Promoting Environmental Justice

Across Washington State there are vulnerable communities that bear a disproportionate amount of burden from air, water, sediment and soil pollution or are exposed to levels of toxic pollutants in their fish and shellfish resources. Environmental Justice means the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, national origin, or income with respect to the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental and public health laws, regulations, policies, and research activities.

During the 2013 Washington State Legislative Session, Sierra Club will work partners to improve environmental justice in the practices of state agencies for all of the state’s residents.

LEGISLATIVE GOAL #1: Require state agencies to make Environmental Justice a part of their mission.

LEGISLATIVE GOAL #2: Allow for expanded public involvement opportunities for certain projects that might impact public health in Environmental Justice communities.

LEGISLATIVE GOAL #3: Create a new source of funding to assist Environmental Justice groups.

LEGISLATIVE GOAL #4: Allow for settlement of penalties to include mitigation projects in the effected Environmental Justice community.

WANT TO GET INVOLVED?
Please contact Cody Young at (206) 378-0114 or cody.young@sierraclub.org to learn more about our legislative program and how you can help.

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