

Tacoma Citizens' Climate Lobby



Creating political will for a livable planet

Core values: focus, optimism, relationships, integrity, personal power, being non-partisan

EARTH DAY

There seems to be another exciting headline every day about progress in RESTORING OUR EARTH! May it continue, with the help of CCL Tacoma and citizens' groups like it! Thanks for your contributions to our inspiring [word cloud](#) on the website. It was fun and looks great.

Recent Victories!

*County Council approved the **Pierce County Sustainability Plan** with a resounding 6-1 vote! Several of our members' efforts were key to this important success. Kudos!

***H.R. 1091, Clean Fuel Standard Act**, passed in the State House and Senate! Pending amendment review, it will hopefully soon be signed by Gov Inslee.

CCL NEWS AND EVENTS

ENERGY INNOVATION AND CARBON DIVIDEND ACT

Now called **H.R. 2307**, it was just reintroduced by **Rep. Ted Deutch** and has 40 cosponsors (and counting!) Changes include net zero by 2050 and removal of the regulatory pause.

CCL ANNUAL CONFERENCE (Virtual) "*The Push for a Price on Carbon*" will be held on June 12 and 13. [Details](#)

Be a 5-Minute Activist!

By participating in the **Monthly MOC Calling Campaign**. Sign up [here](#) to call your federal representative once a month. You will receive a text reminder on your assigned day, with phone number and optional script provided. Easy yet effective. Try it!

OUR MARCH MEETING

Was chock full of information! **Mike Kelly** (CCL liaison with Kilmer) spoke on "CCL Messaging in the Biden Administration." **Marty Gibbons**, League of Women Voters' state climate legislation chair, gave an overview of current climate bills and their status. He also demonstrated how to use the **Senate Remote Testimony link** to weigh in on current bills. See minutes on the [website](#).

March Lobby Days Wrap-up
See below for a full report by [Elly Claus-McGahan](#). And contact her if you'd like to help.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, April 23 6:30
Community discussion of the award-winning climate documentary 2040 Panel includes Kristin Ang, Ryan Mello, and John Doherty
[Get Zoom link](#)

Next chapter meeting
Wednesday, April 28, 6:30-8:30
Speaker: Lexi Brewer, Forests COI Manager for the Puyallup Watershed Initiative
[Get Zoom link](#)

Book Group Wed., May 5, noon
How to Avoid a Climate Disaster
by Bill Gates.
Contact [Sue Lepore](#)

Saturday, May 22, 9:30-1:30
"Climate 411" John Doherty's intensive in-person community class. See full flyer and details below.

MEMBER ACTIVITIES

Lucinda Wingard's letter to the editor was published in the April 1st [TNT](#). See below for full text.

[James Morgese](#) creates videos on local climate stories. They are available on YouTube- [Citizens' Climate Lobby-Tacoma Chapter](#). Contact James with new topic ideas.

Climate Talk radio program, with interviews and news by **John Doherty**, is on **KTAH** and **KVSH 101.9 FM**, and is archived on our [website](#).

[Elly Claus-McGahan](#) -County councilmember **Ryan Mello** has endorsed the EICDA, and letters are out to **Mayor Woodard** and **City Manager Beale**. Fircrest councilmember **Shannon Reynolds** was asked to endorse it as well.

Tabling is back at last! The **Tacoma Ocean Fest** is taking place on June 6, and the **Steilacoom Drive Electric Event** is on Sept. 11. Contact [Linda Cohan](#) if you'd like to join the fun.

Thanks to **Mary Forman** and **Nancy Atwood** for our meeting minutes. From now on, minutes will be linked to each meeting's emailed agenda for approval, and then archived on the [website](#).

[Ginny Lohr](#), Facebook-Thanks to new member **Fred Ramey** for helping!

HELP WANTED

Someone to help start and manage a **CCL Tacoma Twitter account**
If interested, contact [Sue Lepore](#)

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

“Climate Change” by Lucinda Wingard, Gig Harbor. April 1, 2021 [Tacoma News Tribune](#)

Opposition to government efforts that reduce greenhouse gas emissions begins this way: We must first consider the cost-benefit of (whatever) policy or action.

Opponents decry the cost of climate-mitigation strategies, saying they will saddle their grandchildren with tax debt. What’s more, they sob, low-income people will be impoverished due to rising gasoline and energy prices.

These are spurious arguments. The cost of doing nothing is already being felt by the middle and low-income classes. Extreme weather conditions have caused us reduced health, increased hospital visits, disappearing jobs in fisheries, tourism and recreation, and damage to our homes and infrastructure.

To ensure that our grandchildren inherit a livable planet, we must support reserving wild areas for nature to heal, and we must support local, national and global policies that eliminate burning fossil fuels and other sources of mass pollution.

Good government, just as wise household budgeting, is marked by upfront investments to reap long-term rewards.

MARCH LOBBY DAYS WRAP-UP

From Elly McGahan—

CCL-WA March Lobby meeting with **Senator Cantwell’s Environmental Policy Aide, Amit Ronen**. He shared that she plans to reintroduce an updated **CLEAR Act**. (First introduced in 2009.) It would require fossil fuel producers and importers to bid for a gradually declining number of permits for bringing coal, oil, or natural gas into the US economy. By using an auction to put a price on carbon, the CLEAR Act would harness the free market to find the most cost-effective ways to reduce carbon pollution without adding to the national debt. The collected fees would be split, 75% as dividend back to the people and 25% to invest in climate-related needs. According to her, “unlike a carbon tax, this model guarantees that the US will meet science-based emission reduction targets.”

Senator Murray: a meeting with **Jaron Goddard**, her Energy and Environmental Policy Aide, gave the impression that she feels that regulation is more effective than EICDA. Referred specifically to the **Clean Energy Legislation** as being more aggressive than carbon pricing and was not swayed by it addressing only one sector with emissions. She is pleased that the military is publicly taking climate change seriously as a threat multiplier and is very interested in soil health and carbon sequestration opportunities related to the WA farming industry.

Tacoma and Olympia CCL met with **Hector Colon**, **Representative Strickland’s** aide, to share information on EICDA and establish a relationship. Strickland has publicly expressed her interest in carbon pricing and her awareness of EICDA, so we hope co-sponsorship will be forthcoming soon.

OF FURTHER INTEREST

Participate in [Visioning the Tacoma Tideflats](#) 20 years from now. Watch a short video and then take the survey. What industries do you want to see, what business opportunities should the city encourage, what about recreation and waterfront opportunities? Open through April 30.

The Puyallup Tribe of Indians and five environmental organizations are challenging the permits given to PSE to operate a Liquefied Natural Gas plant at the Port of Tacoma. Keep track of the LNG hearings before the Pollution Control Hearings Board by registering for update links from [Power Past Fracked Gas](#).

CLIMATE 411

A FOUR HOUR IN PERSON CLIMATE CHANGE INTENSIVE
FOR THE AWARE-CURIOUS LAYPERSON

A PUBLIC SERVICE EVENT.



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REGISTRATION VIA EMAIL AT CLIMATE411@CCLTACOMA.ORG

YOUR CLIMATE GUIDE: JOHN DOHERTY
SPEAKER, TEACHER, RADIO SHOW HOST



MAY 22 9:30-1:30
5140 NORTH 26TH STREET TACOMA

If we are to be successful in our efforts to create a livable world in the face of climate change, each of us must understand climate processes and what we must do to mitigate and adapt to a changing climate.

The Climate 411 course will take you step by step through:

1. A layperson's overview of the amazing climate scientists, what they tell us, and how they know
2. The history and future of our climate
3. Climate myth and deception – and why some are driven to deceive
4. Climate change effects here in the South Sound
5. Human limitations in dealing with climate change
6. Avoiding climate catastrophe and creating a happy and healthy future

Register [Here](#)