

NLC Climate Change Workgroup History and Accomplishments April 17, 2023

- **2013 Climate Change Workgroup Formed** Climate Change threatened TU's National Conservation Agenda. - Protect: trout, & salmon and their watersheds from climate change.
- **2014 Survey to grassroots leaders/Awareness campaign initiated.** *Results indicate the leadership believes Climate Change is real, is degrading coldwater habitat, and has a man-made component.*
- **2014 Climate Change as a Critical Focus Area** In 2014, the NLC unanimously approved Climate Change as a Critical Focus Area.
- **2015 Climate Change Policy** CCWG resolution led to TU Policy on Climate Change & Responsible Energy Development by Board of Trustees. **Reduce greenhouse gas emissions and hasten the shift to low-carbon energy sources and conservation.**
- **2016 Policy Foundation Statement for TU Action** CCWG statement for TU action on climate change approved by NLC. **Support carbon policies & renewable energy to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.**
- **2017/2018 Surveys** members 85% climate change is real, 76% human activity involved, 74% climate change is a significant problem. business partners Over 80% climate change was a concern. 2/3 see evidence of climate change. Over 1/2 changed operation due to climate. Over 90% of clients concerned with climate

2018 Awareness: Workgroup developed **Climate Change & Trout and regional meeting presentations, Climate Change Toolbox, a Volunteer Role, Climate Change Coordinator.** Reviewed other conservation groups and Citizens' Climate Lobby's fee and dividend policy.

2019 Goals Rollout Climate Change Coordinator, a climate change advocacy strategy, Support of **The Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act HR 763**

2020-2022 Focused on advocacy: **published 31 blogs, formed 3 teams: Advocacy, Education, Communication,** developed a detailed advocacy plan, with 3 major goals: recruit and train new climate change coordinators, spread climate awareness and advocate for emissions reductions with members, supporters, the public and elected officials. **Hosted speakers on Climate Change and the En-Roads Climate Simulation Model, communicating with those who different views of climate.**

2023 Organized presentations at the Portland National Meeting from TU's VP of government affairs, TU's Lead Scientist and a local Citizens' Climate Lobby volunteer. Published a call for climate change coordinators in the Trout Magazine. Presented Climate Change Information at the SouthEast Regional Rendezvous and prepared to present at the Western and Northeastern Regionals. Met monthly online and published minutes. Added four new climate change coordinators.