



WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF  
**Natural Resources**  
Doug Sutherland - Commissioner of Public Lands

## **Certification Opportunities for DNR Timber Purchasers**

Certified forests are grown to an approved set of standards which demonstrate environmentally responsible, socially beneficial, and economically viable management practices that promote responsible stewardship and sustainable forestry. This unique commitment to sustainable forestry recognizes that forest landowners play a critical role in ensuring the long-term health and sustainability of our forests.

Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) is an independent, non-profit organization that promotes responsible management of the world's working forests through the development of forest management standards, a voluntary certification system, and trademarks that provide recognition and value to products bearing the FSC label in the marketplace. FSC standards ensure forestry is practiced in an environmentally responsible, socially beneficial, and economically viable way.

Sustainable Forestry Initiative® (SFI) is an independent non-profit organization internationally endorsed and accepted around the world. The SFI program is based on the premise that responsible environmental behavior and sound business decisions can co-exist. Its three-chamber Board of Directors governs all aspects of the SFI program, with equal representation from the environmental, economic and social sectors.

Currently, all Department of Natural Resources (DNR)-managed forested state trust lands in Washington State are certified under the Sustainable Forestry Initiative® (SFI) Standard. Lands within DNR's South Puget Habitat Conservation Plan Planning Unit, located within parts of King, Pierce, Thurston, Lewis, Kitsap, and Mason counties, are dually certified under the Forest Stewardship Council Pacific Coast Regional Standard (FSC) and the SFI Standard.

Certification under each standard (FSC and SFI) involves an inspection audit of the landowner's forest management activities by an independent third-party accredited team to verify that it meets specified forest management principles. If the forest unit complies with the specific standard, the landowner receives a certificate of conformance characterizing their forests as "green." Both standards encourage integration of perpetual growing and harvesting of trees with strong measures to protect wildlife, plants, soil, water, and air quality. Both standards provide a seal of approval that forests certified under these principles are well-managed. The global marketplace recognizes and endorses multiple forest certification standards. Each standard has individual market niches. By being dually certified, DNR can maximize its customer base and provide choices to the consumer.



**Forest Stewardship Council**

DNR's FSC Certificate number is: BV-FM / COC-080501



**SUSTAINABLE FORESTRY INITIATIVE**

DNR's SFI Certificate number is: 164041

DNR-managed forested state trust lands within the South Puget Habitat Conservation Plan Planning Unit (map below), located within parts of King, Pierce, Thurston, Lewis, Kitsap, and Mason counties, are certified as being in compliance with the Forest Stewardship Council Pacific Coast Regional Standard, which would make that planning unit dually certified under both the FSC and SFI Standards.

To learn more about chain-of-custody and demonstrating that your timber is derived from a responsibly managed forest and/or desires of becoming a "program participant" in the FSC Program and use the Licensed Marks, visit [www.fscus.org](http://www.fscus.org).

To learn more about DNR timber sales certified under this standard, please visit [www.dnr.wa.gov](http://www.dnr.wa.gov).

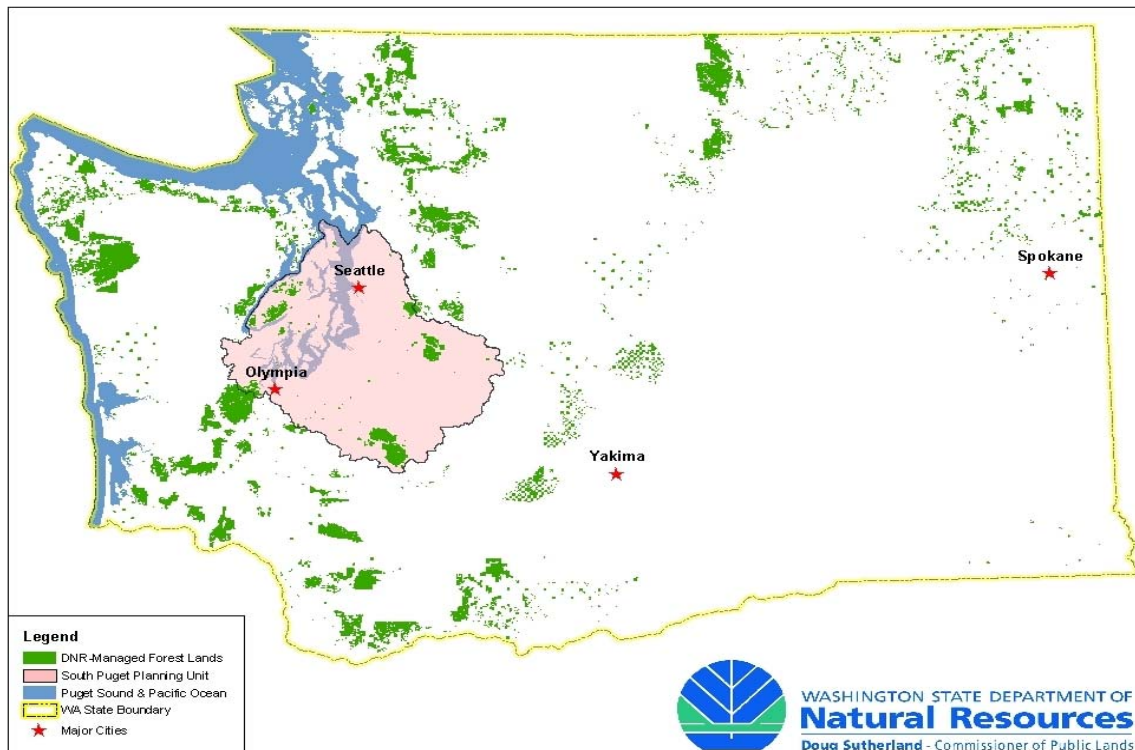
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All DNR-managed forested state trust lands across the state have been certified as being in compliance with the 2005-2009 Sustainable Forestry Initiative® Program.

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To learn more about certification on DNR-managed forested state trust lands, visit <http://www.dnr.wa.gov/BusinessPermits/TimberSales> or contact the following:

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