

Oregon Global Warming Commission

Informational Hearing – Senate Energy and Environment

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OREGON
DEPARTMENT OF
ENERGY

2007 LEGISLATIVE DIRECTION TO THE OGWC

- Produce a biennial report to the Legislature on Oregon's progress toward our greenhouse gas emission reduction goals
- Make recommendations for changes in policies and programs to advance climate mitigation in Oregon
- Educate Oregonians on the risks of climate impacts and need for mitigation and adaptation

(Supported by ODOE with 0.3 FTE to help coordinate)

OGWC MEMBERSHIP

- **11 voting members**
 - 6 specified seats: representing agriculture, forestry, energy, transportation, manufacturing, and environmental interests
 - 5 At-Large members
- **14 non-voting members**
 - 4 Legislators: 1 Republican and 1 Democrat from each chamber appointed by the Speaker of the House and Senate President
 - 7 specified Agency Directors: ODOE, ODOT, PUC, DEQ, ODA, ODF, and OWRD
 - 3 others from agencies or academia (currently DLCD, OHA, and PSU)

HIGHLIGHTS OF RECENT WORK

Natural and Working Lands

- 2021 Natural and Working Lands Proposal
 - ✓ Robust year-long process with over 1,000 public comments
 - ✓ Includes proposed goals and metrics and strategy recommendations
- N&WL Stakeholder Advisory Committee meeting through next September to continue work

Roadmap/TIGHGER

- Detailed modeling to assess whether state is on track to meet the EO 20-04 GHG goals
- Public and agency engagement
- Identified a set of 35 actions to achieve the 2035 goal in 2030 per best available science
- Developed six overarching recommendations with 26 sub-recommendations

OVERARCHING ROADMAP RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Support robust and continuous implementation of existing climate programs and regulations.
2. Adopt updated state greenhouse gas reduction goals consistent with the best available science.
3. Advance a set of additional climate actions – the TIGHGER Actions – that can help the state meet an accelerated greenhouse gas emission reduction goal of 45 percent below 1990 levels by 2030.
4. Support further study and analysis to inform decision makers and continue to guide effective climate action over time.
5. Strengthen governance and accountability for Oregon climate action.
6. Position the state to take full advantage of federal investments in climate action.

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