



CCL Monthly Conference Call

Saturday, August 6, 2011

Group Meetings from 9:45 AM – 12:15 PM Pacific
Call from 10:00 AM – 11:15 AM Pacific (1:00 PM EST)

Call in number: 1-866-642-1665 pass code 440699#

August guest speaker: CDR. Blake McBride, USN Task Force Climate Change



This month's conference call guest, Commander M. Blake McBride III, will talk about some of the challenges the U.S. Navy faces in a changing climate. CDR McBride is a naval meteorology and oceanography officer and has served as the Executive Officer of the U.S. National/Naval Ice Center in Suitland, Maryland. He also served as a Meteorology and Oceanography Officer on the amphibious assault ship USS Bonhomme Richard, completing two deployments during operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. He holds undergraduate and post-graduate degrees in physics, meteorology and physical oceanography, hydrographic science, and national security and strategic studies.

Actions:

- 1) Practice the laser talk.
- 2) Request and plan meetings with senators and representatives while they're in the district during August recess.
- 3) Write to Republican presidential candidate Jon Huntsman thanking him for his support of climate science and asking him to propose a revenue-neutral fee on carbon-based fuels.

Note: At the end of your meeting, report your numbers – participants, actions to be taken – in an email to Steve Valk at steve.valk@citizensclimatelobby.org

CCL LASER TALK AUGUST 2011

Pricing carbon can ramp up growth in green sector jobs

The discussion in Washington has been dominated by **extremists**. The vast majority of Americans in the center feel **frustrated and left out of the conversation**.

They are frustrated, particularly, because our government is **immobilized** at a time when our economy is weak and **Americans need jobs**.

One of the few bright spots in our economy has been the growth in the “**green sector**” of clean energy and energy efficiency. A recent report from the [Brookings Institution](#) finds that clean-tech jobs in the green sector now number **2.7 million**. The median salary for those jobs is nearly **20 percent higher** than the national average. The annual rate of growth for the “clean-tech sector” – wind, solar and other emerging technologies -- was almost **twice the rate of growth** for other jobs.

The Brookings report recommends **putting a price on carbon** in order to maximize the job potential in the green sector. Other studies have found that investments in the green sector produce **far more jobs than investments in fossil fuels**. A price on carbon would shift investments from **fossil fuels to clean energy**.

For the good of our economy and to produce more jobs, Congress needs to enact a **pricing mechanism on carbon that both sides can live with**. Such a solution exists with **carbon fee and dividend**, which puts a steadily-rising **fee on carbon-based fuels** and returns the revenue from that fee to **all households**.

With a clear price signal in place, government can step aside and allow private investments to be the **driving force** in the transition to a green economy and the **good-paying jobs** that come with it.

Write to Republican presidential candidate Jon Huntsman

Speaking at an event sponsored by Republicans for Environmental Protection, presidential candidate and former Utah Governor [Jon Huntsman said](#), "I'm not ashamed to be a conservationist. I also believe that science should be driving our discussions on climate change."

Please take the following action:

- Write a letter to Gov. Huntsman thanking him for his sensible position on the science of climate change.
- Ask him if he would propose a revenue-neutral fee on carbon-based fuels and give the money back to American households.
- Have at least one person in your group enclose a copy of CCL's blog about Huntsman that was published on [Huffington Post](#).

Send letters to:

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