

## Olympic Climate Action Statement on Federal Climate Crisis Policy

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*Olympic Climate Action is a grassroots organization of more than 1000 citizens from across the Olympic Peninsula dedicated to research, education, and action on climate change since 2012.*



Olympic Climate Action supports the concept of a green new deal to transition from fossil fuels to a renewable energy future in a socially responsible manner. As a local climate advocacy organization, we focus on educating and motivating local citizens and governments to aggressively support national, state, and local efforts to mitigate and adapt to climate change.

Human activities have already caused 1 °C of global warming, and we will reach 1.5 °C between 2030 and 2052 at current warming rates. Impacts of climate change are already being seen: 18 of the 19 warmest years on record have occurred since 2001, and unprecedented flooding has affected millions of Americans, while others have seen devastating droughts and wildfires.

There is still time to avoid the worst impacts. Scientists agree that by cutting our CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by 45% by 2030, and reaching zero net emissions by 2050, we can limit warming to 1.5 °C.

Renewable energy sources are already cheaper than coal and provide more jobs than coal. Electric vehicles are becoming more popular as the cost of batteries drops rapidly.

We need a bold plan to shift our society from the old fossil-fuel economy to a clean, renewable future. This change will bring millions of good paying jobs, improve our health, and ensure a habitable climate for future generations. We have risen to similar challenges in the past and can do so again.

We support a bold, effective climate policy to:

- Recommit to the Paris Climate Accords
- Invest heavily in clean energy research
- Guide massive investment in clean energy, with strong local input
- Immediately end all fossil fuel subsidies and stop expansion of new oil, gas, and coal development
- Phase out fossil fuels on a timeline consistent with recommendations of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
- Reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by 45% by 2030, and reach net-zero CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by 2050
- Advance the fortunes of vulnerable workers and communities by building more diverse local economies
- Heal people and communities impacted by pollution and climate change
- Ensure other nations also set and meet compatible goals

A climate policy based on these points will protect future generations while building a strong economy and making the United States a world leader in renewable energy.

***Our mission:*** We seek a safe, prosperous, sustainable future for residents of the Olympic Peninsula by addressing the threat of climate change. [www.olyclimate.org](http://www.olyclimate.org)

