WORKSHEET – 2010 Whatcom County Democratic Party Platform

2008 Platform – Environment, Energy & Transportation

The Environmental, Transportation, and Energy Policy of the United States of America shall have as its goal to create a future that has a vibrant, healthy Nation with energy sources and transportation systems that have little or no negative environmental impact on the planet as a whole, and that preserves healthy habitat to protect endangered and at risk species. The government shall implement actions that will reverse the trend of global climate change by large scale reduction of green house gas emissions, to include; (1) research, development and swift implementation of non-polluting and renewable energy systems such as solar, wind, geothermal, and tidal power, and (2) responsible creation of efficient and clean transportation.

We Call For:

- Reduction of human activities that cause global climate change and ratify the Kyoto Accord;
- Environmental and economic policy developed jointly so that a healthy environment can be maintained to support a future healthy economy;
- Continued ban on oil drilling and exploration in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge;
- Taxation systems that reward industry that is environmentally clean;
- Create a significant financial and legal deterrent to prevent industry or government entities from degrading the natural environment;
- Monitor and reduce factory farm contamination of our air, water and food,
- Clean up and elimination of the Hanford site as a repository of nuclear waste;
- Renewable energy sources for any state approval process for new power facilities;
- New construction and industrial updates to require renewable and energy-efficient technology;
- Preservation and restoration of historic wild salmon runs for long-tern sustainability;
- Adoption of State and National forest policies that favor select cutting over clear cutting;
- Federal transportation policies that create clean and safe transportation powered by renewable energy;
- Requirement that electric utilities to produce at least 20% of their power from clean, appropriately-sited renewable resources by 2020;
- Reuse and recycle clean fresh water at the residential, agricultural, commercial, governmental and industrial levels;

Environment, Energy & Transportation VALUES

These should be enduring value statements, which taken together cover the range of issues in this section. State in positive terms.

2010 Environment, Energy & Transportation 2-Year Policy Priorities

From each values statement, think of one short-term goal that is fairly tangible and concrete, with a preference for local needs.

Plan to attend the 2010 Democratic Grassroots Strategy Sessions, Saturday, March 6, 10 am – noon. Locations to be announced at whatcomdemocrats.com .

Bring this worksheet with your ideas to the Strategy Sessions so you can discuss them with other Democrats.

More information at 647-7661.