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Food Donation Work Group

January 21, 2025 | 10am – noon

Today's Agenda

- Agenda overview and announcements
- Roll Call
- Operating procedures overview
- Survey
- Recommendation Overview
- Break
- Group Discussion
- Public Comment
- Action items:
 - Take Recommendation Survey #1 by February 7th

Roll Call



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Food Donation Work Group Members

2nd Harvest
Bellingham Food Bank
Benton-Franklin Health District
Careit
Cascadia Produce
Charlie's Produce
City of Seattle
City of Spokane
Clark County
Copia
Divert
Eat Local First
Feeding Washington
Food Lifeline
Food Northwest
Free Food For All
GoodRoots Northwest
King County
Kittitas County Public Health Department
Leanpath

Miracle Food Network
Northwest Food Alliance
Northwest Grocery Association
Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction
Pierce County
Safeway/Albertsons
Seattle Good Business Network
Snohomish County Health Department
Snoqualmie Tribe
Sustainable Connections
Tacoma-Pierce County Health District
Thurston County Food Bank
Too Good To Go
Washington Department of Health
Washington Food Coalition
Washington Food Industry Association
Washington Hospitality Association
Washington State Department of Agriculture
Washington State Department of Ecology
Zero Waste Washington

Operating Procedures

Background

The Organics Management Law 2.0 ([HB 2301](#)) requires Ecology to set up a work group to studies and recommends ways to improve edible food rescue from commercial generators, including food service, grocery stores, and processors.

Work Group Mission

The Food Donation Work Group (FDWG) is dedicated to enhancing food rescue efforts from commercial sources. The FDWG will prioritize food waste prevention, food rescue, and managing the remaining material through recovery systems. Success will be driven by forging strong partnerships and ongoing discussions about current issues and research.



Food Donation Work Group Draft Operating Procedures

Organics Management Law 2.0 ([HB 2301](#))

By
Food Center Team

For the
Solid Waste Management Program

Washington State Department of Ecology
Olympia, Washington

July 2024

Legislative Directive Questions

- **Logistics** to phase in edible food donation programs, **including incentives**;
- The **food recovery network system** necessary to support increased donation of edible food by commercial generators;
- **Assess asset gaps** and food **infrastructure development** needs.
- How to facilitate the **creation of networks and partnership** to address gaps and needs;
- Develop **innovative partnership** and models where appropriate;
- **Actions taken, costs, and lessons learned** by other jurisdictions in the United States that have enacted policies focused on reducing edible commercially generated food waste, including studying voluntary pilot projects carried out by commercial generators.

Timeline to Develop Recommendations

- **Consensus Survey #1** – January 21-February 7
 - January Meeting – [January 21, 2025, 10 am](#)
- **Consensus Survey #2** – February – March TBD
 - February Meeting – [February 25, 2005, 10 am](#)
- **Consensus Survey #3** – March – April TBD
 - March Meeting – [March 25, 2025, 10 am](#)
- **Legislative Report Agreement** – April TBD
 - April Meeting – [April 29, 2025, 10 am](#)

Survey Voting



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Survey Example

1. Expand funding for the Washington Commodities Donation Grant Program

5. Whole-hearted endorsement 4. Support with Some Reservation 3. Neutral 2. Don't Like but Will Support 1. Do Not Support

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Feedback (optional):

2. Expand State-Level Tax Incentives to Increase Donation of Edible Food

5. Whole-hearted endorsement 4. Support with Some Reservation 3. Neutral 2. Don't Like but Will Support 1. Do Not Support

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Feedback (optional):

3. Expand State-Level Tax Incentives to Increase Donation of Edible Food

4. Support with Some Reservation 3. Neutral 2. Don't Like but Will Support 1. Do Not Support

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4. Create a Food Rescue Fund Through a Point-Of-Sale "Round Up" Fee

4. Support with Some Reservation 3. Neutral 2. Don't Like but Will Support 1. Do Not Support

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Feedback (optional):

Consensus Voting



The agreement scale:

5. Whole-hearted endorsement
4. Support with Some Reservation
3. Neutral
2. Don't Like but Will Support
1. Do Not Support



Recommendation Review



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Break



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Group Discussion



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Public Comment



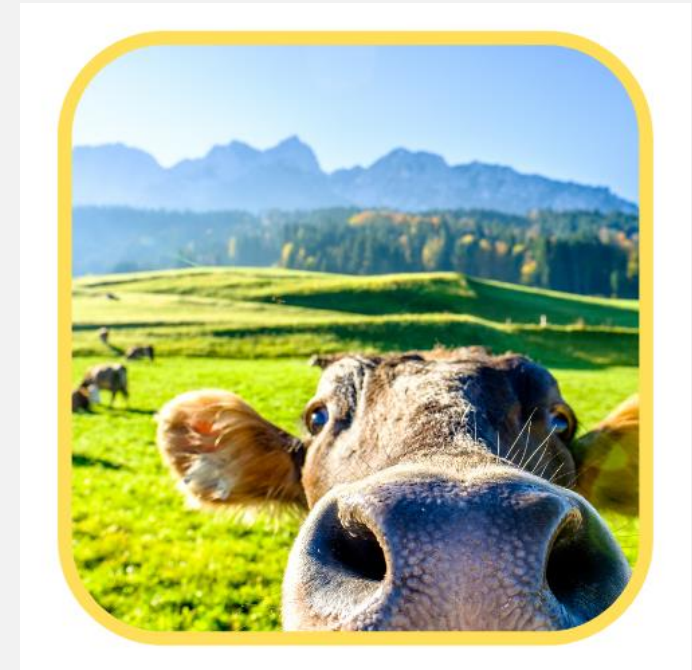
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Action Items

- Take [Recommendation Survey #1](#) due February 7th
- Email FoodCenter@ecy.wa.gov with comments or to set up one-on-one meetings

Photo Contest

- Opportunity to showcase the work you do in the Legislative Report
- Themes
 - How are you using food well?
 - How you support food rescue in Washington State?
- Submit to foodcenter@ecy.wa.gov
- By February 28th, 2025





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