



WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF  
**Natural Resources**

Recruitment  
For  
Aquatic Reserve Technical Advisory Committee  
**Washington Department of Natural Resources**

**Opens:** February 20, 2009

**Closes:** March 20, 2009

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is recruiting qualified individuals to serve on the Aquatic Reserve Technical Advisory Committee (Committee).

**Aquatic Reserve Program**

The Aquatic Reserve Program is used by DNR to establish aquatic reserves on state owned aquatic lands with unique ecological features and habitats, in order to protect and support those elements.

**Duties of the Aquatic Reserve Advisory Committee**

Committee members will review, score, and rank nominated sites for the DNR Aquatic Reserve Program (Program) and make recommendations to the Commissioner of Public Lands for further consideration and action. The reviewing, scoring, and ranking criteria are established by DNR and are consistent with the Final Environmental Impact Statement Aquatic Reserve Program Guidance. Seven people will be selected to serve as Committee members for the current review cycle and two people will be chosen as substitutes. Committee members must:

1. Be available to meet on April 16<sup>th</sup> to be briefed on aquatic reserves and the process for reviewing and scoring proposals for aquatic reserves.
2. Be available on the 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> of May to conduct site visit(s) at proposed aquatic reserves locations.
3. Rate and rank all proposals for aquatic reserves.
4. Meet for one day on June 9<sup>th</sup> in Olympia to evaluate aquatic reserve proposals after conducting site visits.

DNR will provide staff support for the Committee members. Committee members will not be compensated for their services but will be reimbursed for travel, lodging and meals based on state of Washington per diem rates.

**Nominations for the Aquatic Reserve Advisory Committee**

- a. Individuals are invited to submit their qualifications for consideration.
- b. Candidates for the advisory committee must meet the minimum qualifications described below.

**Minimum Qualifications**

All candidates must meet the following minimum qualifications:

1. Education or professional training in one of the following disciplines:  
Coastal, marine, or freshwater aquatic ecosystems; marine resource management; ecology; oceanography; fisheries science; geology; cultural archeology; sociology or related fields.
2. Established professional experience in one or more of the following areas related to aquatic ecosystems:  
Teaching; conducting research; or designing, establishing, or managing aquatic conservation areas, aquatic reserves, and/or protected areas.
3. Candidates must disclose all professional affiliations with any of the following organizations:
  - a. Washington Department of Natural Resources
  - b. Aquatic land user groups, environmental advocacy groups, or private industries that utilize aquatic lands and resources.
  - c. Sites under consideration for aquatic reserve status (including research, contract, or advocacy efforts). Protection Island, Smith/Minor Island, and Nisqually Reach.
4. Candidates must be willing to commit to the following:
  - a. Evaluate aquatic reserve proposals using criteria developed by Washington Department of Natural Resources.
  - b. Spend the necessary time to review site proposals and aquatic reserve program information, and to complete scoring and ranking of proposals prior to Committee meetings in Olympia.
  - c. Be available to meet for one day (April) to be briefed on aquatic reserves and the process for reviewing and scoring proposals for aquatic reserves, committee members may participate in this meeting through a conference call, or video conference.
  - d. Be available for up to 3 days (May) to conduct site visit(s) at proposed aquatic reserves locations.
  - e. Rate and rank all proposals for aquatic reserves (May).
  - f. Meet for one day (June) in Olympia to evaluate aquatic reserve proposals.
  - g. Work collaboratively with fellow committee members to evaluate aquatic reserves.
  - h. Submit completed site evaluations at the conclusion of the Committee meeting.

**To Apply:** Submit information on the desired qualifications to:  
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This recruitment notice and other updates and information about the DNR Aquatic Reserve Program can be found on the DNR Aquatic Resources Program web site.  
[http://www.dnr.wa.gov/ResearchScience/Topics/AquaticHabitats/Pages/aqr\\_rsve\\_aquatic\\_reserves\\_program.aspx](http://www.dnr.wa.gov/ResearchScience/Topics/AquaticHabitats/Pages/aqr_rsve_aquatic_reserves_program.aspx).