

HOT OFF THE WIRE

Climate News to Keep You in the Loop

Regional News

There is too much happening regionally so this edition will focus on Washington only.

This month, I am sending love to our neighbors and communities throughout WA that were impacted by severe flooding this month. May we continue to build strong communities and support systems to navigate a future of increasing uncertain and extreme weather events with care and solidarity.

Centralia Coal Plant Staying Open Past Retirement

Washington is still burning coal, per an order from the federal government. The 730 MW Centralia plant was en route to a conversion to natural gas, but the Department of Energy issued an emergency order for continued burning of coal that could last years and cost billions to WA homeowners and businesses. This [article](#) outlines the implications to the regional energy market well.

Shipping Fuels in Northwest Waters

Earlier this month, the Port of Seattle and Port of Tacoma commissioners gave approval for a joint clean air strategy. The decision came after receiving public comments against liquified natural gas. Green methanol has emerged as a potential leader in the clean shipping fuel future. Read more [here](#).



Looking Ahead to the 2026 WA Legislative Session

Climate and Energy are on the agenda in the upcoming short session.

There is [new climate funding context](#) going into this year's short session. Governor Ferguson recently announced a proposal to redirect \$500 Million of Climate Commitment Act funds to cover the Washington Working Families Tax Credit.

[It's all about transmission this year](#) for clean energy advocates in the legislature. Transmission lines transport power from generation sites to communities across Washington, and are currently the biggest limitation of getting more



Check out the New Local Nature News Podcast: Mouthy Marmots!

Upcoming Events

1. Check out the Feiro Marine Life Center's Speaker Series this Winter and Spring [here](#). They are virtual!
2. Join the MLK Day of Service with NOSC planting in Discovery Bay. Volunteer information [here](#).

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clean power online to meet the Clean Energy Transformation Act goals in the State. Clean energy advocate groups are working towards passing a state transmission authority to help build out the grid and get more power online, shifting approval processes for transmission line buildouts while safeguarding tribal interests, and expediting the permitting process for transmission.

Check it Out!

Regional Resources - Free

Puget Sound Info – Collaborative platform for sharing and reporting Puget Sound Restoration Efforts.

Northwest Climate Adaptation Science Center

Newsletter – Latest Science, Tools, and Opportunities across the Northwest for Climate Resilience and Adaptation.

Columbia Riverkeeper – Clean water and salmon restoration research and education.

Washington Climate Policy Dashboard – See WA climate legislation and policy updates

North Olympic Salmon Coalition Newsletter

North Olympic Land Trust Monthly Newsletter

National Newsletters - Free

The Grist Newsletters – Periodic Non-profit climate newsletters.

InsideClimateNews – variety of nonpartisan climate newsletters

How to claim federal clean energy credits before they disappear:

Check out [this article](#) from the New York Times outlining federal, state, and local incentives that are still available.