

2016 Talking Points Memo

Governor Jay Inslee



Governor Inslee has spent a career dedicated to spurring environmental action and transitioning Washington state to a clean energy economy. He has lived his values and backs his words with real action.

The Governor has taken climate challenges and turned them into economic development opportunities for Washington State. He has shown leadership in face of divisive opposition in the state legislature to spur environmental innovation and push the state on our path to a clean energy economy.

Accomplishments as Governor:

- **\$176 million in historic state investment in clean energy and energy efficiency**
 - The most in the state history, to support Washington's rapidly growing clean energy economy and develop innovative solutions to reduce pollution.
- **Developed innovative runoff protections for Puget Sound**
 - The program provided grants to 108 projects in 2015 to help communities reduce toxic pollution from existing infrastructure like roads and parking lots. Projects are ranked based on their ability to reduce water pollution and cost-effectiveness.
- **Implemented the Clean Air Rule** through executive action as a major step towards fully addressing climate pollution in WA State
 - Throughout his first term, Governor Inslee pushed to reduce pollution in Washington and holding major polluters accountable for their emissions. After the divided state legislature refused to pass the Carbon Pollution Accountability Act, the Governor's market-based solution, he **took executive action in early 2016 to develop new rules for emitters through the state's Clean Air Rule**. With this proposal, the Governor used the tools at his disposal to keep Washington on the path to fully addressing pollution. If Washington can elect a pro-environmental legislative majority that truly reflects the state's values, the Governor will have the support he needs to create a more robust solution.

- **Greenest transportation package ever**
 - In the 2015 session, most legislators assumed transportation package negotiations were a non-starter, as it had been with previous administrations. But **Governor Inslee negotiated a full funding package and brought both sides together for a badly needed compromise** to fix and repair the state's transportation systems. He also negotiated the **largest investment in public transit and alternative transportation infrastructure in the state's history**.
 - Through the Department of Transportation, he has also set new state's priorities to give Washingtonians more options to commute and innovative traffic alleviation tools. Despite massive population growth, the state's new approach has already resulted in commute time reductions, with many more projects on the way.
- **Working to safeguard against oil and coal**
 - Governor Inslee has pushed the state legislature to require far more stringent safety standards and equipment upgrades for oil trains making their way to local refineries. To address the largest coal and oil train issues, Governor **Inslee has repeatedly met and lobbied the Federal Railroad Safety Administration to make Washington's case for safety**, most recently after the Mosier oil train disaster in early June. This led him to **call for a moratorium on oil trains** (June 24th) until safety standards are improved.
 - While a direct decision for coal does not come to the executive's desk, the Department of Ecology is one of the agencies considering permits. **Under the leadership of Governor Inslee, DOE has pushed for the strong and comprehensive scoping for export projects throughout the state:** *"Before the United States and our trading partners make substantial new investments in coal generation and the infrastructure to transport coal, extending the world's reliance on this fuel for decades, we need a full public airing of the consequences of such a path, wrote Inslee"* - Nov. 20th 2015 Tacoma News Tribune.
 - NOTE: Governor Inslee has direct decision making authority on the Tesoro Savage oil terminal in Vancouver, WA, a decision that will likely come right before or after the November election. It should be noted that because of this semi-judicial authority over the project, he is legally bound not to publically state his opinion on the terminal.

Hilary Franz, Commissioner of Public Lands



Hilary Franz is a proven leader who's put in the time to understand Washington's public forests and water ways. She has spent 18 years promoting sustainable management and rural economic development and understands that protecting the land and community prosperity are two sides of the same coin.

She is also the only candidate in the race with significant public lands issue experience. She is the right person to lead the

Department of Natural Resources core mission; managing our land for the shared benefit of everyone in Washington.

Past Experience

Land use and natural resource experience

- Hilary Franz has spent nearly two decades focused on law and policy for Washington's farms, waterways, and land use.
 - She has been selected for numerous boards dedicated to solving complex land-use and natural resource issues including
 - Puget Sound Regional Council Economic Development District Board
 - Puget Sound Salmon Recovery Council
 - Friends of Farms
 - Center for Environmental Law and Policy
 - Appointed by Governor Gregoire to Washington State Climate Action Team
 - Puget Sound Transportation Futures Task Force
- As Executive Director of Futurewise she led a team dedicated to improving land-use policy and protecting the public land we all share
 - At Futurewise, Franz negotiated key water rights issues to help protect farmers in Kittitas County
 - Worked extensively on campaigns to reinvest in transit options for King County and Spokane residents
 - During her tenure, Franz helped protect 2,800 acres of prime farmland and over 5000 miles of critical shoreline along Washington's coast to protect critical habitat for salmon and shellfish.

- As a well-respected attorney, Hilary Franz worked across the state to negotiate resolutions to some of our toughest natural resource issues
 - She defended local governments, non-profits, and local residents to protect the Clean Water Act and preserve Washington's most vulnerable spaces.
 - She has helped negotiate protections for local salmon runs, Puget Sound, and local farmland.

As Commissioner of Public Lands

- Franz is the only candidate who has not and will not accept campaign contributions from timber, coal, or any other industry that it's her job to regulate to ensure she makes decisions that protect the health and safety of Washingtonians.
- Wildfires are a growing and devastating reality for cities and towns across Washington. As a hotter dryer climate extends the fire season well beyond summer, Hilary Franz will rely on the best science available and focus on the root causes and impacts of wildfires to both protect vulnerable communities and restore and defend forest health.
- She is dedicated to forestry practices that provide longer term sustainable integrity that balances both harvest and long-term health for today and generations to come.
- Our public lands can be a foundation for rural economic development and the clean energy economy. Hilary Franz will work to expand renewable energy leasing on public lands to create high value jobs in rural communities and help our state continue its legacy as an environmental leader.
- Franz is dedicated to creating job growth in rural communities. Washington needs solutions that focus on long term success, like protecting farmland and sustainably managed forestry, over short-term false promises.
- Access to the outdoors is a key economic driver for communities across the state and Hilary Franz is dedicated to once again making it a major part of the Department of Natural Resources priorities.

When our forests are healthy and more people have greater access to the outdoors, communities across Washington win. We need to elect a leader who understands how to manage our lands so they work for everyone. Hilary Franz will be that champion.