean energy siting guidelines. I published work on public health, conservation, and development collaboration as well as received a fellowship to work with the United Nations Environmental Program in Geneva. One of my favorite professional endeavors was working on the Elwha River where I worked as a project manager during dam removal. When not at work I am usually with her husband, son, and friends in Seattle. I have also served on various boards including Wolf Haven International.*

Statement of Interest: *A born and raised Washingtonian I grew up on the Tolt and Skykomish Rivers with my family, but it wasn't until recently that I connected back to rivers professionally at Natural Systems Design. Before this I had spent the last 10 years with an environmental NGO working on climate, forestry, and Puget Sound issues where I recognized a similar need to bring people of common interests together and founded what is now the West Coast Carbon Friendly Forestry Conference. I'm interested in joining the RRNW board to meet passionate river advocates and build community. I believe breaking down barriers (information, cultural, geography, etc.) and bringing a diverse group of people together to collectively solve problems is the way forward on pressing issues. As a board member, I would be open to wherever RRNW needs the most help, and have a skillset particularly suited to program development, and people coordination.*