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Washington Business for Climate Action Supports a Cap on Carbon emissions

Washington Business for Climate Action (WBCA), with its more than 250 Washington businesses representing 200,000 employees, applauds Governor Inslee for his commitment to capping carbon emissions. The risks to Washington businesses of inaction are too great to ignore. Our shellfish and fisheries industries are feeling the effects of ocean acidification. Our timber, agriculture and rural tourism sectors are suffering from forest fires, and the engine of our state’s economy, affordable and clean hydropower, is threatened by diminished snowpack.

Taking action to address climate change impacts also presents a tremendous economic opportunity. Capping emissions will send a clear signal to businesses and investors that Washington is ready to accelerate the development of a low carbon economy.

WBCA supports bold actions to reduce carbon pollution and transition to cleaner sources of energy. We will be closely monitoring the process initiated by the Washington State Department of Ecology today to begin enforcing statewide carbon limits and require accountability for carbon pollution under the state’s Clean Air Act.

Quotes from WBCA members

“Sellen Construction is taking a leadership role in the industry by reducing greenhouse gas emissions (ghg) in our operations and working with our partners to reduce the ghg emissions in material production, such as concrete,” said Jennifer Frey, Sustainability Programme Manager

Scope 5 continually sees first hand that businesses which track and understand their emissions are also businesses that innovate, save money and reduce their impact. “ said Derek Eisel, Director of Sales

Virginia Mason is committed to improving the health of our patients -- and the health of generations to come. The linkage between human health and the health of the natural environment is well documented. For this reason, we support a comprehensive climate change strategy in Washington State, said Katerie Chapman, Senior Vice President and Hospital Administrator.

“We have a vested interest in the future of winter.” Tim Petrick, K2 Sports