

Organics Management to Reduce Methane and Combat Climate Change Workgroup (2024)

Meeting #1

August 7, 2024

3:00-4:30



Meeting #1 Agenda

Welcome and Overview of Agenda

Opening remarks from Representative Doglio

Introductions

Overview of Workgroup

- Purpose, structure and facilitation
- Topic list
 - Identify any missing topics
- Meeting schedule (including survey)

Thank you and adjourn

Housekeeping

- Please update your Zoom name to include your full name and organization
 - Click on three dots in upper right corner of your zoom video box to change your name
- Please mute your lines if not speaking
- If you are having technical difficulties, chat Sam Kwok
- If presentations are included in a meeting:
 - Presentation portions of the meeting will be recorded
 - All presenters will present and then we will have time for Q&A
- Please raise your hand by clicking on the “participants” button and clicking on the hand by your name if you have a question
 - We will call on people
- You can also put questions in the chat at anytime and we will answer them during the Q&A portion
- You can also use the chat to post comments on topics or bill language and they will be copied verbatim into the meeting notes

Opening Remarks

Representative Doglio



Introductions



Expected Attendee Organizations

(If your organizations name is not on this list, please introduce yourself in the chat)

- Alliances Northwest
- Basin Disposal WA
- Cascadia Produce
- Cascade Government Affairs
- Climate Solutions
- City of Kirkland
- City of Olympia
- City of Seattle
- City of Tacoma
- Compost Manufacturing Alliance
- Convertus Group
- Green Mountain Technologies
- Corumat
- Divert
- DTG Recycle
- Edgar & Associates
- Feeding Washington
- Feeding the Northwest
- Food Lifeline
- Food Northwest
- Grist Public Affairs
- Houskeeper Public Affairs
- King County
- Lautenbach Recycling
- Naslund Disposal
- Novamont
- Okanogan County
- Pierce County
- Puget Sound Clean Air
- Recology
- Republic Services
- Second Harvest
- Tacoma-Pierce County Health Dept.
- Washington Dept. of Agriculture
- Washington Dept. of Ecology
- WRRRA
- WSAC
- Waste Connections
- WasteXperts
- Harvest Against Hunger
- Skagit County
- Zero Waste Washington

Workgroup Overview



Workgroup Purpose

Purpose: Divert organic material and improve the organic material management system in Washington in order to reduce methane and combat climate change and provide certainty for future action.

2024 Workgroups Focus:

- Build on the work of 2021 and 2023 Organics Workgroups that helped provide stakeholder input for HB1799 and HB2301
- Address specific topics that can lead to increased organics diversion, clean compost, and recovery of edible food
- Provide forum for stakeholders to give comment and suggest edits to 2025 bill language, for negotiation meetings on each topic

Workgroup Structure

- Made up of a diverse set of stakeholder organizations
- Meeting content will include:
 - Presentations of background info if needed (recorded)
 - Discussion of topics and language included in possible legislation (not recorded):
 - All input will be documented and included in meeting notes
 - Input notes will include the person that shared the comment/input
- Copies of information from each meeting will be posted at:
organicsworkgroup.org

Workgroup Facilitation

Facilitation: Julie Colehour and Sam Kwok of C+C have been hired by a group of stakeholders to facilitate this process.

- Representative Doglio may facilitate some meetings to gather input and discuss bill language

Funders: Zero Waste Washington, and other organizations (still being finalized) have provided initial funding. Additional funders being sought – Please reach out to Heather Trim if you are interested in contributing.

Facilitation goal: Gather and accurately document all stakeholder feedback by topic area

Meeting Topic Areas

- School food waste (Use Food Well WA recommendations)
- Multi-family source separation
- Load Rejection
- Food date labeling
- Bin color
- Pesticide residual
- Operator training
- Permitting, siting and air quality
- Offal
- Compostable Products
- C&D waste study
- Carbon sequestration project incentives
- Food waste tracking and flow map (Use Food Well WA recommendations)
- *Any topics missing that would help divert organic materials from the landfill?*

Meeting Schedule

- Two meetings per month through end of year (3:00-4:30)
 - Wed., August 7
 - Wed., August 21
 - Thurs., September 5
 - Thurs., September 19
 - Thurs., October 3
 - Thurs., October 10
 - Thurs., October 24
 - Thurs., October 31
 - Wed., November 13
 - Thurs., November 21
 - Thurs., December 12
 - Thurs., January 2 (Flexible)

Meeting Poll

- Name & Organization
- Topic areas you are interested in attending the meetings for
- Dates you are NOT available to attend a meeting
- We will use this poll to do our best to schedule the topics when the interested stakeholders are available