

**UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON**  
*School of Environmental and Forest Sciences*  
**Research Study Consent Form**

**Study Title:** Structuring Stakeholder Perspectives on Biofuels in the Pacific Northwest

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You are invited to be in a research study that will explore the human dimensions of sustainable biofuels production in the Pacific Northwest (Idaho, Northern California, Montana, Washington, and Oregon). You have been selected as a potential participant because of the insight that you may be able to provide on this topic. We ask that you read this form before agreeing to be in the study.

**Purpose:**

The purpose of this study is to explore stakeholder attitudes, perceptions, beliefs and values associated with the development of biofuels in the Pacific Northwest. The main objective is to identify the social acceptability (both desirable and undesirable) of biofuels production in the region using hybrid poplar (also known as cellulosic or wood-based biofuels) as feed stock. We are most interested in informing alternatives for planning, and mitigation of biofuels production and distribution processes, and improving social outcomes by providing outreach and aiding in mitigation to affected stakeholder parties.

**Procedure:**

If you choose to take part in this study, you will participate in an online dynamic questionnaire:

- You will be asked a number of questions regarding your perceptions of biofuel.

The entire session is anticipated to take roughly 30 minutes.

**Risks and Benefits of being in the Study:**

There are no foreseeable risks in participation because the subject nature for this study is not sensitive.

**Confidentiality:**

Your contact/personal information will not be associated with your response, unless you advise us to do so in writing. Data will be securely stored in an industry-strength password protected database on a private laboratory server.

**Voluntary Nature of the Study:**

Your participation in this research study is completely voluntary. You may choose not to be a part of this study. There will be no penalty to you if you choose not to take part. Your decision whether or not to participate will not affect your current or future relationship with the University of Washington. If you decide to participate, you are free to not answer any question or withdraw at any time without affecting this relationship.

**Contacts and questions:**

Please ask any questions you have about this study or the information in this form. If you have any questions, **you are encouraged** to contact the researchers Miku Lenentine, miku2@uw.edu, 206-543-3507 Ext. 3, or Dr. Stanley Asah, stasah@uw.edu, 206-685-4960. If you have questions about your rights as a research subject, you can call the University of Washington Human Subjects Division at (206) 543-0098.