

# Pacific Northwest Carbon Pricing Conference

Saturday May 21, 2011 - University of Washington

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## CONFERENCE MISSION:

To convene a diverse group of concerned citizens, business and labor leaders, elected officials, students, and scholars to learn about and discuss carbon pricing as a strategy to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and drive clean energy development. Topics include:

- Successful case studies, such as British Columbia's revenue-neutral "tax shift."
- Ongoing efforts towards carbon pricing in the U.S., such as the Western Climate Initiative, California's cap-and-trade system, etc.
- Political and technical challenges and opportunities for carbon taxes in the Northwest

(Presentations will be balanced with time for questions, dialogue, and networking).

## SPEAKERS INCLUDE:

- Kimberly Harris, CEO, Puget Sound Energy
- Todd Myers, Washington Policy Center
- Cliff Mass, UW Atmospheric Sciences Professor
- Yoram Bauman, World's First & Only Stand-Up Economist
- Jim McDermott, U.S. House of Representatives [videotaped]

To register (free but required) please visit <http://carbonwa.org/conference.php>.

# AGENDA AND SPEAKERS (as of May 15)

## REGISTRATION & COFFEE - 8:30-9:00am

- Directions are on the next page or <http://carbonwa.org/conference.php/#directions>

## SESSION ONE (9:00-10:00) Introduction

- Welcome & comedy [Yoram Bauman, Stand-Up Economist (starting 9am sharp!)]
- Climate update [Cliff Mass, UW Atmospheric Sciences Professor]
- Political update: federal, state, regional, state [Bonnie Frye Hemphill, Climate Solutions]
- Panel discussion and Q&A

### 10 Minute Break (10:00-10:10)

## SESSION TWO (10:10-11:10am) Tax policy

- British Columbia experience [Jeremy Hewitt, Climate Action Secretariat, BC]
- How it could work in WA [Eric dePlace, Sightline Institute]
- Impacts on electricity [Jim Lazar, energy consultant]
- Panel discussion and Q&A

### 20 Minute Break (11:10-11:30)

## SESSION THREE (11:30-12:30) Revenue options

- Tax shift [Todd Myers, Washington Policy Center]
- Other spending programs [John Burbank, Economic Opportunity Institute]
- Cap and dividend [Senator Maria Cantwell staff member Joel Merkel]
- Panel discussion and Q&A

## LUNCH (12:30-1:15, provided on the [Panera pay-what-you-will](#) model)

## SESSION FOUR (1:15-2:15) Perspectives Panel Discussion

Moderated by Enrique Cerna, host of KCTS 9 Connects

- Kimberly Harris, CEO, Puget Sound Energy
- Lars Johansson, NW Energy Angels
- Llewellyn Matthews, Northwest Pulp and Paper Association
- Jim DiPeso, Republicans for Environmental Protection
- Bill Messenger, Washington State Labor Council

### 15 Minute Break (2:15-2:30)

## SESSION FIVE (2:30-3:30) Political context and next steps

- A view from D.C. [Jim McDermott (videotaped)]
- Polling and voter perceptions [Patrick Leslie]
- Door-to-door lessons [Bob Jeffers-Schroder]
- Lessons from CarbonWA [Phil Mitchell]
- Closing thoughts [Lisa Fitzhugh]



