

CASCADIA

The greatest nation
that is not (yet)

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SO, WHAT IS CASCADIA?

And what makes it special? (A scholarly view, based mainly on <https://depts.washington.edu/cspn/>)

CASCADIA IS: A BIOREGION SURROUNDING THE CASCADE MOUNTAINS



CASCADIA: POPULATION

Greater Seattle area: 3,439,809 (2010 US Census)

Greater Portland area: 2,226,009 (2010 US Census)

Greater Vancouver area: 2,463,431 (2016 Canadian Census)

CASCADIA: POLITICS

Extremely liberal (bordering on, or, historically, being socialist) west of the Cascades

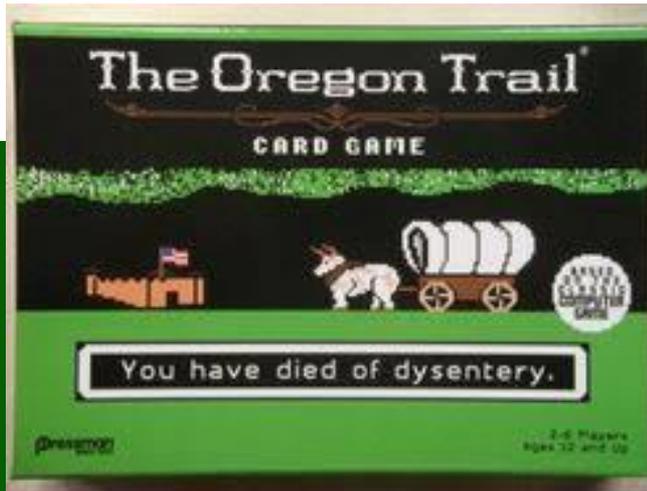
Lots of publicly owned utilities and COOPs

Extremely conservative (“Black Helicopter Folks”) east of the Cascades

Lots of gun owners and militia

CASCADIAN HISTORY: SETTLEMENT

Originally settled by Chinook tribes 14,000-16,000 years ago
European exploration occurred by ship throughout the 1700s
First settlements were for fur-trading in the early 1800s



CASCADIAN HISTORY: COME FOR THE GOLD AND TREES, STAY FOR THE TECH AND SHIPPING

Mass immigration for several gold rushes during the mid and late 1800s

Lumber boomed (spurred by the gold rush)

In the late 1900s, the tech boom began, first with Microsoft and Intel, then Amazon and others

CASCADIAN HISTORY: INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENTS

Oregon made the first attempt during the Civil War

Another attempt was made by southern Oregonians, but ended due to WWII

The Cascadia Mayors Council held meetings between the 1990s and 2004

SO, WHAT IS CASCADIA?

And what makes it so damn special? (A born-and-raised-Cascadian's view)

PLEASE RISE, AND REMOVE YOUR HATS, FOR THE NATIONAL ANTHEM



CASCADIA IS (STILL): A BIOREGION SURROUNDING THE CASCADE MOUNTAINS



CASCADIA IS: A REGIONAL CULTURE AND IDENTITY



CASCADIA IS: A BOOMING ECONOMIC MEGAREGION



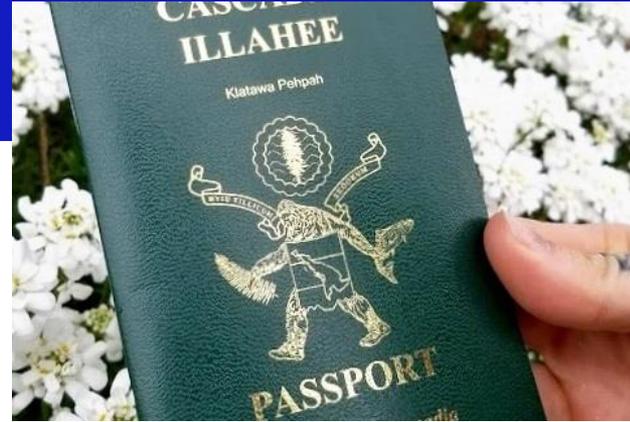
CASCADIA IS: AN INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT

<https://deptofbioregion.org/>

<https://www.cascadianow.org/>

<https://cascadiaunderground.org/>

<https://cascadiafootball.org/>



CASCADIA IS: BEAUTIFUL

... As a quick google search will prove

CASCADIA IS: VERY WET AND CLOUDY

Seattle, Vancouver, and Portland all have average annual rainfalls above average for their respective countries

Seattle gets the most rain (150 rainy days/year), and the most clouds (over 200 cloudy days/year) on average

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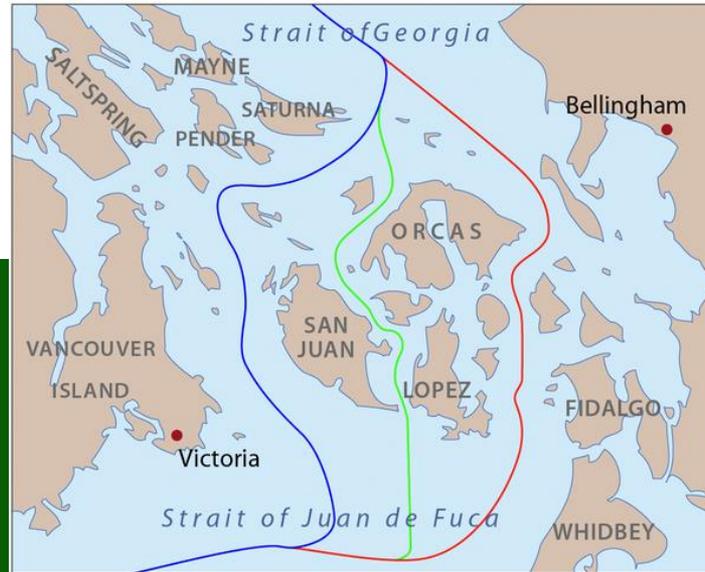


CASCADIA IS: A BEER!



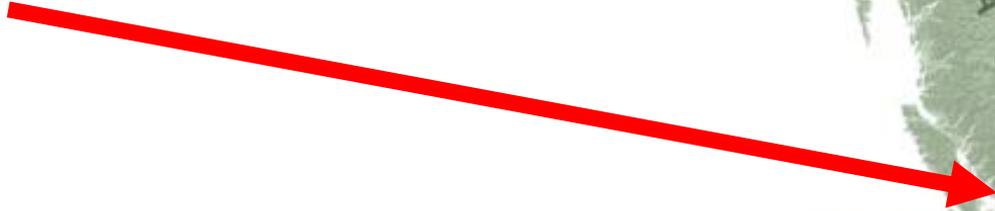
CASCADIA IS: WILLING TO FIGHT OVER A PIG

The pig war (1859), in which a single pig died and Washington Territory “won”



CASCADIA IS: OUR HOME

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THANK YOU FOR LISTENING

Questions? Or should
we go straight to our
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unnecessary delay?

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