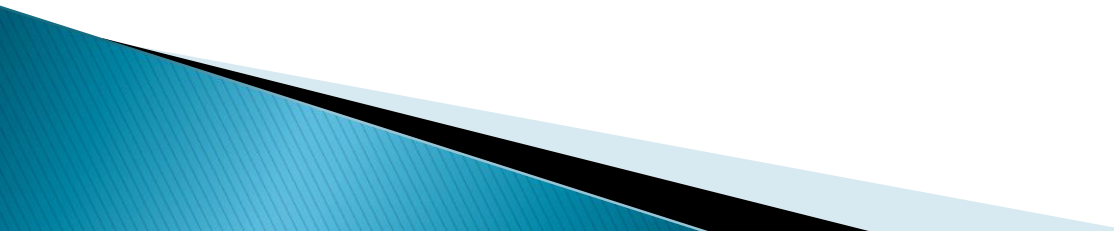


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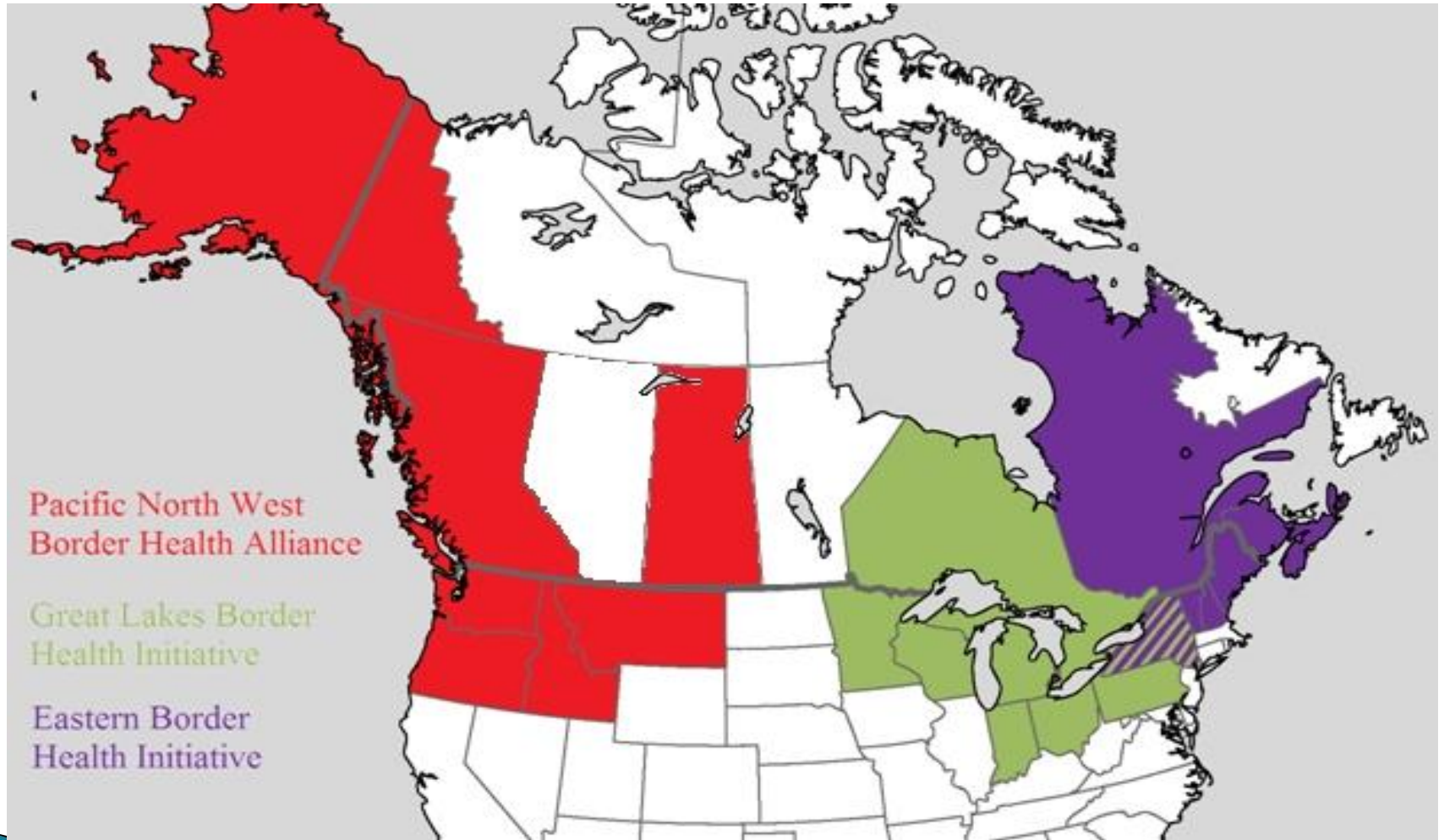
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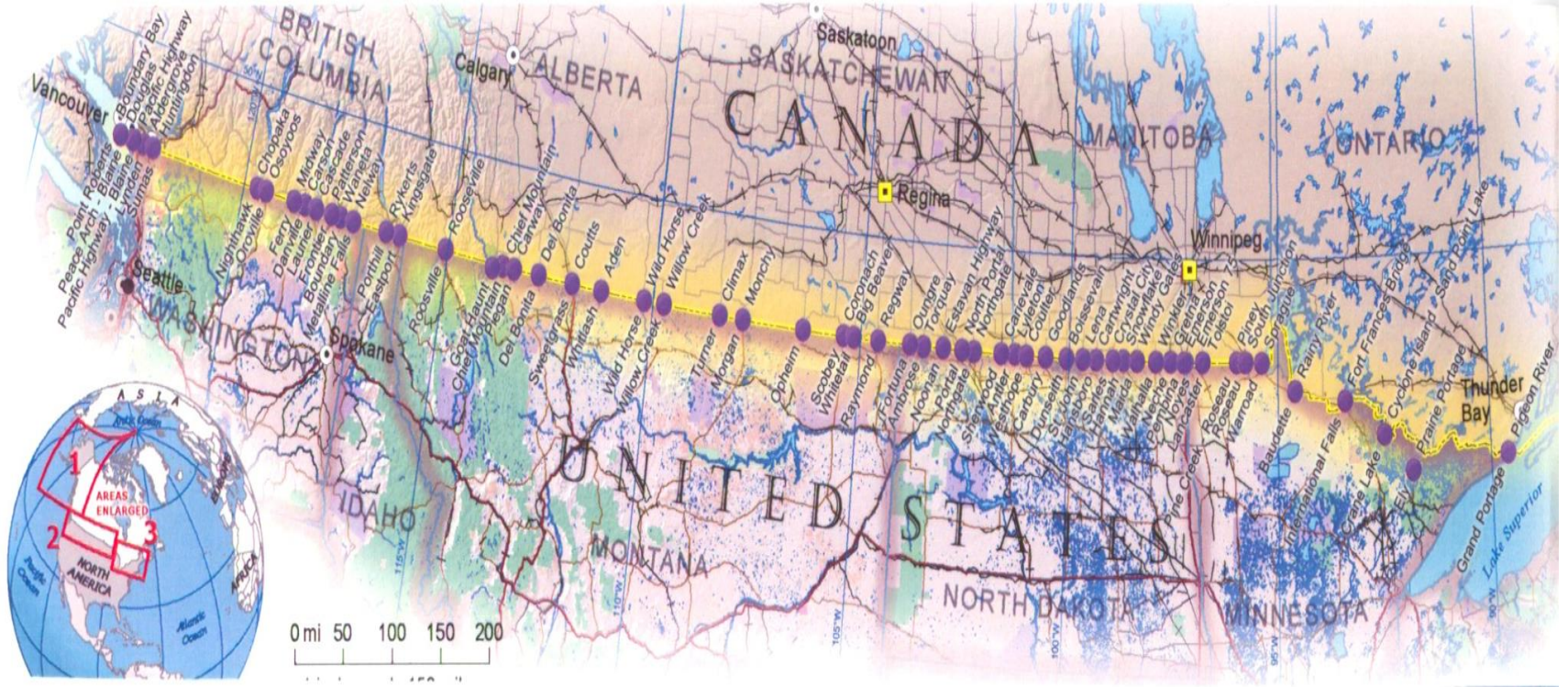


OVERVIEW

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Pan Border Council Jurisdictions





Why we work together

▶ Geography

- Southern Mainland/Puget Sound Lowlands/Willamette Valley
 - Three major metropolitan areas that share commonalities.
- North-South lines of Communications
- Point Roberts

▶ History

- Border Disputes
 - Pig War
- Yukon/Alaska Gold Rush
- 20th Century
 - Industrial Development
 - Development of Alaska
 - World War II
 - Alcan Highway

Why we work together – Economics

- ▶ **Alaska/Washington tie**
 - Puget Sound Region is sources for most supplies for Alaska
 - 90%+ of medical supplies go through Green River Valley industrial/warehouse zone
 - SeaTac Airport is main hub to get to Alaska
- ▶ **Blaine Crossing Figures = \$368,249,676 (January to August 2012)**
- ▶ **Total Washington State Trade with Canada Over \$8 Billion**
- ▶ **Total British Columbia Trade with Washington State about \$4 Billion**

Note: These figures are taken from different sources and are meant only to demonstrate impact.

Authority & Agreements

PNEMA: An arrangement between Alaska, British Columbia, Idaho, Oregon, Washington, and Yukon) with respect to the provision of mutual assistance

- Annex B

Operational Plan for Moving Emergency Medical Service Staff and Resources Across the Washington and British Columbia Border

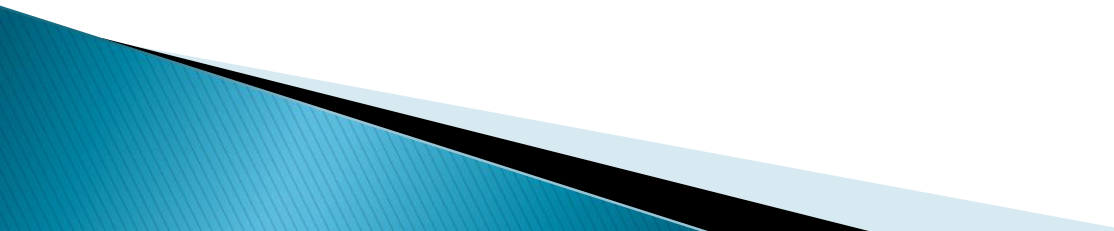
Guidelines developed by the parties for sharing and protecting health information while respecting the individual state's/province's data sharing laws.

Note: All documents available at <http://www.pnwbha.org/>


Authority & Agreements

British Columbia Tripartite Framework Agreement on First Nations Health Governance: An agreement between the federal and provincial governments and BC First Nations to develop a *Health Partnership Accord* that will capture the vision of the Parties for a better, more responsive and integrated health system for First Nations in British Columbia

Authority & Agreements

- Pacific NorthWest Border Health Alliance Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)
 - Washington – British Columbia MOU with Respect a Collaborative Approach to the use of Available Public Health and Health Services Resources to Prepare for, Respond to and Recover from Public Health Emergencies British Columbia
 - Washington–British Columbia MOU to Provide Mutual Aid through Sharing Public Health Laboratory Services
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What We Have Accomplished


- Exercises
 - Communications Exercise
 - WASABE 2005
 - Alaska Shield
 - Evergreen Quake
 - Future Exercises
 - Operations
 - H1N1
 - Olympics & Paralympics
 - Japan Tsunami/Fukushima
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What We Have Accomplished (Cont)

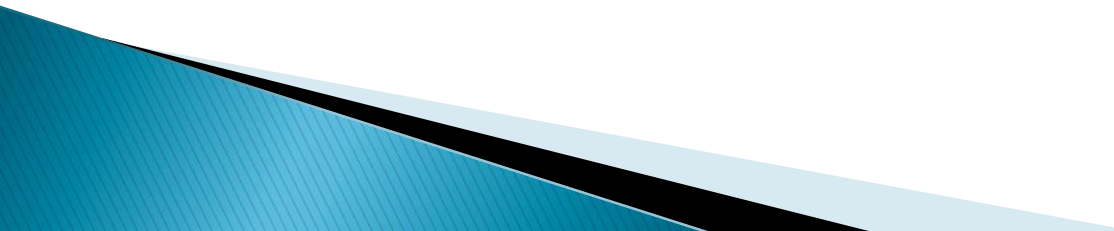
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- **EMS**

- **Olympics & Paralympics**
 - **Cross Border EMS Resources Matrix**
 - **Communications Exercise**
 - **Evergreen Quake**
 - **Recognize Credentials (Bill 7 and WA ST Procedures)**
 - **Blaine Save!**
 - **Interfacility**
 - **Future Exercises**
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Next Steps

- **Job Shadowing**
 - **Bigger and Better Exercises**
 - **Real World Incidents**
 - **Partner Agencies**
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Consultation – Collaboration – Cooperation

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