

Mike Milburn
Chair
Montana

Doug Grob
Montana

Jeffery C. Allen
Idaho

Ed Schriever
Idaho



Northwest **Power** and **Conservation** Council

Thomas L (Les) Purce
Vice Chair
Washington

KC Golden
Washington

Margaret Hoffmann
Oregon

Charles F. Sams III
Oregon

August 4, 2026

MEMORANDUM

TO: Council Members

FROM: Stacy Horton, Washington Policy Analyst and Biologist

SUBJECT: Discussion with Casey Sixkiller, Director of the Washington State Department of Ecology

BACKGROUND:

Presenter: Casey Sixkiller, Director of the Washington State Department of Ecology

Summary: The Washington State Department of Ecology was the first government environmental agency in the United States and remains committed to partnering with communities, other government entities, tribes, and industry to benefit the environment. Governor Dan Evans signed the agency into law in 1970.

Casey Sixkiller was appointed by Governor Bob Ferguson as the 14th Director of the Washington State Department of Ecology. The Council has invited Director Sixkiller to talk about Ecology's work to protect communities, farmers and tribes facing challenging issues and how to shape policies that protect resources and provide a cleaner environment for the future.

More info: Department of Ecology
<https://ecology.wa.gov/>