



STATE OF WASHINGTON  
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**Washington Cap-and-Invest Program**  
**2023 Annual Auction Floor Price Notice**

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**Auction Summary**

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) will hold four auctions of allowances in 2023. This document, the 2023 Annual Auction Floor Price Notice, specifies the Washington 2023 annual auction floor price for the quarterly auctions in 2023. Each quarterly auction held in 2023 will offer 2023 vintage allowances. Two of the quarterly auctions will concurrently hold Advance Auctions that will offer 2026 vintage allowances.

The 2023 Annual Auction Floor Price for allowances to be offered for sale in 2023 are shown in Table 1, below.

Table 1. 2023 Auction Floor Price

Auction	Annual Auction Floor Price
Current Auction (2023 Vintage)	\$22.20
Advance Auction (2026 Vintage)	\$22.20

**Annual Auction Floor Price**

The annual auction floor price refers to the minimum price at which bids will be accepted during an auction. The annual auction floor price is defined by Ecology and released annually, in accordance with Chapter 173-446-335 WAC. In future years, the annual auction floor price will be equal to the annual auction floor price for the previous calendar year, increased by five percent plus the rate of inflation as measured by the nationwide Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers identified by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (CPI-U).

For 2023, the cap-and-invest program floor price, adjustment factor, and adjusted floor price are displayed in Table 2, below.

Table 2. Annual Auction Floor Price Calculation

Jurisdiction	Floor Price Defined in Rule	Adjustment Factor*	2023 Auction Floor Price
Washington	\$19.70	12.7%	\$22.20

\*The adjustment factor is determined by adding five percent plus the rate of inflation as measured by the most recently available 12 months of the consumer price index for all urban consumers as of the first business day in December 2022. The CPI-U is 7.7%.

## **Quarterly Auction Information**

An Auction Notice will be published at least 60 days prior to each auction. Each Auction Notice will provide information about the number of allowances to be offered and the auction schedule for the applicable auction. Additional background information, detailed instructions, and examples including information applicable to the 2023 auctions will be made available on Ecology's Cap-and-Invest Auctions and Trading webpage.

## **Contact Information**

For further information about the annual auction floor price, or about the auction floor price determination for an auction conducted in 2023, please contact:

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