



## 2011 Priority Issues \*\*

At its annual meeting, the ICIE Board listed a variety of topics that should be priority issues for ICIE during 2011. Priority issues are based on the following criteria:

issues of significant statewide impact	member interest
magnitude	effectiveness of effort
timeliness	effort required

**Tier 1 Issues:** First tier priorities are the hot topics right now or topics on which ICIE has ongoing work. A first priority issue may be dealt with through a continuing series of actions or by one action such as a workshop or newsletter.

### Tier 1

Air quality issues  
Air emissions

Climate Change  
Carbon sequestration  
Cap and trade/carbon taxes  
Greenhouse gases

Energy supply:  
Existing types: hydro, natural gas, nuclear  
Alternative sources: wind, solar, clean coal, forest bio-mass, geothermal, biofuels  
Energy storage (including batteries)  
Economics (cost/benefit) of energy supply  
Transmission of energy

Endangered Species Act

Multiple Use of Public Lands:

Access/travel plans  
Forest fires  
Forest health  
Management planning

Noxious weed management/invasive species

Salmon recovery

Water Resources:

Water and growth  
Water Supply Sustainability  
Watershed management  
Clean Water Restoration Act  
Mercury  
Numeric nutrient standards (EPA)  
Use of Biometrics to gauge beneficial use

(Note: species diversity status is going to be used in a way that is important for industry.)

**Tier 2 Issues:** Second tier priority issues are of developing importance in which ICIE might play a role. These issues could be moved to first priority. Again, some of the issues would require several ongoing projects or just one action.

### Tier 2

Roadless and wilderness issues  
Mercury

**\*\*ICIE recognizes that in 2011, members should be looking with heightened interest at activities that are proposed as regulations or executive orders and not just legislation.**