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# Washington Climate Challenge

Climate Advisory Team

Meeting #8

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Community Trade & Economic Development (CTED)  
Center for Climate Strategies  
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# Agenda

- Welcome and Agenda Review
- Update on the 2008 Legislative Session
- Meet with Governor Gregoire
- Preparation and Adaptation Working Group Outcomes
- Public Comment
- CAT Review and Affirm the Final Interim Report
- Future Work of the CAT
- Closing and Adjourn

# 2008 Legislative Session

- **SB 6516/HB 2815** (Governor's request legislation): Regarding greenhouse gas emissions and providing for green collar jobs
- **SB 6580**: Addressing the impacts of climate change through the growth management act
- **SB 6308**: Preparing for and adapting to climate change
- Other

# **Meet with Governor Gregoire**

# Preparation/Adaptation Working Groups (PAWGs)

- The PAWGs represented a cross-agency effort structured across five impact sectors
  - **Forest Resources** (Craig Partridge, lead, Dept. of Natural Resources)
  - **Agriculture** (Kirk Cook, lead, Dept. of Agriculture)
  - **Human Health** (Gregg Grunenfelder, lead, Dept. of Health)
  - **Water Resources and Quality** (Tom Laurie, lead, Dept. of Ecology)
  - **Coastal and Infrastructure** (Tom Clingman, lead, Dept. of Ecology)
- Each PAWG consisted of 10-15 members representing expertise and experience in each adaptation area, and demonstrating enthusiasm for devising recommendations
- PAWG charge - determine how Washington can prepare and adapt to the effects of global warming
- PAWGs met regularly between May – December, 2007

# **Preparation/Adaptation Strategic Areas**

- Emergency preparedness and response
- Planning
- Monitoring and surveillance
- Education/engagement and outreach
- Institutional flexibility

# Preparation/Adaptation Themes

- Early actions are needed while we improve scientific knowledge
- Monitoring and adaptive management is required
- Biological functions and processes are center of attention
- Regional collaboration will allow for a more efficient response

# Public Comment

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and to submit written comments:**

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# **Review and Affirm the Final Interim Report**

- CAT review, discussion and affirmation of the final interim CAT report

# Future Work of the CAT

- 2008 will be a year for Washington State to build on what the CAT has done so far and what the Legislature passes this session
- The CAT's role in 2008 would be to prepare a limited number of the 'most promising' ideas for implementation
- A (modestly reconstituted) CAT would form several Implementation Working Groups (IWG)
  - The IWGs would be composed of appropriate CAT members, State and local agencies and other experts appointed by the Co-Chairs needed to perform the above task
- The current CAT members who wish to remain involved may choose to do so
  - Additional CAT members would be appointed by the Co-Chairs to ensure a well-rounded group for this next phase
- Additional adaptation will be ongoing by the PAWGs in 2008 as well

# Selecting the Strategies

- The Co-Chairs would provide a recommended set of strategies for the CAT to assign to the IWGs
- A focus on selecting the 2008 strategies for the CAT to focus on would be their ability to:
  - Significantly reduce GHG emissions by 2020
  - Contribute to the other State goals of increasing clean energy jobs and reducing dependence on imported fuels
  - Spur innovation and private sector investment and create leadership in growing a Clean Economy (as discussed in the CAT report)

# Implementation Working Groups (IWGs)

- IWGs would be organized by either sector or 'headline' or strategy focus and could include:
  - Transportation (headlines 5, 6, and 7)
  - Energy Supply and Demand (including Residential, Industrial and Commercial) (headlines 8 and 9)
  - Forestry (headline 10)
  - Agriculture (headline 10)
  - Product Choices, Resource Stewardship and Waste Reduction (headlines 10 and 11)
  - Or some combination of these if that makes sense based on the strategies and the membership
  - In addition, a financial cross-cutting IWG would be formed to work on overall implementation costs and potential funding sources for climate-change related activities and programs

# Proposed IWG Charge and Tasks

- Charge: From the range of actions proposed in the 'most promising' strategies recommended by the CAT, work on a manageable subset of those that should receive consideration in the 2009 Legislative session or by Executive Branch action in 2009
- For each strategy in the subset, IWG tasks would be to:
  - Describe what specific actions or programs would be necessary to implement the strategy;
  - Assess costs and benefits (both direct and indirect) in greater depth
  - Determine any additional authority needed to implement the strategy and support drafting preliminary legislation as appropriate;
  - Investigate any barriers to implementation and propose solutions or sequencing needed to address them; and
  - Work with the financial cross-cutting IWG to estimate the budget implications for the State if implemented.

# 2008 CAT Responsibilities

- The CAT as a whole would meet periodically to
  - Monitor the progress of the IWGs;
  - Assess the package's ability to make meaningful contributions to meeting the State's goals;
  - Take a 'big picture' view of this legislative/budget/Executive branch package that would be considered in 2009; and
  - Endorse the package as a whole as key to the CAT's final report.
- The work would need to be completed no later than October 2008
  - This deadline will enable the results to be considered for the 2009 Legislature, including the budget

# Key Considerations

- If the CAT focuses on a few critical issues, what should the CAT's relationship be to the other strategies, many of which will be undergoing refinement and further development on their own accord and pace?
- What would this imply about the nature and content of the CAT's 'final' report this fall?

# Proposed 2008 CAT Schedule

- **April:** CAT kick-off meeting and scope of IWGs
  - In order to support this effort, prior to this meeting, the Co-Chairs would appoint any additional CAT members, provide a recommended set of strategies for the CAT to assign to the IWGs and identify a preliminary roster of IWG membership needed for each IWG
- **April/May:** IWGs flesh out identified strategies and outline preliminary costs and benefits
- **June:** CAT meets to vet and affirm direction of IWGs, and decide if the list of strategies going forward can receive sufficient attention or should be modified
- **June/July/August/September:** IWGs identify what's needed for implementation, identify costs, benefits, needed authority, ways of dealing with barriers, budget implications, etc.
- **October:** CAT meets to recommend strategies that appear 'ready to go' for the 2009 Legislative Session/Executive Branch action
- **November/December:** IWGs and CAT available for further follow-up work, including assisting with specific draft statutory language and/or funding proposals as requested by the Co-Chairs

# A Note on the Western Climate Initiative

- The design phase of the Western Climate Initiative will be on-going during 2008, especially for the next 6 months
- The State has developed an in-state outreach process to keep stakeholders up to speed on the negotiations and to seek timely input on crucial design issues
- The CAT could be kept abreast of these developments so that the CAT can ascertain how WCI options might impact or influence what the CAT should work on or produce
- Individual CAT members interested in WCI are encouraged to participate in the State's WCI outreach process

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