CLEAN ENERGY SITING COUNCIL SUMMARY

Date: August 14, 2024, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Council Co-leads:
Ecology: Joenne McGerr, Diane Butorac, Brenden McFarland, Abbey Wellemeyer, Alex Shin, Lila Costello
Commerce: Michael Furze, Brian Young, Nora Hawkins, Dan Siemann, Glenn Blackmon, Monica Bramble, Aaron Peterson, Valerie Smith, Deenah Watson
Council members: *DAHP:* Allyson Brooks; DFW: Ben Blank, Michael Garrity; DNR*:* Natalie Waid, James Woodward; *EFSEC:* Stewart Henderson, Lisa McLean, Sonia Bumpus; *EJ Council:* Christy Hoff; *GOV:* Becky Kelley; *ORIA:* Dan McConnon; *UTC:* Payton Swinford, Heather Moline; *WSDA:* Gary Bahr; *WSDOT:* Gretchen Coker, Ahmer Nizam

MEETING SUMMARY

Preparation and review of legislative report timeline and council recommendations
The Council's first annual legislative report is due October 1, 2024 (HB1216). Recommendations were shared publicly for feedback and the co-leads held meetings to hear from interested parties and from Tribes. The Council reviewed and considered the feedback along with new language and identified some areas for additional discussion. The co-leads highlighted sections of the report that need additional agency input and discussed the timelines for report review. Council members discussed recommendation ideas for the report.

Clean Energy Projects of Statewide Significance (CEPSS) presentation
Monica Bramble, Commerce, presented on an application for Clean Energy Projects of Statewide Significance (CEPSS). HB 1216 directed the department of commerce to develop an application for the designation of clean energy projects of statewide significance. This presentation shared progress on the application components and timelines for review and sought input from Siting Council members.

Agency updates
Ecology will release the draft PEISs for solar and onshore wind in September for review and comment. WDFW is releasing draft solar and wind guidance in about a month. Both agencies are coordinating to share information and in scheduling public meetings.

Next steps and action items

ACTION ITEMS			
Responsible	**Action**	**Start Date**	**Due Date**
Council	Final review of report	8/15/24	8/23/24