

Agricultural Sector Carbon Market Workgroup Status Update

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Workgroup Goal

The ASCMW will focus their attention to the Washington Climate Advisory Team's recommendations of 2007, where policy options developed by the Ag Sector Technical Work Group are described. Six of the eight recommendations will be considered as areas for focus by the ASCMW. Two focus areas will be discussed in depth at each of the remaining three monthly meetings (July, August, and September) of the SWCMW, with the goal of reaching consensus on draft recommendations for each area at the meeting in which they are discussed.

Focus/Priority Area(s)

Manure Digesters/Other Waste Energy Utilization
In-State Production of Biofuels and Bio Feedstocks
Agricultural Carbon Management
Agricultural Nutrient Management
Reductions in On-Farm Energy Use and Improvements in Energy Efficiency
Preservation of Open Space/Agricultural Land

Recommendations for Participation in the Market-Based System

The ASCMW has not yet prepared recommendations. Initial recommendations are expected following the July meeting.

GHG Reduction Opportunities (non-market-based)

None at this time (work in progress)

General Observations and Status

The ASCMW has held one meeting on June 23rd, a second meeting is scheduled for July 14, with three additional meetings scheduled between then and October. During each meeting two of the six focus areas will be discussed and draft recommendations prepared. During these meetings as necessary, technical data will be presented to the committee members and well as reference material that will provide additional information pertaining to the topic areas.