



**Doug Sutherland**  
Commissioner of Public Lands

October 26, 2006

The Honorable Diane Oberquell, Chair  
Thurston County Commissioners  
2000 Lakeridge Dr SW  
Olympia, WA 98502

Subject: Projection of Income from State Forest Lands

Dear Commissioner Oberquell:

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) manages about 43,894 acres of state forest lands (formerly known as forest board lands) that benefit Thurston County. As the attached report shows, in the first three quarters of calendar year 2006, these lands generated \$3.9 million and are projected to generate \$2.1 million in the remainder of calendar year 2006. This represents a decrease of 230 thousand from the 2006 projection in the July 2006 report. Please note that due to our agency's conversion to a new revenue financial system, actual revenues reported in the July 2006 report were erroneously overstated for most counties.

Most of this income is from timber sales. Timber markets, supply concerns, contract requirements and regulatory requirements influence when timber purchasers choose to harvest. The revenue projections rely on purchasers' plans for harvest and may change in future reports if those plans change.

The next projection of state forest land revenues will be available in late January 2007. In the meantime, if you have questions about this report, contact Eric Schroff, Pacific Cascade Region Manager. Eric can advise you of possible fluctuations in timber harvest and provide information on DNR management programs and activities in your county. Eric can be reached at 360.577.2025.

Sincerely,

Doug Sutherland  
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Enclosures

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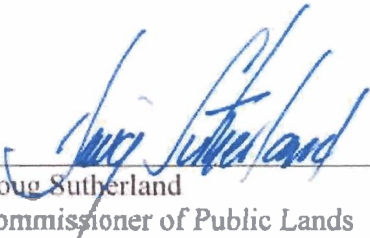


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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Bonnie Bunning, Executive Director of Policy & Administration  
**FROM:** Doug Sutherland, Commissioner of Public Lands  
**DATE:** October 18, 2006  
**SUBJECT:** Delegation of Signature Authority

During my out-of-state and in-state travel October 23 through November 1 2006, I hereby appoint you the authority to sign all documents for the Washington State Department of Natural Resources on my behalf as Commissioner of Public Lands.

  
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Doug Sutherland  
Commissioner of Public Lands

**Cc:** Fran McNair, Aquatics Steward  
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## **County Income Report October 2006**

Income from management activities on state forest lands is designated for allocation to several taxing districts in each county, depending upon the location of the activity in that county. Only a very small amount is available for discretionary use by the county.

Revenue from state forest lands (formerly known as forest board lands) come primarily from harvested timber. Lease activities and rights-of-way applications provide additional sources of revenue. Another source of revenue to the counties is leasehold tax returns, which will vary with the amount of lease activity in any given year.

**Table 1** shows the annual revenue for each county from calendar year 1997 through the first three quarters of calendar year 2006. As is evident in Table 1, total revenue varies considerably from year to year. Many of the key variables responsible for high revenues in one year can also lead to reduced income the following year. Please note that actual revenue numbers reported last quarter were in error due to conversion to a new revenue financial system. The year-to-date totals reported in this report reflect the corrected numbers.

Revenue projections for each of the 19 counties with state forest lands were made for the remaining quarter of calendar year 2006 and calendar year 2007. **Table 2** includes the summary of all timber harvest projections listed in Table 2A, and is combined with an estimate of additional revenue from leases, rights-of-way applications, and other activity on state forest lands. **Table 2A** presents projected revenue for each timber sale on state forest lands.

**Table 3** presents the volume and net value under contract as of September 30, 2006 that is not currently scheduled for harvest until after December 2007.

These projections were developed by Department of Natural Resources' region staff who contacted each timber sale purchaser with sale rights, to determine approximately how much and when they planned to harvest the timber in each sale.

Projections for each sale's anticipated harvest should be considered a rough estimate only, as actual removal activity depends on individual sale characteristics (species, volume, location, etc.), combined with outside market factors as determined by each purchaser.

The schedule of future state forest land timber sales in your county is available upon request from Department of Natural Resources' region staff.

**Table 1. Revenue to Counties from State Forest Transfer and Purchase Lands (Calendar Years)**

Updated: 10/18/06

County	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2,003	2004	2005	Jan - Sep 2006
Clallam	\$10,271,598	\$12,686,274	\$8,067,336	\$5,758,321	\$6,963,919	\$3,600,540	\$4,777,301	\$4,426,097	\$5,495,006	<b>\$3,077,208</b>
Clark	5,021,940	6,007,736	5,201,304	2,366,311	3,573,835	2,313,003	3,820,106	4,092,569	4,411,237	<b>3,623,888</b>
Cowlitz	3,357,206	3,017,014	3,348,777	1,212,652	1,839,302	5,001,470	2,934,808	215,329	5,345,911	<b>2,019,634</b>
Grays Harbor	4,943,351	1,784,346	2,028,606	2,352,472	1,862,881	3,293,823	2,107,685	1,776,300	2,667,556	<b>609,013</b>
Jefferson	556,130	1,957,760	1,663,170	1,649,297	518,203	1,778,453	889,650	1,631,808	3,200,661	<b>1,088,243</b>
King	2,993,582	2,160,183	3,223,396	1,143,568	1,835,851	1,976,627	2,889,619	4,388,319	995,578	<b>109,594</b>
Kitsap	3,004,528	406,398	753,902	599,418	729,223	31,508	626,030	1,109,673	759,721	<b>213,521</b>
Klickitat	15,947	15,094	907,813	1,306,269	1,988,025	263,951	1,207,848	112,777	1,256,702	<b>2,185,976</b>
Lewis	12,302,198	14,631,380	12,730,883	10,052,997	3,945,857	1,534,075	5,493,493	4,356,765	2,606,113	<b>11,260,612</b>
Mason	2,081,988	2,357,532	1,837,711	2,799,623	1,321,104	2,382,746	2,379,357	5,336,229	4,774,081	<b>1,301,260</b>
Pacific	3,194,157	2,296,047	6,323,846	2,771,851	4,007,787	969,916	1,875,588	2,051,170	2,939,705	<b>1,346,203</b>
Pierce	1,871,447	607,701	1,943,460	529,510	1,469,706	2,237,462	3,571,913	5,620,352	1,778,066	<b>1,492,977</b>
Skagit	11,372,252	9,187,203	11,422,067	9,194,478	5,509,637	13,209,159	8,973,769	9,620,659	12,532,120	<b>6,735,052</b>
Skamania	788,119	2,385,689	3,933,138	755,801	768,791	55,235	68,576	533,038	308,142	<b>346,515</b>
Snohomish	16,030,098	3,427,872	13,750,038	14,528,018	8,543,151	6,452,352	10,398,846	13,664,903	12,756,744	<b>5,740,265</b>
Stevens	31,821	36,075	43,894	30,236	43,769	33,815	39,619	36,945	40,922	<b>36,543</b>
Thurston	11,252,520	8,127,942	7,573,165	6,156,550	8,080,735	3,770,580	4,523,536	6,270,700	7,777,205	<b>3,849,800</b>
Wahkiakum	5,461,307	1,164,313	2,503,796	1,481,581	2,244,642	2,414,098	2,011,817	1,015,082	2,730,555	<b>1,247,034</b>
Whatcom	8,671,921	5,078,947	6,824,410	4,059,821	5,759,368	5,525,028	6,993,439	7,467,518	6,075,055	<b>2,640,524</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$103,222,110</b>	<b>\$77,335,506</b>	<b>\$94,080,712</b>	<b>\$68,748,774</b>	<b>\$61,005,786</b>	<b>\$56,843,841</b>	<b>\$65,583,000</b>	<b>\$73,726,233</b>	<b>\$78,451,080</b>	<b>\$48,923,862</b>

Note: Revenue is received daily by the Department of Natural Resources for activities on State Forest Lands and deposited daily at the Office of State Treasurer. Effective February 1998 these monies are remitted to each county via wire transfer a minimum of four times per month. Due to the specific date monies are received by the Department and the cutoff dates used by the State Treasurer for wire transfers, the revenue for the current period may be different than actual remittances to date.

**Table 2. Total Projected Revenues to Counties from State Forest  
Transfers and Purchase Lands <sup>1/</sup>**  
(Dollars in Thousands)

<b>County</b>	<b>October thru December 2006</b>		<b>January thru December 2007</b>	
	<b>High</b>	<b>Medium</b>	<b>High</b>	<b>Medium</b>
Clallam	\$1,276.5	\$2,310.3	\$269.6	\$2,555.8
Clark	1,206.0	1,206.0	2,597.6	2,597.6
Cowlitz	456.5	456.5	1,736.4	1,736.4
Grays Harbor	162.7	162.7	36.5	224.8
Jefferson	881.7	881.7	19.5	19.5
King	17.0	286.4	16.5	1,046.8
Kitsap	188.5	268.3	20.2	285.6
Klickitat	396.1	396.1	1,076.4	1,076.4
Lewis	2,001.2	2,001.2	3,429.7	3,429.7
Mason	6.7	126.7	85.5	109.6
Pacific	1,077.6	1,077.6	1,801.1	2,119.8
Pierce	0.0	1,196.5	419.7	442.0
Skagit	5,144.6	5,144.6	3,802.2	3,802.2
Skamania	493.8	493.8	408.1	408.1
Snohomish	2,423.8	2,423.8	2,861.6	2,861.6
Stevens	5.3	5.3	28.9	28.9
Thurston	1,041.5	1,041.5	2,072.5	2,072.5
Wahkiakum	1,141.4	1,141.4	99.0	99.0
Whatcom	863.8	863.8	593.3	593.3
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$18,784.7</b>	<b>\$21,484.1</b>	<b>\$21,374.2</b>	<b>\$25,509.3</b>

<sup>1/</sup> **High - 90 percent reliability that timber harvest will occur and stated revenue will be transmitted.  
Medium - 50 percent reliability that timber harvest will occur and stated revenue will be transmitted.**

**Notes: Projected revenues include estimated revenues from non-timber activities. Projected timber revenues are based on timber purchaser's logging plans as of [September 2006](#). These plans change with changes in the economy and the business needs of each purchaser. Department of Natural Resources' region staff should be contacted concerning possible fluctuations in timber harvest for sales currently under contract and the schedule of future sales on State Forest Lands in your county.**

**Table 2A. Projected Timber Harvest Revenues to Thurston County from State Forest Transfer and Purchase Lands by Legal Description**  
 (Thousands of Dollars) <sup>1/</sup>

Sale App. Number	Sale Name	Expiration Date	Legal Description			October thru December 2006		January thru December 2007		Value Under Contract after Dec-07
			Section	Township	Range	High	Medium	High	Medium	
77410	Point Blank	09/30/07	16	15N	3W	310.2	310.2	809.9	809.9	0.0
			2	15N	1W					
			35	16N	1W					
78642	Ascension	09/30/07	26	18N	3W	344.9	344.9	0.0	0.0	0.0
78810	Bannockburn	10/31/08	4, 5, 8	15N	1E	342.0	342.0	1,138.2	1,138.2	0.0
<b>Total</b>						<b>\$997.0</b>	<b>\$997.0</b>	<b>\$1,948.1</b>	<b>\$1,948.1</b>	<b>\$0.0</b>

<sup>1/</sup> High - 90 percent reliability that timber harvest will occur and stated revenue will be transmitted.  
 Medium - 50 percent reliability that timber harvest will occur and stated revenue will be transmitted.  
 Values are cumulative from high to medium probability.

Note: Projected revenues are based on timber purchaser's logging plans as of [September 2006](#). These plans change with changes in the economy and business needs of each purchaser. Department of Natural Resources regional staff should be contacted concerning possible changes in timber harvest plans and for copies of sale area maps for specific locations of timber sales within the legal descriptions listed above.

**Table 3. Volume and Net Value of Timber under Contract on State Forest Transfer and Purchase Lands for Harvest after Calendar Year 2007 <sup>1/</sup>**

<u>County</u>	<u>Volume (mbf)</u>	<u>Net Value</u>
Clallam	0	\$0
Clark	0	0
Cowlitz	0	0
Grays Harbor	0	0
Jefferson	0	0
King	3,219	960,938
Kitsap	0	0
Klickitat	0	0
Lewis	0	0
Mason	0	0
Pacific	0	0
Pierce	0	0
Skagit	86	20,492
Skamania	0	0
Snohomish	0	0
Thurston	0	0
Wahkiakum	0	0
Whatcom	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>3,305</b>	<b>\$981,430</b>

<sup>1/</sup> Normally, counties receive 78 percent of State Forest Land Transfer revenues and 26.5 percent of State Forest Land Purchase revenues.

**Note:** The sales represented here are currently under contract as of [September 2006](#). This timber could be harvested at any time depending on market conditions and business needs as determined by each purchaser. Sales to be sold in the future could provide additional revenue to your county. Department of Natural Resources' region staff should be contacted concerning future sale activity and dates.