



# Climate Commitment Act Rulemaking

Air Quality Program Team

Special Meeting of the Environmental Justice Council

May 13, 2022

# Agenda

1. Environmental Justice Commitment: Millie Piazza, Program Manager, Office of Equity and Environmental Justice
2. Overview of Ecology's Work on the Climate Commitment Act: Kathy Taylor, Program Manager, Air Quality
3. Rulemaking: Joshua Grice, Climate Rule Unit Supervisor, Air Quality

# Climate Commitment Act

- Cap-and-invest program begins Jan. 1, 2023
- Emitters generating more than 25,000 tons of CO<sub>2</sub>e/year must purchase or receive emissions allowances
- Revenue from allowance auctions in projects/programs is invested in climate change and environmental justice
- Expanded air monitoring and reduced air pollution in overburdened communities highly impacted by air pollution



# The Environmental Justice Council and the Climate Commitment Act

## Cap-and-Invest:

- Receiving recommendations on the **development and implementation of the Cap-and-Invest program**
- Ecology will provide **comprehensive 4-year reviews** of the program (starting in 2027)
- Make **recommendations on meaningful consultation** with vulnerable populations
- **Input** on improving air quality in **overburdened communities highly impacted by air pollution**
- **Recommend how money raised** through the Climate Commitment Act's emissions allowance auctions should be spent

# Additional CCA Work: Overburdened Communities

- Authorized under Section 3 of the Climate Commitment Act
- Refers to identifying overburdened communities highly impacted by air quality
- Expands placement of air quality monitoring networks
- Leads to additional emissions-reduction strategies



# Rulemaking at Ecology

- Engagement
- Respectful communication with tribal governments and opportunity for government-to-government consultation
- Public input
- Transparency



# Rulemaking Phases



- Research & analysis
- Informal input

- Public comment

- Consider & respond to comments

# Cap-and-Invest Program Rule Timeline

In the Climate Commitment Act, the State Legislature directed Ecology to commence the cap-and-invest program by January 1, 2023, and to adopt the rule that establishes the program's structure and parameters by October 1, 2022.



# Public Comment Period

May 16, 2022 – June 30, 2022:

- Written public comments
- 4 virtual public hearings (including evening)
- Recommendations from this Council

# Scope of this Rulemaking

Implements the market-based system for the Climate Commitment Act

- Covered entities
- Compliance obligations
- Allowances
- Auctions
- Projects for offset credits
- Enforcement



# Council Engagement in Current Rulemaking

- Ecology is committed to providing information
- Including interactive meetings on specific topics upon Council's request



# Looking to the Future

- Robust and ongoing input and engagement
- Listening and discussing
  - Linkage with other jurisdictions
  - Washington-specific offset protocols
- We welcome working with the Council
- We are committed to transparency, fairness, and equity
- We appreciate public participation

