

Environmental Justice Council

Date: July 28, 2022

To: Environmental Justice Council Members

From: Sierra Rotakhina, Council Manager

Subject: Comment Letter - Proposed Cap and Invest Rules (Chapter 173-446 WAC)

Background and Summary:

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) filed proposed rules to develop the Cap and Invest Program on May 16, 2022. The original deadline to provide public comment was June 30, 2022. Ecology extended this deadline to July 15, 2022. Ecology additionally gave the Environmental Justice Council (EJC) until August 1, 2022 to provide comments.

The Climate Commitment Act (CCA) Committee of the EJC has drafted a comment letter on the proposed rules for the full Council to discuss, amend as needed, and potentially adopt at today's meeting. The draft letter is included in the meeting materials and was posted publicly on July 22, 2022.

Staff Recommended Actions:

EJC staff recommend that the Council review, amend if needed, and adopt the following motions:

The Environmental Justice Council adopts the rules comment letter to the Department of Ecology, with amendments made during today's meeting, and directs Council staff to submit the letter to the Department of Ecology on behalf of the Council.

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