

# Tacoma Citizens' Climate Lobby



Creating political will for a livable planet

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

## CCL NEWS

### ENERGY INNOVATION AND CARBON DIVIDEND ACT

[H.R. 2307](#) was reintroduced by Rep. Ted Deutch and has 92 co-sponsors. (To get a current tally on co-sponsors, click [here](#)). In the Senate, the [Save Our Future Act](#) has a price on carbon.

## LEGISLATION

The [Build Back Better reconciliation bill](#) has passed the House, but without a carbon fee. The Senate will hold a vote on the BBB early this year. We can still keep up the pressure for a carbon fee and dividend by contacting President Biden and our Senators—make your [calls](#) or volunteer to [phonebank!](#) As new CCL President Madeleine Para said, “This one particular bill is not the end for action on climate. It is part of an ongoing effort to enact policies that will ensure we return to a healthy climate.”

### Membership Boost due to Media?

National CCL membership just recently went up by 65% over last year, and some think that this may be due to a recommendation to join CCL in a movie's website! The hugely popular NETFLIX movie “[Don't Look Up](#),” about a comet disaster, is a thinly veiled satire of human folly and climate change inaction. Serious coverage of climate change issues in the media did increase dramatically last year—[See article](#)

## Be a 5-minute Activist!

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

### LORRAINE LOOMIS ACT HB1838

Proposed by Gov, Inslee on Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> for the 2022 WA legislative session. (Named after Swinomish tribal elder and chair of the NW Indian Fisheries Commission who died recently). It calls for \$187 million for restoration of salmon habitat. [See more](#)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Next chapter meeting**  
Wed., Jan. 26, 7–8:30 pm  
Program: “A Look at New WA Climate Bills & How to Help Get Them Passed in this Short Session” [link](#)

**Study group**  
Wed., Feb. 2 at noon, discussing articles that members share. Join us! Contact [Sue Lepore](#)

## PREVIOUS MEETING

(Nov.17, early because of the holiday). The program consisted of chapter members' summaries of the *many* historic climate events of the month: G20, COP26, The Infrastructure Bill, Governor Inslee's coalition, the Build Back Better reconciliation bill, as well as our own November lobby meetings. For minutes, click [here](#).

## MEMBER ACTIVITIES

Congratulations to [Chuck Jensen](#), whose letter to the editor was published in the TNT Sunday Jan.16! See full text on [p.2](#). Chuck will mentor you if you'd like to try your hand at this important CCL action.

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

[Ginny Lohr](#) is doing a great job with Facebook, but she would really like some help! [Take a look](#)

DON'T MISS Ely Claus-McGahan's local lobby report on [p. 2!](#) There are opportunities for taking action!

There is always space for members' contributions to the “Climate ARTivism” page on the [website](#). Contact [Sue Lepore](#)

## HELP WANTED

**It's high time for CCL Tacoma to have a presence on Twitter and Instagram! To join the kickoff group, please contact [Sue Lepore](#)**

**To be Tabling Committee Chair or Co-chair Contact [Chuck Jensen](#)**

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## Letter to the Editor

**CLIMATE CHANGE** Re: “Alaska Smashes heat record for December” ([TNT, 12/29](#)).

Temperatures in the Arctic are warming twice as fast as the rest of the planet, due in large part to two perpetuating feedback loops. First, the sea ice has diminished by anywhere from a third to a half in the last 20 years. Known as the albedo effect, sunlight is reflected off the ice sheet back into the atmosphere. Where there is no ice, sunlight is absorbed by the darker water, thereby increasing its temperature. Also known as arctic amplification, the ice retreats from shorelines, affecting the ability of polar bears to survive. Secondly, the permafrost in the Northern Hemisphere contains twice the carbon of the atmosphere, and three times more than in the global forests. Arctic warming promotes conversion of that carbon into carbon dioxide and methane, thereby promoting the feedback loop that drives global warming. Further, such warming has altered the pattern of the northern jet stream, leading to such events as the “polar express” — i.e. the Texas ice storm — and the Northwest “heat dome.” Our year of 2021 was a destructive year for extreme weather — what does the future hold for our good Mother Earth?

Chuck Jensen, North Tacoma

### Lobby Report from Elly Claus-McGahan:

I’m looking for a team to meet with:

1. **Christine Nahn**, aide to **Senator Cantwell**, early February on the 1<sup>st</sup> or the 3<sup>rd</sup>
2. **Council members for Tacoma**
3. **Council member for Fircrest** – **Nancy Atwood** will lead but I’m helping organize
4. **Casey Duff**, aide to **Senator Cantwell**

We will start scheduling all the meetings to take place probably in February. There will be pre-meetings to train folks to feel confident about participating in all these efforts.

### Of Further Interest

Sign up for a weekly [hotlist](#) on state bills and how and when to support them from the **Environmental Priorities Coalition** of over 20 leading WA environmental organizations. And [register](#) for their **Lobby Days** event Jan. 25-27!

[Link](#) to the transcript of **Governor Inslee’s** inspiring **State of the State 2022** speech, “**Action this Day.**”

*Like shortcuts?* In the national **CCL website’s CCL community section**, there’s a [list](#) of links to their most-used pages such as tools (write Congress, etc), sign-ups, training pages (how to take specific actions), fact sheets on popular topics, forum conversations etc., webinar recordings. Check it out!

The **Skagit River System Cooperative’s** removal of dikes and old hatchery infrastructure in **Barnaby Reach** opened a river flow closed since the 1960’s—and Coho salmon spawning has recently been discovered! [More information](#)