

## **Western Climate Initiative – Background Research, Resources**

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### ***Western Climate Initiative***

<http://www.westernclimateinitiative.org/>

Official website of the Western Climate Initiative

July 23, 2008 Cover Memo to the new Draft Design Recommendations for the WCI cap-and-trade program document

<http://www.westernclimateinitiative.org/ewebeditpro/items/O104F18807.PDF>

July 23, 2008 Draft Design Recommendations for the WCI cap-and-trade program

<http://www.westernclimateinitiative.org/ewebeditpro/items/O104F18808.PDF>

July 23, 2008 Cover Memo to Draft Essential Requirements of Mandatory Reporting Requirements document

<http://www.westernclimateinitiative.org/ewebeditpro/items/O104F18811.PDF>

July 23, 2008 Draft Essential Requirements of Mandatory Reporting

<http://www.westernclimateinitiative.org/ewebeditpro/items/O104F18825.PDF>

July 18, 2008 - Ontario joins Western Climate Initiative as full Partner. With Ontario's participation, WCI now represents approximately 73% of Canada's economy and 20% of America's economy. Ontario had been participating as an observer since August 2007.

<http://www.westernclimateinitiative.org/ewebeditpro/items/O104F18782.PDF>

### ***Western Climate Advocates Network (WeCAN) – Canada and US***

July 22, 2008 submission to the WCI - input to help guide the incorporation of forest sector and land use/land use change strategies into overall program design.

<http://www.westernclimateinitiative.org/ewebeditpro/items/O104F18794.PDF>

July 18, 2008 submission to the WCI – final communication to the Western Climate Initiative (WCI) partners prior to release of the final draft recommendations

<http://www.westernclimateinitiative.org/ewebeditpro/items/O104F18798.PDF>

June 6, 2008 submission to the WCI – *Collective position on the the May 16, 2008 consolidated Draft Design Recommendations for Offsets*

<http://www.westernclimateinitiative.org/ewebeditpro/items/O104F18124.pdf>

June 6, 2008 submission to the WCI – *Collective position on the May 16, 2008 consolidated Draft Design Recommendations for Reporting*

<http://www.westernclimateinitiative.org/ewebeditpro/items/O104F18079.PDF>

June 6, 2008 submission to the WCI – *Collective position on the May 16, 2008 consolidated Draft Design Recommendations on Scope*

<http://www.westernclimateinitiative.org/ewebeditpro/items/O104F18328.PDF>

June 6, 2008 submission to the WCI – *Collective position on the May 16, 2008 consolidated Draft Design Recommendations for Allocations*

<http://www.westernclimateinitiative.org/ewebeditpro/items/O104F17970.pdf>

June 6, 2008 submission to the WCI – *Collective position on the May 16, 2008 consolidated Draft Design Recommendations for Electricity*

<http://www.westernclimateinitiative.org/ewebeditpro/items/O104F18153.pdf>

March 17, 2008 submission to the WCI

<http://www.westernclimateinitiative.org/ewebeditpro/items/O104F16294.pdf>

***David Suzuki Foundation – Canada***

Media Advisory – July 23, 2008, *Suzuki Foundation and Pembina Institute available for comment on Western Climate Initiative recommendations and meeting*

<http://www.davidsuzuki.org/latestnews/dsfnews07230801.asp>

July 2008 background document, *Western Climate Initiative San Diego Meeting July 29, 2008*

<http://www.davidsuzuki.org/files/climate/WCI-Media-Backgrounder.pdf>

Briefing Note: *Carbon Pricing - DSF's Key Elements* – June 2008

<http://www.davidsuzuki.org/files/Climate/BC/DSF-BN-Carbon-Pricing-June08.pdf>

Briefing Note: *Why a Carbon Tax and/or Cap-and-Trade System is needed to reduce global warming emissions* – May 29, 2008

[http://www.davidsuzuki.org/files/climate/Carbon\\_Tax\\_Cap\\_and\\_Trade\\_briefing\\_2008\\_May.pdf](http://www.davidsuzuki.org/files/climate/Carbon_Tax_Cap_and_Trade_briefing_2008_May.pdf)

Media Briefing Information – May 8, 2008

<http://www.davidsuzuki.org/latestnews/dsfnews05080801.asp>

WCI Backgrounder

[http://www.davidsuzuki.org/files/climate/WCI\\_Media\\_Backgrounder\\_Final.pdf](http://www.davidsuzuki.org/files/climate/WCI_Media_Backgrounder_Final.pdf)

***Pembina Institute – Sustainable Energy Solutions – Canada***

<http://climate.pembina.org/pubs>

*BACKGROUND: Western Climate Initiative San Diego Meeting –July 29, 2008 (David Suzuki Foundation and Pembina Institute)*  
<http://pubs.pembina.org/reports/WCI-Media-Backgrounder.pdf>

*Carbon Taxes: Key Issues, Key Questions*  
<http://pubs.pembina.org/reports/carbontaxfactsheetv2.pdf>

*Canadians' Views on a Carbon Tax to Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions*  
<http://pubs.pembina.org/reports/C-TaxPoll-Backgrounder.pdf>

***Pembina Institute – British Columbia Sustainable Energy Solutions***

<http://bc.pembina.org/climate-change>

Cap and Trade: Reducing Pollution, Inspiring Innovation

<http://www.pembina.org/pub/1616>

***WWF Canada***

July 28, 2008 WWF Canada press release - Groups Press Ontario to Improve Cross-Border Climate Pact

<http://wwf.ca/NewsAndFacts/NewsRoom/default.asp?section=archive&page=display&ID=1602&lang=EN>

July 28, 2008 WWF Canada backgrounder, *Ontario and the Western Climate Initiative*

<http://wwf.ca/RESOURCES/PDF/OntarioAndWesternClimateInitiative.pdf>

***Union of Concerned Scientists (UCS)***

<http://www.ucsusa.org/ucs/about/>

July 29, 2008 Union of Concerned Scientists press release – *Poll: Western Voters Support Clean Car Policies*

[http://www.ucsusa.org/news/press\\_release/poll-western-voters-support-0137.html](http://www.ucsusa.org/news/press_release/poll-western-voters-support-0137.html)

July 23, 2008 Union of Concerned Scientists Media Alert – *Western states regional partnership to issue cap-and-trade recommendations*

[http://www.ucsusa.org/news/press\\_release/western-states-regional-0136.html](http://www.ucsusa.org/news/press_release/western-states-regional-0136.html)

***Climate Choices – Global Warming and Climate Change in California (A Project of the Union of Concerned Scientists)***

<http://www.climatechoices.org/ca/index.html>

July 2008 Union of Concerned Scientists fact sheet, *Less Is More: Limited Offsets Spur Clean Energy Development*

[http://www.climatechoices.org/ca/assets/ca\\_offsets\\_and\\_renewables.pdf](http://www.climatechoices.org/ca/assets/ca_offsets_and_renewables.pdf)

July 2008 policy brief by University of California Berkeley economist David

Roland-Holst, *Think Globally, Innovate Locally: Offsets and the Risks of Outsourcing Climate Action*

[http://www.climatechoices.org/ca/assets/drh\\_offsets\\_policy\\_brief.pdf](http://www.climatechoices.org/ca/assets/drh_offsets_policy_brief.pdf)

July 2008 executive summary of a soon-to-be-released paper by UCS Climate Economist Christopher Busch, *Showing the World How It's Done: Carefully Designed Limits on Compliance Offsets Can Spur Investment in Clean-Tech Innovation, Create Green Jobs, and Produce Clean Air*

[http://www.climatechoices.org/ca/assets/ca\\_offsets\\_execsum.pdf](http://www.climatechoices.org/ca/assets/ca_offsets_execsum.pdf)

***Sierra Club US and Sierra Club of Canada February 1, 2008 submission to the WCI***

<http://www.westernclimateinitiative.org/ewebeditpro/items/O104F15389.pdf>

### ***BC Federation of Labour***

Media Release, May 21, 2008 <http://www.bcfed.ca/node/1279>

*"Any cap and trade system must take into account, workers in vulnerable industries that will inevitably be affected," said Jim Sinclair, President of British Columbia Federation of Labour. "We need to protect our industries against foreign manufacturers who haven't introduced a cap and trade system and who continue to pollute."*

*"Reaching mitigation goals will require a broad mindset, including an understanding of labour market dynamics and job training needs. Such an understanding is only possible through partnering with trade unions who have on-the-ground experience," said Tim Rainey of the California Labour Federation.*

*"Labour unions are learning from the experiences of our counterparts around the world. We know that efforts to deal with global warming present major opportunities to create good, family wage jobs - but only if labour is at the table to insist on wage and benefit standards," said Barbara Byrd, Secretary-Treasurer of the Oregon AFL-CIO.*

### ***Sightline Institute US***

[http://www.sightline.org/research/energy/res\\_pubs/climate-policy-project](http://www.sightline.org/research/energy/res_pubs/climate-policy-project)

*Sightline Institute is a not-for-profit research and communication center--a think tank--based in Seattle. Nonpartisan and wholly independent, Sightline's only ideology is commitment to the shared values of community, fairness, responsibility, and opportunity.*

Cap & Trade and Consumer Fairness

[http://www.sightline.org/research/energy/res\\_pubs/windfalls](http://www.sightline.org/research/energy/res_pubs/windfalls)

Transportation in a Cap & Trade System

[http://www.sightline.org/research/energy/res\\_pubs/fact-sheet-why-transportation-matters-in-cap-and-trade](http://www.sightline.org/research/energy/res_pubs/fact-sheet-why-transportation-matters-in-cap-and-trade)

Sightline Comments on Western Climate Initiative Scope

[http://www.sightline.org/research/energy/res\\_pubs/wci-scope-comments/view](http://www.sightline.org/research/energy/res_pubs/wci-scope-comments/view)

Cap and Trade for the West: FAQs

[http://www.sightline.org/research/energy/res\\_pubs/cap-and-tradeFAQ/?searchterm=western%20climate%20initiative](http://www.sightline.org/research/energy/res_pubs/cap-and-tradeFAQ/?searchterm=western%20climate%20initiative)

Climate Pricing 101 [http://www.sightline.org/research/energy/res\\_pubs/climate-pricing-primer/?searchterm=western%20climate%20initiative](http://www.sightline.org/research/energy/res_pubs/climate-pricing-primer/?searchterm=western%20climate%20initiative)