# A Call for Rapid and Just Climate Action in Washington State and Beyond



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## **Emergency Declaration**

We the people, who reside in the Salish Sea and wider area known as Washington State, declare a climate emergency and call upon fellow residents, communities, businesses, organizations, and local governments to transform our economy and our society into one that is just and sustainable within 10 years.

#### Vision

We know that this is not the first crisis humans or nature have faced and so we believe that we can and must confront it. We envision a world where nature and Mother Earth are not used as objects, rape culture is dismantled, and the world and its inhabitants are protected and healthy. We will have access to food, water, shelter, medicine, nature, and community so that all may seek happiness and fulfillment without having to sacrifice their identity, spirituality, culture, or relationships. In this future, previously marginalized people are in charge of their own liberation. We won't wait for political saviors to give us this future, we will create it ourselves in our own communities.

# **Principles of Organizing (Overview)**

Our core motivation is to protect life on this planet. How and whether we work together will determine our success. Therefore, we will work with the following principles:



#### 1. Justice

We will practice anti-patriarchy, anti-racism, de-colonization, and Just Transition in order to recenter humanity, dismantle capitalism, and build a living economy.



# 2. Showing Up

We will meet people's needs and include everyone in the movement.



## 3. Accountability

We will center the people most impacted in our decision-making.



### 4. Strategy

We will take action that builds power within communities, centers local and placed-based priorities, and creates a regenerative economy.



#### 5. Innovation

We will work together to create a shared body of knowledge that focuses on actual action at every level.



## 6. Solidarity

We will be in solidarity with social justice movements.

#### **Endorsement**

We the undersigned pledge to heed the emergency call for action, adhere to these principles, and work together to support the movement to achieve a rapid and just transition. We call on others to join in working with us by also endorsing this document.

To endorse this document and get involved with an action team,