

WEEK of Monday, January 19, 2009

Environmental Community

Hot List for the STATE SENATE

For the seventh year in a row, the environmental community will be sending legislators and key stakeholders its weekly Environmental Community "Hot List" detailing positions on no more than ten of the highest priority issues for the upcoming week. Separate Hot Lists will be prepared for the House and Senate and distributed each Monday via email and in hard copy to your office. At the end of the document, you will find a list of environmental community organizations that contributed to the Hot List. We hope you find this communication helpful. Please feel free to contact me at clifford@wcvoters.org or 206-369-2235, if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

Clifford R. Traisman, State Lobbyist, Washington Conservation Voters & Washington Environmental Council

2009 ENVIRONMENTAL PRIORITIES LUNCHEON: ALL MEMBERS AND STAFF WELCOME

Monday, January 19th, 2009, 12pm-1pm, House Hearing Room A in JLOB

Washington Conservation Voters, Washington Environmental Council and other members of the environmental community invite you to join us for an informal luncheon to discuss the 2009 Environmental Priorities. All Members are invited to attend and are free to drop by anytime during the hour. A box lunch will be provided.

SENATE COMMITTEE ACTION

Possible changes to utility emissions performance law.

Environment, Water & Energy Committee: Public Hearing

POSITION: *SUPPORT*

- SB 6001, passed during the 2007 legislative session, sets limits the amount of greenhouse gas pollutions emitted through electricity generation. The law's intent is clear, to prevent more dirty coal plants and other high emitting resources from serving Washington needs.
- This legislation fixes two technical issues that threaten to un-do the standards and allow dirty resources from out of state to be used in Washington.

SB 5004: Creating a mobile custom farm slaughtering unit loan program.

Agriculture and Rural Economic Development Committee: Public Hearing

POSITION: *SUPPORT*

- Establishes a much needed program in the Department of Agriculture to help smaller livestock producers have access to local facilities to process their meat.
- By improving their ability to get product to market, this bill will promote the viability of smaller farms and improve everyone's access to locally-grown food.

Contributing Organizations

American Rivers ▪ Audubon Washington ▪ Climate Solutions ▪ Conservation Northwest ▪ Earth Ministry ▪ Environment Washington
Fuse ▪ Futurewise ▪ Heart of America Northwest ▪ League of Women Voters of Washington ▪ Lutheran Public Policy Office
National Wildlife Federation ▪ Nature Conservancy ▪ NW Energy Coalition ▪ People for Puget Sound ▪ Sierra Club ▪ Surfrider
Foundation ▪ Transportation Choices Coalition ▪ Washington Citizens for Resource Conservation ▪ Washington Conservation Voters
Washington Environmental Council ▪ WashPIRG ▪ Washington Toxics Coalition ▪ Washington Wildlife and Recreation Coalition