CLEAN ENERGY SITING COUNCIL SUMMARY

Date: September 10th 2025, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
Council Co-leads:
Ecology: Diane Butorac, Amelia Fujikawa, Alex Shin, Mark Daniel, Andrew Hollenbaugh
Commerce: Glenn Blackmon, Dan Siemann, Nora Hawkins, Deanah Watson, Monica Bramble, Valerie Smith, Rebecca Ponzio
Council members: *DNR:* Ryan Maverick, Jim Woodward, Kate Dean; *EFSEC:* Lisa McLean; *EJ Council:* Jonathan Chen, Sierra Rotakhina; *UTC:* Payton Swinford, Heather Moline; *WSDOT:* Nizam Ahmer; *Governor's Office*: Kate Brouns; GOIA: Rafael Fernandez; *WDFW:* Benjamin Blank

Introductions
The council welcomed a new member, Rafael Fernandez from the Governor's Office of Regulatory Innovation and Assistance (GOIA).

PEIS Update (Ecology)
Mark Daniel, Ecology, provided an update on the clean energy programmatic environmental impact statements (PEISs). The PEISs are environmental studies that do not review any specific projects but provide a foundation for future project-level environmental reviews. In June, Ecology published the PEISs for utility-scale onshore wind energy facilities, utility-scale solar energy facilities, and green hydrogen production and storage facilities. Information about these PEISs and implementation tools to help developers and local governments use the PEISs can be found on Ecology's PEIS webpage. Ecology is also starting the scoping comment period this fall for a new PEIS for sustainable aviation fuel production pathways. That PEIS is planned to be completed by June 30, 2027.

Clean Energy Early Planning Process (Ecology)
Alex Shin (Ecology) presented on a new clean energy project early planning process that Ecology developed to improve customer service. The process provides developers with early feedback on required Ecology approvals and permits and provides an opportunity to discuss potential issues and concerns early on. The process includes early-stage meetings before permit applications are submitted where Ecology can share information and guidance. Ecology is developing a webpage with resources for developers and information on how to request an early planning meeting with Ecology. Ecology is launching the process this fall and will do outreach with developers and agencies to promote the process.

Winter interested party and Tribal engagement workshops
The Council began planning for winter workshops with interested parties and Tribes. Council members suggested ideas and topics for discussion and methods for collecting feedback during workshops. The winter workshop is one of several engagement opportunities that the Council provides for interested parties and Tribes throughout the year.

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	Submit final legislative report by Oct 1		Oct 1