CLEAN ENERGY SITING COUNCIL SUMMARY

Date: May 21st, 2025, 10:00 to 2:00 p.m. (Hybrid)
Council Co-leads:
Ecology: Joenne McGerr, Diane Butorac, Alex Shin, Amelia Fujikawa
Commerce: Glenn Blackmon, Dan Siemann, Valerie Smith
Council members: *DNR:* Kate Dean, Jim Woodward; *EFSEC:* Lisa Mclean; *EJ Council:* Sierra Rotakhina, Jonathan Chen; *GOIA:* JT Austin; *GOV:* Kate Brouns; *ORIA:* Dan McConnon*; UTC:* Payton Swinford; *WDFW:* Ben Blank; *WSDA:* Julia Terlinchamp; *WSDOT:* Ahmer Nizam, Gretchen Coker

Welcome and introductions
The May meeting was an extended hybrid meeting to consider input from recent public workshops and other sources and begin work on the Council's annual legislative report and recommendations.

Siting Council Engagement and 2025 Legislative Report
Alex Shin, Ecology, provided an update on the Council's engagement efforts for the 2025 legislative report. The Council hosted workshops on May 19th for Tribes and on May 20th for interested parties to provide information about the purpose of the Council, an overview of the 2024 report recommendations, and to hear ideas on recommendations. The workshops were attended by members of multiple Tribes and around 100 interested parties from utilities, industry, organizations, individuals, and federal, state, and local agencies. The participants provided feedback about future engagement options and preferred methods of communication from the council. Participants had an opportunity to review the 2024 legislative report recommendations and provided input on recommendations for the 2025 report.

The workshop presentation and a summary of the input from the workshops will be shared on the Council website. The engagement plan for interested parties will be updated based on input from the workshop and posted online. Input from Tribes will be used to develop a draft Tribal engagement plan which will be shared with Tribes.

Dan Siemann, Commerce, and Diane Butorac, Ecology, provided an overview of the Council's 2024 report recommendations and updates on clean energy topics and legislative proposals from the 2025 legislative session. Members reviewed and discussed input and feedback from the workshops and ideas for recommendations. They also discussed the next steps for engagement and the schedule to develop the 2025 Legislative Report.

Council Workshop
The Council co-leads facilitated a workshop for Council members to develop recommendation ideas for the 2025 legislative report. Members rotated through four breakout groups to discuss the following topics:

1. Utilizing existing infrastructure
    - Discussion included transmission and interconnection issues, use of brownfields, upgrades and repowering existing facilities
2. Emerging clean energy technologies

    - Energy types discussed included geothermal, nuclear fusion, nuclear fission, sustainable aviation fuel, agrivoltaics, battery storage
3. Adapting to federal policy changes
    - Consideration of changes at the federal level to funding, capacity and policies, changes to the National Environmental Policy Act, collaboration and partnership opportunities
4. Making clean energy more beneficial
    - Discussion included community incentives, supporting local and Tribal planning and development, workforce development, mitigation

The activity concluded with a discussion on themes that emerged from each topic and additional topics for consideration. Next, the Council will develop draft recommendations to share with Tribes and interested parties in summer 2025 and hold listening sessions.

Agency updates

Agencies provided updates on agency clean energy efforts both planned and in progress.

ACTION ITEMS			
Responsible	**Action**	**Start Date**	**Due Date**
Co-leads	Distribute draft engagement plans to Tribes	5/21/25	Late June 2025
Co-leads	Finalize and post interested party engagement plan online	5/21/25	6/12/25