

Editor's Note

The editorial team at the *Willamette University Environmental Law Journal* is proud to present this inaugural Issue. I should begin by thanking the authors, subscribers, and editorial staff for your patience. Many months have passed since we first advertised and promised this Issue. As with all new ventures, many unexpected complications, in addition to the usual ones, delayed us. As a result, some of this Issue's articles were authored in the fall 2011 and spring 2012. I nonetheless believe this Issue's articles remain highly relevant and further the mission of this Journal—*viz*: to encourage those interested in environmental law issues to publish the results of their research, express their ideas, and stimulate ongoing discussion and research. We hope that you find this Issue of the Environmental Law Journal a valuable legal resource.

—Gabrielle E. Karl, Founder and 2011-2013 Editor-in-Chief, *The Willamette University Environmental Law Journal*.