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Latest Commentary and LTE's:

06/02: [Climate: Will we revert to Pre-Covid damage?](#) by Chuck Jensen in the TNT. Reprinted on 2nd page.

CCL News and Events

- HR 763: [Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act \(EICDA\)](#) still has 80 cosponsors, no change.
- Watch some of the sessions on YouTube of the [June 10th Annual Citizens' Climate International Conference and Lobby Day: A community stronger than Covid](#). See second page for member recommendations and some descriptions.
- Other bills CCL is interested in: [BEST Act](#) with sponsors in both houses is encouraging energy storage development to service the renewable energy sector. [USE IT Act](#) with sponsors in both houses in encouraging research in carbon capture technology – relates to our speaker, Dr. Dodds. [Climate Ready Fisheries Act](#) with sponsors in the house intended to prepare US fisheries for climate impacts, and [RECLAIM Act](#) with sponsors in both houses working to support coal country by retraining coal miners and repurposing coal mines.

CCL monthly calling campaign

Be a climate activist in 5 minutes! CCL assigns you one day in the month and contacts you by text or email to remind you to call, a script is provided created by our liaisons to our MOCs, and the call is logged. So far we have 9 days covered for calling Rep. Derek Kilmer. Help create the political will for our national leaders to act on climate. To learn more go [here](#) or contact [Elly Claus-McGahan](#).

Book Discussion Group

- Next meeting July 1 at noon. We're reading [Clade](#) by James Bradley. It is available on Amazon. Check the book forum on <https://www.ccltacoma.org/forum/book-forum> for the Zoom invite or contact [Sue Lepore](#) to join the list.
- Check out some climate news on our website: <https://www.ccltacoma.org/news>. We post articles that members found interesting. If you want to suggest an article, contact [Ray Lepore](#).

CCL Tacoma May Zoom Meeting: Wednesday June 24, 6:30 – 8:30. Zoom Invitation in the agenda.

- **Speaker: Dr. Erica Dodds, Chief Operating Officer of the Foundation for Climate Restoration.** She will speak to the question [Can we reverse global warming?](#) To do that, we need to reduce carbon emissions AND remove excess carbon from the atmosphere. Come hear about **Carbon Removal solutions** that are sustainable, scaleable & financeable. Dr. Dodds will describe the Foundation's roadmap & next steps to restore the climate by 2050.
- We'll also revisit our January goals, track progress and make adjustments.

Member Activities Recent and Upcoming

Find your passion, get in touch with the Point of Contact (POC), or suggest something new.

- **CCL website:** <https://www.ccltacoma.org/>, POC [Ray Lepore](#). Join some conversations for members only in the forum. Join the book club through the forum.
- **CCL New member training**, POC [Ana Lia Barragan](#). Come take a look during the meeting
- **Virtual Climate Café for kids**, POC [Caroline Brandau](#). See CCL youth events.
- **Lobbying**, POC [Elly Claus-McGahan](#). Several of us joined virtual lobbying meetings with Representative Kilmer (6/17), and staff member Amit Ronen for Senator Cantwell (6/16) and staff member Melissa Guerrero for Senator Murray (6/16). Join Wednesday's meeting to hear summaries.
- **Tabling**, POC [Linda Cohan](#). **Ocean Fest (9/13)** and has a virtual backup plan.
- **Media:** CCL's [John Doherty's Climate Talk](#) on [KTAH 101.9](#) at 10:00AM and 10:00PM or on your own time at: <http://radiotacoma.org/climate-talk-archives/>. Have a listen to the interview with Paul Roberts, PSCAA board chair, the main author of [Growing the Green Economy](#) in Washington or the one with Steve Tibbetts local inventor with <https://fablabtacoma.com/> of an electric single person flying vehicle (Fablab Tacoma is making masks), or with Chris Rilling, executive director of [Puget Soundkeeper Alliance](#).
- **Facebook**, POC [Ginny Lohr](#). Take a look, like and love, or find out how to add content and be an administrator. Check it out: [Facebook CCL-Tacoma](#).

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Climate: Will we revert to pre-COVID damage?

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Re: "World carbon pollution falls 17%," (TNT, 5/20).

Perhaps the only positive outcome from the current global pandemic is the clearer skies and cleaner air in most of the world's population centers.

Alas, as the article correctly states, the reprieve from carbon pollution will be short lived as the world's economy returns to pre-COVID activity.

Scientists worldwide agree that to limit a global temperature increase to just 2 degrees Celsius, we would have to reduce carbon emissions by 7% to 8% per year for the next 10 years. As climate scientist Professor Michael Mann states: "individual behavior alone won't get us there," but that we need "structural changes." That means moving to clean fuel sources, i.e., stop burning fossil fuels.

The good news: In 40 countries, wind and solar energy sources are now less expensive than coal and even natural gas. Globally, we need the political will to make it happen. The health and livability of our planet depend on it.

Some member recommendation for sessions from the 10th Annual Lobby Day conference:

- [The Conservative Case for a Price on Carbon](#) - Alex Flint has a broad background in government and was a member of President Trump's transition team. He makes the case that being responsible with climate is a core conservative value, and that carbon fee and dividend is a conservative solution due to its efficiency and low cost.
- [New Hampshire Towns Endorse Cash Back](#) - One town in New Hampshire got tired of waiting for the Federal government to act on climate change. They started their own coalition and lobbied their city council and then their state legislature for a carbon fee and dividend they called *carbon cash back*. The idea successfully spread to other towns in New Hampshire, and now they are helping other towns do the same on their website carboncashback.org.
- [An Optimistic Vision: Learn to Share the Benefits of Climate Policy](#) - Texan Shannon Caraway shares his knowledge and 30 years of experience in electrical engineering using Enroads to prove (with lots of numbers and statistics - *wonk alert!*) that switching to clean energy is not only economically sound, but abundantly so.
- [Carbon Pricing as "Rent" - An Economist and Journalist Discuss](#) - A university professor and economist and a CCL lobbyist discuss different approaches to solving climate change touching on historical approaches, the efficiency approach versus the safety-based approach, social justice, and the conservative appeal of conserving the environment. Good talking points for philosophical conversations with reluctant citizens.
- [Telling a New Story - Peterson Toscano](#) - Emphasized the greater impact of telling climate **solution** stories over problem/disaster stories. He told his personal story of asthma and pollution. Two takeaways: 1) Remember your audience, customize your stories and use yourself, 2) Talk about **impacts** of climate **solutions**. People get excited hearing about climate solutions!
- [Inclusive Outreach in the American South – Princella Tailey & Susan Adams](#) - How do we build inclusive chapters that promote equity with diverse representation? Learn how to connect to all the people in your community by genuinely listening. Acknowledge inequities arising from historical racism, believe personal stories, respect the backgrounds of people not like you, and make your space welcoming and accepting.
- [Supporting Carbon Pricing at the State Level](#) - Why watch a video about this topic when our state has failed to do it twice? Because it's about an organization with goals similar to CCL that is working on good climate legislation (not just carbon pricing) at the state level and more importantly, because the speaker, Emily Martin, is from Seattle and discusses what people under 30 have done and are doing in our state!