



Cap-and-Invest Fuel Exemptions Workgroup Meeting Summary

Thursday, June 22, 2023 | 2:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Location: Dept. of Ecology - Lacey or Zoom

Attendance

- 35 out of 37 workgroup members attended both in-person and virtually.
- 7 Ecology staff attended in-person.

Welcome and Introductions

- Introductions to the facilitation team that will support the workgroup: Gretchen Muller and Alexandra Doty from Cascadia Consulting Group
- Introductions to the Ecology staff that will support the workgroup:
 - Luke Martland – Climate Commitment Act Implementation Manager
 - Jihan Grettenberger – Cap-and-Invest Community Engagement Specialist
 - Lindsey Kennelly – Greenhouse Gas Reporting/Verification Lead Engineer
 - Kimberly Colgan – Greenhouse Gas Emissions Engineer
 - Adam Eitmann – Director of Government Affairs
 - Claire Boyte-White – Cap-and-Invest Policy Relations
 - Tamara Jones – Senior Legislative Planner

Welcoming remarks

- Department of Ecology Director Laura Watson shared welcoming remarks with the Fuel Exemptions Workgroup members.
- Director Watson welcomed the group and thanked them for their participation. Emphasized the need for solutions and reiterated Ecology's goal in participating is to ensure exempt fuel users receive the full benefit of the exemptions.

Workgroup member introductions, purpose, timeline:

- Workgroup members introduced themselves, and shared one thing they hope to accomplish through participating in the workgroup.
- The facilitation team shared an overview of the workgroup's purpose and a roadmap for the workgroup's eight meetings together.

Workgroup member reflections on fuel exemptions:

- Workgroup members shared using Mural board and sticky notes the issues or challenges they have experienced, observed, heard about related to fuel exemptions.
- The facilitation team walked through the reflections provided by participants across the four exempt fuel categories.
- The facilitation team and Ecology staff will review the reflections in advance of meeting #2.

Next Steps

- The next Fuel Exemptions Workgroup meeting will occur virtually on Zoom on June 29, 2023, 1:00 – 3:00 pm

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- Director announced that Ecology has draft interim guidance on the definition of “agricultural products” as it pertains to the exemptions for fuels used for “transporting of agricultural products on public highways”. She asked the group if they want to review it in advance of the meeting and by consensus the group did. Director said they will provide the guidance.
- **Action items:**
 - Facilitation team and Ecology staff will summarize comments from the Mural board activity in preparation for meeting #2 on June 29.
 - Ecology will share the draft guidance to address what constitutes “agricultural products” with workgroup members, covered entities, and other interested parties.

Resource and Assistance

- Questions? Contact Jihan Grettenberger at Jihan.Grettenberger@ecy.wa.gov.
- [Fuel Exemptions Workgroup webpage](#)