Waterpower Week Recap

We're back from our first in-person conference in two years! LIHI attended Waterpower Week in DC last week, participating in a great panel discussing opportunities for selling hydropower to corporations, educational institutions, and the federal government. LIHI Executive Director Shannon Ames was joined by representatives from the Clean Energy Buyers Association, Microsoft, Diamond Foundry, and the US Government's General Services Administration. The highlight, however, was reconnecting with colleagues in hydro and river conservation.

Help Determine Climate Data and Research Needs

Help DOE's Waterpower Technology Office determine hydropower data and research needs that will help to better incorporate climate change science into long-term operation and resource planning. Comments from the non-federal hydropower community are welcome until June 6. Details here.

Grist 50: Gia Schneider & Natel Energy

Congratulations to Gia Schneider and our friends at Natel Energy for being featured in Grist 50! Natel Energy does the important work of developing fish-safe turbines, making low impact hydropower even more accessible to project operators. Way to go, Gia!

Trump-Era Environmental Policy Reinstated by Supreme Court
A Trump-era environmental policy that curtailed the role of states in the permitting process for projects under the Clean Water Act was recently reinstated by a divided Supreme Court. The decision reversed a lower court ruling that vacated the policy, leaving it intact while a hearing on its merits moves forward. Read more about the ruling here.

Due Soon: Applications for Julie Keil Scholarship

LIHI continues to remember and cherish our late Board Chair, Julie Keil, and the important impact she had on the hydropower industry through the Women in Hydro Scholarship Fund. The scholarship aims to fund women enrolled in an accredited college, university, or technical school program majoring in a discipline relevant to entering the hydropower industry. The scholarship will be based on merit and financial need. Applications are due on April 15, 2022.

Visit the NWHA Scholarship page to learn more about Julie, the Scholarship and how to donate.

See you at River Rally!

We are looking forward to attending River Rally this June! We hope to see you in DC!

News and Happenings

- Do Salmon Have Rights?: Investigate West
- Dams alter river temperatures and endanger fish, yet 3,700 more will be built: Washington Post
- Hydropower Eyes Bigger Energy Role, Less Environmental Harm: Associated Press