

Meeting #2 Agenda (August 21, 3-4:30pm)

I. Welcome and Overview of Agenda (3:00-3:05)

II. Anthony Myint, Executive Director, Zero Foodprint + Q&A (3:05-3:20)

III. Policy Feedback: Carbon sequestration project incentives (3:20-3:55)

- a. Model Ordinance: SECTION XXX. A new section is added to RCW 70A.207 to read as follows:
 - i. (1) By January 1, 2027, and in consultation with the attorney general, the department must research and adopt a model ordinance for optional use by counties and cities that provide a mechanism for food service businesses to provide customers an option (optional “opt-in” or “opt-out”), on food and drink bills, to apply a one percent surcharge and for solid waste collection service providers to apply an optional one dollar surcharge to curbside service bills. The model ordinance may not require food service businesses or solid waste collection companies to apply a surcharge, and may not require customers to pay a surcharge if a business elects to provide a customer payment option on a bill. The optional surcharge, where collected, must be remitted by a collecting food service business or solid waste collection service provider for use by the Washington state conservation commission consistent with section YYY of this act and 89.08.615(13).
 - ii. (2) for purposes of this section, "food service business" has the same meaning as in RCW 70A.245.010.
- b. Sustainable Farms and Field Account:
 - i. SECTION YYY. The local sustainable farms and fields account is created in the state treasury. All receipts of money directed to the account must be deposited in the account, including collections under model ordinances adopted under SECTION XXX of this act. Expenditures from the account may be used only for purposes eligible for the sustainable farms and fields grant program established in RCW 89.08.615. Moneys in the account may be spent only after appropriation.
- c. Sustainable Farms and Field Use: Section ZZZ RCW 89.08.615 and 2022 c 180 s 501 are each amended to read as follows:
 - i. (1) The commission shall develop a sustainable farms and fields grant program in consultation with the department of agriculture, Washington State University, and the United States department of agriculture natural resources conservation service....
 - ii. (13) In addition to the grant program established in this section, the commission shall develop a local sustainable farms and fields grant program, to be developed consistent with subsections (1) through (10) and (12) of this section, using funds in the account specified in section YYY of this act. Grants from the program must be prioritized, by [within??] city or county, for projects identified by that city, county in which the city resides, or county, in approximate proportion to the amount of money collected from each city or county during the most recent fiscal year in which the

surcharge was collected under a model ordinance adopted under section XXX of this act.

- d. Existing Sustainable Farms and Field Grant Uses:
 - i. (a) Annual payments to enrolled participants for carbon storage or reduction;
 - ii. (b) Up-front payments for contracted carbon storage;
 - iii. (c) Down payments on equipment;
 - iv. (d) Purchases of equipment;
 - v. (e) Purchase of seed, seedlings, spores, animal feed, and amendments;
 - vi. (f) Services to landowners, such as conservation plans to increase soil organic levels or to increase usage of precision agricultural practices, or design & implementation BMPs to reduce livestock emissions;
 - vii. (g) Purchase of compost spreading equipment for the annual use for at least 3 years of volumes of compost determined to be significant from materials composted at a site that is not owned or operated by the farmer;
 - viii. (h) Scientific studies to evaluate and quantify the ghg as emissions avoided as a result of using crop residues as a biofuel feedstock or to ID management practices that increase the greenhouse gas emissions avoided as a result of using crop residues as a biofuel feedstock;
 - ix. (i) Efforts to support the farm use of anaerobic digester digestate, including scientific studies, education and outreach to farmers, and the purchase or lease of digestate spreading equipment; and
 - x. (j) Other equipment purchases or financial assistance deemed appropriate by the commission

IV. Policy Feedback: Pesticides residuals (3:55-4:25)

- a. Residual Pesticides I: NEW SECTION. Sec. 305. A new section is added to chapter 70A.205 RCW to read as follows:
 - i. ORGANIC MATERIALS TREATED WITH CLOPYRALID AND AMINOPYRALID BANNED AS COMPOST FEEDSTOCKS.
 - ii. (1) Agricultural waste, yard waste, or other organic material waste known or likely to be contaminated with clopyralid, aminopyralid, **or other similar herbicides in the picolinic acid family, as identified by the department by rule**, must not be provided to an organic materials management facility for handling as organic or yard waste and may not be used by an organic materials management facility as an input or feedstock.
 - iii. (2) To the extent that the requirements of this section conflict with the requirements applicable to clopyralid, aminopyralid, or other similar herbicides in the picolinic acid family adopted by the United States environmental protection agency under the federal insecticide, rodenticide, and fungicide act, the requirements of the federal regulations take precedence and may be enforced by the department of agriculture under chapter 15.58 RCW.
- b. Residual Pesticides II: (New section added to RCW 15.58 to read as follows):

- i. The Department (of Agriculture) must conduct education and outreach related to restrictions under this chapter (15.58) applicable to the herbicides specified in (section 305) that is limited solely to the publication and dissemination of a 1-page informative document. Enforcement under this chapter applicable to the herbicides specified in section 305 must primarily be complaint-based and rely on an online complaint form. The department may not adopt rules under this chapter to establish special use restrictions applicable to the herbicides specified in section 305 of this act.
 - c. Residual Pesticides III (alternative idea):
 - i. (1) Until such time as all herbicides in the picolinic acid family, as identified by the department (of ecology) are restricted from sale or use in Washington under chapter 15.58 RCW or under federal law, hay may not be provided to an organic materials management facility accepting mixed wastes for handling as organic or yard waste and may not be used by an organic materials management facility that accepts mixed waste as an input or feedstock.

V. Next steps and adjourn (4:25-4:30)

- a. Next Meeting: Thursday, September 5; 3-4:30pm
 - i. Topic list with dates to come