

Snapshot of Climate Change Efforts

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ALASKA

- Governor formed sub-cabinet in the fall of 2007 to prepare a climate change strategy.
- The Alaska Municipal League held a “communities conference” on climate change in late May 2008.
- Legislators also formed a Joint Alaska Climate Impact Assessment Commission and released final report in March 2008.

IDAHO

- Governor issued an executive order in May 2007, which gives lead responsibility to the Department of Environmental Quality (an agency separate from Health).
- Initial focus is very assessment-oriented, including: evaluating emissions, state vehicle fuel use, and being part of the North American Climate Registry that develops a common greenhouse gas emission reporting framework.

MONTANA

- Governor charged a Climate Change Advisory Committee to develop an inventory and forecast of greenhouse emissions and a related action plan to reduce such emissions.
- Montana was one of seven states and four Canadian provinces to form the Western Climate Initiative.

OREGON

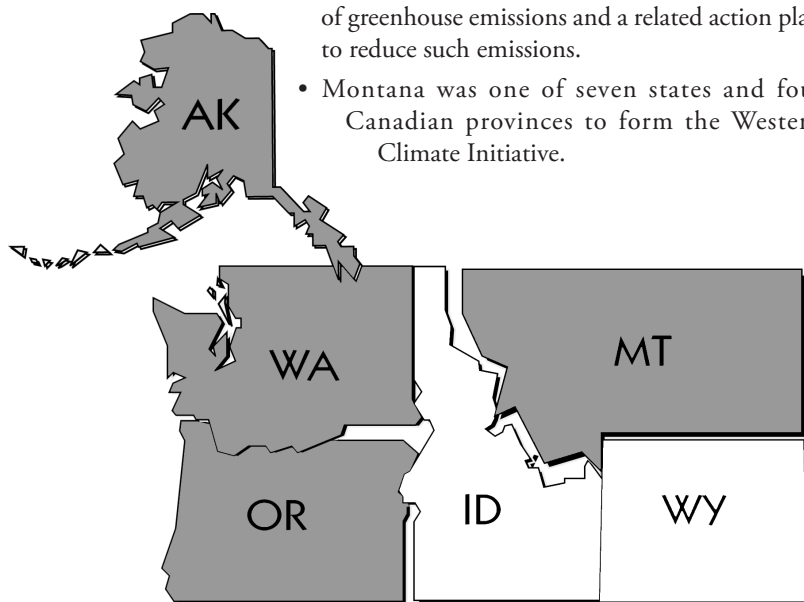
- Oregon’s government was the first in the Northwest to develop an advisory group and develop a report to the Governor in March 2005.
- Next, a Climate Change Integration Group was formed to develop a framework for creating a preparation and adaptation strategy, implement and monitor mitigation measures, and explore research opportunities.
- Oregon was one of seven states and four Canadian provinces to form the Western Climate Initiative.

WASHINGTON

- Governor’s Executive Order and House Bill 2815 engendered much activity among key government agencies and numerous stake-holders.
- The City of Seattle and King County are both heavily engaged in climate change adaptation and mitigation efforts.
- Washington was one of seven states and four Canadian provinces to form the Western Climate Initiative.

WYOMING

- University of Wyoming’s State Climate Office is sponsored by the state Water Development Office and is currently working on:
- Incorporation of climate change predictions into the State Water Plan
 - Analyses of potential drought and climate change impacts
 - Governor’s “Climate Issues Task Force”
 - Outreach related to impacts of climate variability and climate change



States shaded in gray have active climate legislation commissions and executive branch advisory groups. Source: Pew Center on Global Climate Change