CLEAN ENERGY SITING COUNCIL SUMMARY

Date: February 12, 2025, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Council Co-leads:
Ecology: Joenne McGerr, Diane Butorac, Brenden McFarland, Alex Shin, Amelia Fujikawa
Commerce: Glenn Blackmon, Dan Siemann, Rebecca Ponzio, Deanah Watson, Valerie Smith,
Council members: *DAHP:* Allyson Brooks; *DNR:* Kate Dean, Jim Woodward; *EFSEC:* Sonia Bumpus, Stewart Henderson, Lisa McLean; *EJ Council:* Jonathan Chen; *GOIA:* Tim Reynon, JT Austin; *GOV:* Kate Brouns; *UTC:* Heather Moline; *WDFW:* Ben Blank; *WSDA:* Julia Terlinchamp; *WSDOT:* Ahmer Nizam, Gretchen Coker

New members from Governor's Office and Governor's Office of Indian Affairs
The Council welcomed new members, including Kate Brouns (Governor's Office Climate & Energy Policy Advisor), Tim Reynon (Director of GOIA) and JT Austin (Assistant Director of Policy & Legislative Affairs at GOIA). Kate described the Governor's priorities, including transmission, grid reliability, resource adequacy, permitting efficiency, and tribal sovereignty.

Legislative Updates
The Council reviewed approximately 20 legislative proposals related to clean energy siting and permitting that are currently being considered in the state legislature.

Siting Council Engagement with Tribes and Interested Parties
The Council revisited proposed approaches to engaging with Tribes and interested parties. Suggestions included quarterly forums or workshops. Co-leads drafted a Tribal engagement and outreach plan and will provide it for Council review before sharing with Tribes for review.

Agency updates
Agencies provided general working updates on current projects:

- Ecology is finalizing three Programmatic EIS's for onshore wind, solar, and green hydrogen by June 2025. Ecology provided an updated on clean energy coordination to the ATNI General Assembly in January 2025.
- EFSEC is progressing on their Transmission PEIS. A draft is expected in March.
- WDFW is completing their update of Wind & Solar Guidelines, expected in June 2025.

Proposed Topics for Future Meetings
The Council discussed potential topics for future meetings. These included:

- Federal changes
- EV fire response report SB 5812
- Geothermal energy
- PEIS Updates: Wind, Solar, Hydrogen, Transmission
- Community and Tribal Benefits Agreements
- Energy mapping and dashboard
- Categorical Exemptions
- Energy Tax policy: WSAC study; potential legislation
- Council legislative report

ACTION ITEMS			
Responsible	**Action**	**Start Date**	**Due Date**
All	Review Tribal engagement and outreach plan		3/6