

# DNR/City of Castle Rock Land Exchange

- Transaction 86-087302
- Board Resolution #1523

## Objective

- DNR desires to manage the current bed and shore of the Cowlitz River that is owned by the City of Castle Rock.
- City of Castle Rock desires to own and manage State-owned aquatic land to provide public access to the Cowlitz River and increase public use and recreation.

#### **Proposal**

- DNR and the City of Castle Rock to exchange properties.
- State to receive \$90,000 in funds from 2 sources: \$77,600 - 2015-2017 Commerce Grant \$12,600 - 2018 - Supplemental Capitol Budget
- All monies to be placed in the Real Property Replacement Account for future aquatic land acquisitions.

#### **Properties**

- Parcel A 33 acres of State-owned aquatic land
- Parcel B 30 acres of the Cowlitz River owned by the City of Castle Rock
- Both parcels located within the City of Castle Rock city limits



#### History

- 1933 A flood event changed the course the Cowlitz River to its current location
- 1979 DNR asserts ownership to the abandoned channel of the Cowlitz River, not the current river channel
- 1980 Mount St. Helens erupts flooding the Toutle and Cowlitz Rivers with sediment
- 1981 Emergency Legislation allows WSDOT to acquire land to place materials dredged from the Cowlitz River
- 1995 WSDOT transfers parcel to City of Castle Rock



## **Authority**

- RCW 79.17.200 Real Property Transfer or disposal without public auction
- RCW 79.125.200 State-owned tidelands, shorelands, and waterways - Sold only to public entities - Leasing - Limitation

#### Valuation

#### 2017 Appraisal done by Kidder Mathews

- City owned parcel \$40,000
- State owned parcel \$130,000

#### **Questions?**

The Department requests approval of Board Resolution #1523



