



MOVING WASHINGTON TO 100% CLEAN ENERGY

The transition to clean energy is happening all around us. California and Hawaii are moving to 100% clean energy. Here in Washington - Tacoma, Edmonds, Spokane, Bellingham, and Whatcom County have already pledged to go 100% clean. REI and Microsoft, iconic Washington businesses, have done the same. Now Washington can lead the clean energy transition for the Northwest.

What does a 100% Clean Washington look like?

- Electricity powered by 100% Clean Energy by 2045.
- Intermediate emissions reduction targets starting in 2030 to ensure a graduate transition to clean energy and prevent build out of new costly and unnecessary fossil fuel infrastructure.
- Removal of coal from the electric grid by 2025 - accelerating the retirement of some of the American West's dirtiest coal plants.
- Increased investment in clean and renewable energy, and energy efficiency.
- Assistance for low-income Washingtonians and investments in communities more heavily impacted by the transition away from fossil fuels.

We must act on climate immediately.

Every day we are witnessing the effects of a changing climate all around us - from more frequent and fierce wildfires, to shellfish loss and warming winters.

Audubon's own research shows that climate change is the number one threat to North American birds. In Washington alone we could lose beloved species like the Trumpeter Swan and Northern Pygmy Owl.

State legislators can combat the changing climate while simultaneously strengthening our economy and creating good paying jobs by passing legislation accelerating the transition to 100% clean energy in Washington.



Northern Pygmy Owl

100% Clean Electricity is one of the 2018 Environmental Priorities presented by a coalition of over twenty organizations in Washington committed to advancing strong environmental policy.

100% Clean Energy is within our reach

- **We're close.**

Washington has a strong base of hydro-power and existing renewable energy policies. Almost 70% of our power is already clean and fossil fuel free - we can give it the boost to push it all the way to 100%.

- **It's technologically possible.**

We already have the technology needed to build a completely clean electric grid simply by adding more renewable energy and storage resources.

- **It's available and competitive.**

Wind and solar are already cost-competitive with fracked gas. Enacting a 100% clean law ensures utilities will do the right thing for the next generation of Washington inhabitants - human and birds alike.

- **It's good for our economy.**

Clean energy drives job creation and prosperity in Washington. A recent study by E2 reported that nearly 83,000 Washingtonians work in clean energy, 8,500 of whom live in rural communities. Moving to 100% clean will create more of these family-wage jobs.

- **It's necessary.**

Multiple studies demonstrate that an all-clean grid is necessary for achieving our climate pollution reduction goals. The National Midcentury Strategy, Washington State's Deep Decarbonization Pathway Study, and even utility studies from National Grid all agree—we cannot achieve our climate goals without deeply cleaning up our sources of electricity.



Trumpeter Swan

Why Audubon Cares

Audubon's peer-reviewed research from 2014 shows that climate change is the number one threat to North American birds. More than half of the bird species in North America - including the Bald Eagle, the American Kestrel, and the Northern Harrier - stand to lose at least half of their current ranges by 2080 due to rising temperatures.

Because there is no single solution for reducing carbon in our atmosphere, we must embrace a variety of solutions given the urgent threat climate change poses to birds, people, and our economy,

Audubon supports common-sense, bipartisan solutions that reduce carbon emissions at the speed and scale necessary to protect birds and the places they need.



Now is the time to act!

We need 100% Clean Electricity
Legislation NOW.

For the sake of our state's economy, human
health, and the natural environment
we all enjoy.

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