



# OCAP COALITION NATURAL & WORKING LANDS ACTION ALERT

*Here's what you need to know to comment on the Oregon Global Warming Commission's Natural and Working Lands Proposal...*

## WHO

The Oregon Global Warming Commission (OGWC) tracks trends in greenhouse gas emissions, recommends ways to coordinate state and local efforts to reduce emissions, and works to prepare communities for the effects of climate change. The Governor appoints eleven voting members to the Commission, and staff from the Oregon Department of Energy provide support.

## WHEN

The **final draft** of the NWL Proposal was just posted! Find it on the OGWC website [here](#).

OGWC is accepting comments from the public until **August 2nd at 12:00 pm (PT)**.

OGWC will approve the final NWL Proposal at the meeting scheduled for [August 4th](#).

## WHAT

Governor Brown's Executive Order 20-04 tasked the OGWC with developing a proposal to establish state goals for carbon sequestration and storage by Oregon's natural and working lands including forests, wetlands, and agricultural lands ("**NWL Proposal**"). OGWC is preparing carbon sequestration goals plus the strategies needed to achieve them. The Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB), Department of Agriculture (ODA), and Department of Forestry (ODF) have been assisting in this effort. Find more information about the NWL Proposal [here](#).

## HOW

Public comments may be submitted through the [contact form online](#) or by email ([oregon.GWC@oregon.gov](mailto:oregon.GWC@oregon.gov)). Keep an eye out for talking points from us as well!

## WHY

- Oregon has an incredibly carbon-rich and biodiverse landscape that supports clean drinking water, food, jobs, wildlife habitat, cultural significance, and outdoor recreation opportunities for millions of Oregonians. Yet, the state agencies responsible for managing these natural resources have struggled to evolve to meet the state's current needs--especially in the face of triple threats from the climate crisis, severe drought, and the biodiversity crisis. Our forests and agricultural lands offer tremendous potential to sequester carbon on the landscapes and should be prioritized as key natural climate solutions.
- The recommendations included in the NWL Proposal will be returned to the Governor. Then, it's up to state agencies and decision-makers to carry out the new policies necessary to meet the goals set out in EO 20-04. We want to support the strongest policy outcomes for our climate, our communities, and our economy every step of the way.