

Summary of the Environmental Justice Task Force's May 18 Public Meeting

1 MAY 18 INFORMATION

[May 18 Meeting Agenda](#)

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2 TENTATIVELY APPROVED BY THE TASK FORCE:

Section headers (denoted in **bold**) of the [outline](#) for the EJ Task Force final report

- **Summary of member & public feedback** (*more details forthcoming in May 18 meeting minutes*):
 - Add a "Limitations" subsection within the "Process" section.
 - Remove the "WA EJ Definition" from the "Literature or Background Research" section. The possible TF recommendation for a statewide EJ definition will live in the "Recommendations" section of the report.
 - The "Literature or Background Research" section will likely include:
 - Research about what other states, local jurisdictions, non-profit organizations, Tribes, etc. are doing to actively combat environmental health disparities and promote improved health outcomes, specifically within the context of EJ.
 - The history of EJ in WA and long documented EJ issues in WA communities.

Mapping Subcommittee's Recommendations ([see pp. 13](#) for recommendations at a glance)

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 - Consider including a "mid-level impacted" population, in addition to a "highly impacted" population (ranked 9 & 10 on the map).
 - Consider recommending how agencies would integrate community input to shape agency-specific measurable goals to reduce environmental health disparities.
 - Consider recommendations that encourage agencies use an EJ lens (e.g. using the EHD map) early on in an agency process or activity.
 - Consider using a different term than "highly impacted" because this does not specify whether the impacts are positive or negative.
 - Consider recommending that the EHD map be peer reviewed.

Community Engagement Subcommittee's Recommendation ([see pp. 12](#))

- **Summary of member & public feedback** (*more details forthcoming in May 18 meeting minutes*):
 - Consider making a more succinct version (e.g. a 1-2 pager) of the Community Engagement Subcommittee recommendations.

3 THE TASK FORCE MAY CONTINUE TO DISCUSS:

Possible recommendation: Statewide EJ definition for Washington

- Members can continue to submit feedback on EJ definition by June 17th

Possible recommendation: Use the EHD map to inform the distribution of COVID relief funds and resources

- Members can continue to submit feedback on this proposal by June 17th

Possible additional recommendations from both the Mapping & Community Engagement Subcommittees