

# Tacoma Citizens' Climate Lobby



*Creating political will for a livable planet*

*Core values: focus, optimism, relationships, integrity, personal power, being non-partisan*

## CCL NEWS

### ENERGY INNOVATION AND CARBON DIVIDEND ACT

Now called **H.R. 2307**, it has been **reintroduced** by Rep. **Ted Deutch** and has 83 co-sponsors, including just recently **Pramila Jayapal** (WA-07), who is chair of the Progressive Caucus. (To get a current tally on co-sponsors, click [here](#)) In the Senate, the new **Save Our Future Act** prices carbon too. See [link](#) for more.

## A Crucial moment for CCL

Senator **Sheldon Whitehouse**, who is on the Senate Finance Committee, tweeted that “methane and carbon pollution fees are getting real” as part of the reconciliation bill. CCL National says “this is great news. It’s now way more likely that the climate provisions in the reconciliation package will meet President Biden’s goal of 50% emissions reductions by 2030.” Now it’s time to keep up the pressure for a carbon fee *and dividend*. It’s working!

### Be a 5-Minute Activist!

By participating in the **Monthly MOC Calling Campaign**. Sign up [here](#) to call your federal representative once a month. You will receive a text reminder on your assigned day, with phone number and optional script provided. Easy yet effective. Try it!

## Election Day is Nov. 2

The local races include **City Council** members and **Port Commissioners**. Our next chapter meeting will include

live interviews with the **Port Commissioner** candidates, and for the October meeting we hope to do the same with **City Councilmember** candidates. Don’t miss this chance to become a more informed voter!

## OUR AUGUST MEETING

*Sadly, we are back to Zoom for the foreseeable future—“stay tuned.”* **John Doherty’s** timely presentation, “**Code Red: the IPCC Report,**” prepared the way for some great breakout room discussions about how we can best respond to this dire challenge. See the minutes [here](#).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Next chapter meeting**  
Wed., Sept. 22 6:30-8:30 pm  
Speakers: **Port Commissioner candidates**  
[Get Zoom link](#)

**Meaningful Movies** presents  
“**Youth V Gov**” Thursday, Sept. 23,  
5-8 pm, an online screening and  
community conversation with  
special guests  
[Register here](#)

**Global Day of Climate Action**  
Saturday, Sept 25, 11 am -4 pm,  
**Bremerton**, meeting at **Manette Bridge**, and marching to **Evergreen Park** where there will be speakers, music, and booths. **John Doherty** will be a speaker! See flyer below

**Book Group**  
Wed., Oct. 6 noon, discussing  
articles from the recent **Economist Climate Newsletter**  
Contact [Sue Lepore](#)

## MEMBER ACTIVITIES

### Letters to the Editor

Congratulations! **Chuck Jensen’s** letter to the editor was published in **The News Tribune**. Full text below.

**Climate Talk** radio program, with interviews and commentary by **John Doherty**, is on **KTAH** and **KVSH 101.9 FM**, and is archived on our [website](#).

[Ginny Lohr](#) and **Fred Ramey** are doing a great job with interesting **Facebook** posts! [Take a look](#)

### TABLING: Steilacoom Drive Electric Event, September 11

Several of us enjoyed this fun event and had productive interactions with the public (besides gazing at all the cool cars). Thanks to **Chuck Jensen**, “**What’s your EV IQ?**” questions drew attention to our colorful spinner, with cookies for prizes! Photos [here](#). If you have suggestions for other tabling venues, contact [Linda Cohan](#)

**Nancy Atwood**, **Fircrest** lobby group, reports that Councilmember **Joe Barrentine** has endorsed HR2307.

**Elly Claus McGahan** reports that there will be a public meeting with **City Council** (probably Oct. 6) for testimony regarding the **Non-Interim Tideflats Regulations**. Be on the lookout for this chance to speak up!

The **Creative Page** on the [website](#) explores today’s lively scene of “Climate ARTivism” and also has a space for members’ creations. Contact [Sue Lepore](#) to help build this page.

*Past newsletters are archived on the website under “our chaptre*

## Letter to the Editor by Chuck Jensen

### Climate Change: Political Will is Needed Now

Re: “Deadly Remnants of Ida Slam Northeast” TNT, 9/3.

Some 170 years ago, in the 1850’s, scientists first noted the rise in global carbon dioxide with an expected rise in global temperatures.

In 1988, NASA scientist James Hansen testified before the Senate that humans were the primary cause of rising temperatures. In the early 2000s, Al Gore warned of the ‘inconvenient truth’ of the coming climate crisis.

Fast forward to today’s wildfires, droughts, water shortages, crop losses, melting glaciers and historic flooding and tornados.

In New York’s Central Park, 7.19 inches of rain fell in 24 hours last month, with over 3 inches in one hour. In China, some 8 inches fell in one hour.

Penn State’s climate scientist Michael E. Mann states that the world must reduce fossil fuel emissions by 60% in the next 10 years. If we fail, we will see even more extreme loss of life and property damage.

We have the technology to meet this crisis but lack the political will. You need to demand that your Congress person act on climate legislation.

*Chuck Jensen, Tacoma*


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# Global Day of Climate Action

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September 25th, 2021  
11 AM, Bremerton WA

Meeting at Manette Bridge and  
marching to Evergreen Park



Speakers, music, booths and more!