



ADVISORY BOARD

Low-carbon Energy Project Siting Improvement Study

Advisory Board Meeting

May 11, 2022

Topic: Environmental Impacts and Mitigation

Meeting Objectives

- Learn about approaches to evaluate environmental impacts relevant to low-carbon energy projects
- Gain insight into how to proactively consider potential environmental impacts early in project planning so they can be avoided or reduced
- Gain insight into effective strategies for mitigating environmental impacts

Agenda

1:00-1:10 PM	Welcome and Meeting Overview <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome• Meeting overview and logistics: <i>Tom Beierle, Ross Strategic</i>• Highlights of Advisory Board scoping discussions on environmental impacts and mitigation• Upcoming siting study Tribal Forums and Public Information Meetings• Quick ice breaker
1:10-2:10 PM	State Approaches to Environmental Impacts and Mitigation <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Habitat protection planning, <i>Michael Garrity and Michael Ritter, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife</i>• SEPA elements of the environment and mitigation, <i>Diane Butorac, Ecology</i>• Q&A
2:10-2:30 PM	Advisory Board Perspectives on Environmental Impacts and Mitigation <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Insights from Board members: <i>Adam Maxwell, Audubon Washington; Rebecca Ponzio, Washington Environmental Council</i>
2:30-3:15	Advisory Board Discussions: Environmental Impacts <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Breakout group discussions and report outs<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <i>What would help developers, Tribes, and stakeholders understand significant environmental impacts early so they can be avoided or reduced?</i>○ <i>How should understanding of cumulative impacts be developed and considered in project decisions?</i>

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3:15-3:30 PM	Break
3:30-4:15 PM	Advisory Board Discussions: Mitigation <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Overview: SEPA phases of environmental mitigation• Breakout group discussions and report outs<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <i>What are the most valuable and effective ways to mitigate environmental impacts to a level of non-significance?</i>○ <i>How can mitigation strategies be developed most effectively?</i>
4:15-4:25 PM	Public Comment
4:25-4:30 PM	Wrap up and Next Steps <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Follow-up from today• Next meeting (June 8): <i>Improving consultation and engagement with Tribes</i>