

# The Nature Conservancy in Washington

What questions do you have about this rulemaking?

What is the estimated start and completion for the rulemaking? Will it be retrospectively applied to all CCA revenue investments prior to the rulemaking being completed? Will these rules apply to Department of Ecology as well? Will estimated greenhouse gas reductions be verified by Department of Ecology?

What concerns do you have about this rulemaking?

That it might not be applied retrospectively. That it is being done prior to direction on how to identify overburdened communities for fund recipients. How the Environmental Justice Council is being consulted during this process. Ensuring that overburdened communities and tribal governments have the opportunity to shape this reporting requirement that are understandable and meaningful to them.

What hopes do you have for this rulemaking?

That it is done with sufficient and advanced notice for impacted communities to participate in meaningfully, especially taking into account language access and ensuring a range of times and locations. That lessons learned from reporting will guide future investments. That reporting won't become a barrier for the participation of small community organizations, especially greenhouse gas estimations that may be incredibly difficult for those organizations to conduct.

What barriers might make it harder to participate in this rulemaking? What scheduling, accessibility, or other changes might make it easier?

Barriers could include language, narrowly specific timing and locations, undervaluing oral comments in comparison to written comments. The way, traditionally, feedback has been incorporated (or not) and reported by Department of Ecology in the past has not felt responsive to the communities and too imbedded in lengthy technical documents. <br><br>Elements that could create more access include translated materials, a range of meeting times outside of normal work hours, accessible materials focused on themes and communicated in a variety of ways outside memo format. Strengthened culture of listening and prioritizing responsiveness.