



## Zero Food Waste Coalition Membership FAQ

Thank you for your interest in the Zero Waste Food Coalition (ZFWC)! If you have any additional questions around membership, please email [zfwcoalition@gmail.com](mailto:zfwcoalition@gmail.com)

- **What is the goal of the Zero Food Waste Coalition (ZFWC)?**

- The ZFWC's mission is to make progress towards the national goal of halving food loss and waste by 2030 by partnering with government leaders and leveraging the knowledge, best practices, and resources of a diverse set of organizations. Together we will:
  - Advocate for legislation, administrative initiatives, and policies at the local, federal, and state levels that reduce food loss and waste and advance food recovery efforts in line with the EPA's Wasted Food Scale.
  - Offer a central source of information, resources, and toolkits that enable communities, organizations, and governments to reduce food loss and waste.
  - Amplify the visibility of and connections between a diverse set of food system stakeholders and leaders working to reduce waste and recover food across the country through policy.

- **What is the structure of the coalition?**

- The Coalition is made up of a Steering Committee and members. The Steering Committee is the four founding organizations – Harvard Law School Food Law and Policy Clinic, Natural Resources Defense Council, ReFED, and World Wildlife Fund. The Coalition has two working groups – Federal Working Group and State Working Group – and members can choose to join those groups. We will continue to evaluate our structure as we grow and evolve.



- **How can I become a member of the ZFWC?**
  - Organizations can join the ZFWC by completing this [interest form](#). Upon receipt, the ZFWC Steering Committee (Harvard Law School Food Law and Policy Clinic, Natural Resources Defense Council, ReFED, and World Wildlife Fund) will review the form and follow up with next steps including joining Coalition calls and working groups. The membership interest form is reviewed on a bi-monthly basis.
  
- **Is there a fee to become a member of the Coalition?**
  - No, there is no fee associated with joining the Coalition.
  
- **What are the requirements for membership?**
  - Members of the ZFWC will be expected to join quarterly update calls and help drive action around policy priorities by either sharing opportunities with their communities or supporting advocacy efforts. Members will also be asked to provide feedback and help co-create policy priorities for the Coalition via an annual survey. *Members are not required to lobby but will be provided opportunities for direct advocacy.*
  
- **What's the benefit of being a ZFWC member?**
  - As a ZFWC member you will have the opportunity to:
    - Receive regular updates on federal and state policy related to food loss and waste, including updates on relevant legislation moving through Congress, funding opportunities available through the administration, as well as regulatory and policy actions being taken by the EPA, USDA, and FDA
    - Support advocacy efforts around the Coalition's top priorities, such as through hill days in D.C. where members meet with Congressional staff
    - Meet and collaborate with other like-minded individuals dedicated to addressing food loss and waste through action and policy
    - Participate in educational activities about how to advocate for your organization's priorities



- Participate in the Coalition's federal and state policy working groups
  - Provide insight into the Coalition's priorities and feedback on key legislative and administrative activations
- **Can individuals join the Coalition?**
  - Currently, we are only admitting organizations to join as members of the ZFWC.
- **What kind of activities will I be involved in as a member?**
  - Members will have the flexibility to identify activities that align with their organization's mission. Activities could include, but are not limited to emailing local representatives, participating in a Hill Day or congressional meetings, providing feedback on policy priorities and/or language, joining a sign on letter, participating in educational webinars/presentations, networking with ZFWC members, collaborating with ZFWC members on state policy priorities, and/or sharing education materials with the Coalition and your community.
- **How often will members be expected to attend meetings and events?**
  - Members will be asked to attend quarterly meetings. Members will also have the option to join working group meetings which take place once every two months.
- **What working groups are available to members?**
  - The ZFWC has two working groups: Federal Working Group and State Working Group. The Federal Working Group will work on advancing food loss and waste policy by influencing federal legislation, federal funding opportunities, and administrative actions. The State Working Group exists as a resource for members to connect with one another, share resources, and advance their state policy efforts. Both Working Groups meet once every other month.



- **How will the Coalition communicate with members?**
  - The Coalition will communicate with members via email updates and quarterly calls in addition to specific Working Group communications. Additionally, the Coalition may reach out to members directly if there is a policy area that closely aligns with their line of work.
  
- **How will the Coalition measure impact?**
  - We are measuring the impact of the Coalition based on the engagement and advancement around policy priorities at the federal and state level.