



MEMORANDUM

September 22, 2003

File No. 02-091300

TO: Jeff Morris, Representative
Harriet Spanel, Senator
Kelli Linville, Representative
Agencies with Jurisdiction

Doug Ericksen, Representative
Dale Brandland, Senator
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Lk. Whatcom Landscape Planning Comm.

FROM: Jenifer Gitchell, SEPA Center

SUBJECT: **ADDENDUM TO DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT
(DEIS) SEPA FILE #02-091300**

This is to advise you that the Department of Natural Resources has filed the attached addendum to the existing Lake Whatcom Landscape Plan DEIS. The original DEIS was mailed to you on September 8, 2003.

This addendum is being distributed pursuant to WAC 197-11-600 and 197-11-625. It has been determined that this new information does not substantially change the analysis of significant impacts in the existing environmental document.

A copy of the addendum and the DEIS have been posted to our agency website. You may download or review this and other SEPA documents related to this file at our web address: <http://www.dnr.wa.gov/sepa> or you may email us at sepacenter@wadnr.gov.



ADDENDUM

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Description of the original proposal:

The Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is proposing a landscape plan for approximately 15,700 acres of forested state trust lands in the Lake Whatcom Planning Area.

Description of the addendum: DNR amends the following items in the original Lake Whatcom Landscape Plan DEIS issued September 8, 2003 as indicated:

ITEM 1:

Appendix C: The final text version of Engrossed Second Substitute Bill 6731 (E2SSB 6731), as codified in 2000 Washington Laws Chapter 205, is substituted for the version of the bill included in the DEIS. See Attachment A.

ITEM 2:

On the third page of the Summary section of the DEIS, under Mitigation Measures and Their Effectiveness, the second bullet concerning water quality mitigation measures, which reads

“Provide forested buffers on each side of streams averaging 160 feet wide on fish bearing streams, 100 feet wide on perennial streams and 33 feet wide on seasonal streams.”

Shall be amended to read:

“Provide forested buffers on each side of streams averaging 160 feet wide on fish bearing streams, 100 feet wide on Type 4 streams and 33 feet wide on Type 5 streams.”

ITEM 3:

DEIS Appendix D: Stand Development Modeling for Lake Whatcom, pages 14-17. Additional information is provided:

The following table identifies the stand development stages represented by the abbreviations shown with stand modeling charts for each of the DEIS alternatives (Appendix D, pages 15-17). It also shows how these stand development stage categories correspond to the categories developed more recently for DNR's ongoing Sustainable Harvest Calculation work. Because the more recent Sustainable Harvest Calculation work was based on yield tables not available for the earlier Lake Whatcom modeling, the initial modeling runs for Lake Whatcom do not indicate the presence of the more complex stages of forest and ecological development (niche diversification, fully functional, and old natural forests). The newer yield tables use different criteria (such as for stand diameter) to describe stand structure and ecological development.

Actual future on-the-ground conditions may vary from modeling projections.

Stand Development Stages (Lake Whatcom modeling)		Stand Development Classes as summarized for presentations on Sustainable Harvest Calculation	
EIS	Ecosystem Initiation	EIS	Ecosystem Initiation
SES	Sapling Exclusion	CE	Competitive Exclusion
PES	Pole Exclusion		
URS	Understory Reinitiation		
LTS	Large Tree Exclusion	UD	Understory Development
DUS	Developed Understory		
BDS	Botanically Diverse	BDS	Botanically Diverse
NDS	Niche Diversification	NDS	Niche Diversification
FFS	Fully Functional	FFS	Fully Functional
ONF	Old Natural Forests	ONF	Old Natural Forest

Description of existing environmental document:

The Lake Whatcom Draft Environmental Impact Statement was released on September 8, 2003.

Proponent:

Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR)

Lead Agency:

DNR is the lead agency.

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ATTACHMENT A:

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

ENGROSSED SECOND SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6731

Chapter 205, Laws of 2000

56th Legislature
2000 Regular Session

LAKE WHATCOM LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT

EFFECTIVE DATE: 6/8/00

Passed by the Senate March 7, 2000

YEAS 44 NAYS 0

BRAD OWEN

President of the Senate

Passed by the House March 1, 2000

YEAS 98 NAYS 0 CERTIFICATE

I, Tony M. Cook, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is ENGROSSED SECOND SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6731 as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

CLYDE BALLARD

Speaker of the

House of Representatives TONY M. COOK

Secretary

FRANK CHOPP

Speaker of the

House of Representatives

Approved March 29, 2000

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March 29, 2000 - 2:59 p.m.

GARY LOCKE

Governor of the State of Washington

Secretary of State

State of Washington

ENGROSSED SECOND SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6731

AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

Passed Legislature - 2000 Regular Session

State of Washington

56th Legislature

2000 Regular Session

By Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators
Spanel and Gardner)

Read first time 02/08/2000.

AN ACT Relating to Lake Whatcom; and creating a new section.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

{+ NEW SECTION. +} Sec. 1. The Lake Whatcom landscape management pilot project is created.

The department of natural resources shall develop a landscape plan regarding state-owned forest lands in the Lake Whatcom watershed area. Where appropriate, the department will consult with other major forest landowners in the watershed and shall involve watershed residents in management activities. The department shall consult with the Lake Whatcom management committee on proposed timber harvest and road management activities. The department shall establish an interjurisdictional committee for the development of the landscape plan, to review the site-specific activities and make recommendations. The interjurisdictional committee shall include two members of the public who have an interest in these activities. The landscape plan shall address at least the following topics:

(1) Establishing riparian management zones along all streams, as classified under chapter 4, Laws of 1999 sp. sess. The department shall manage lands within such zones to protect water quality and riparian habitat. The interjurisdictional committee may recommend to the department restrictions upon timber harvest and yarding activities on a case-by-case basis;

(2) Harvest and road construction upon potentially unstable slopes shall be carefully regulated;

(3) On unstable slopes, new road construction shall be prohibited and old road reconstruction shall be limited;

(4) A sustained yield model specific to the Lake Whatcom watershed that encompasses the revised management standards and that is consistent with the sustained yield established by the board of natural resources shall be created and implemented;

(5) The department should build on the existing draft Lake Whatcom landscape plan and incorporate both new information from the community and new scientific information when available; and

(6) The development of a road management plan for the watershed.

The landscape plan shall be completed and implementation initiated

by June 30, 2001. Timber harvest and all road construction in the watershed on state land shall be delayed until the plan is completed.

Passed the Senate March 7, 2000.

Passed the House March 1, 2000.

Approved by the Governor March 29, 2000.

Filed in Office of Secretary of State March 29, 2000.