Appendix A
Board Resolution
STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
BOARD OF NATURAL RESOURCES

RESOLUTION NO. 1208

A RESOLUTION by the Board of Natural Resources, Department of Natural Resources, State of Washington, approving and authorizing the policies in Attachment One.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF NATURAL RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, STATE OF WASHINGTON, THAT:

SECTION 1. The policies in Attachment One were developed by the Board of Natural Resources (the Board) to guide the Department of Natural Resources' (the Department) management of forested state trust lands.

SECTION 2. RCW 43.30.215 authorizes the Board to establish policies concerning the management of forestlands within the Department’s jurisdiction. The policies adopted under this Resolution will supersede the 1992 Forest Resource Plan policies and the policy PO10-002 Public Use on DNR-Managed Trust Lands. They will be published in a document entitled the Policy for Sustainable Forests. In addition to the policies in Attachment One, the Policy for Sustainable Forests will include two other policies adopted by the Board in September 2004 in Resolution No. 1134 titled “Definition of Sustainability for the Sustainable Harvest Calculation” and “Recalculation of the Sustainable Harvest Level”. These two policies will remain in effect in their present form, and are not amended or readopted by this Resolution.

SECTION 3. The Department prepared a Final Environmental Impact Statement to assist the Board in its analysis of various policy choices, and any potentially significant environmental impacts. The Final EIS was published in June 2006, and the Board has reviewed and considered it in their decision to adopt the policies in Attachment One.

SECTION 4. These policies were developed during an extensive process that began in January 2004, and brought together both internal and external resources to develop recommendations for the Board. The department held a number of public workshops, hearings and meetings across the state to obtain input from a variety of constituencies, including the trust beneficiaries, Tribes, local and state governments, stakeholders, and the public. The Board and Department used the feedback from this outreach to craft the policy options studied
in the Draft EIS. The Draft EIS was used to create the Board’s preferred policies included in the Final EIS and Attachment One.

SECTION 5. The Board finds these policies to be in the best interest of the trusts. Therefore, the Board approves and adopts the policies in Attachment One and directs the Department to publish the Policy for Sustainable Forests as described in Section 2.

SECTION 6. The Board recognizes the increasing complexity of managing forested state trust lands to meet economic, ecological and social objectives. Because these policies assist the Department in properly balancing its management responsibilities, the Board directs the Department to implement these new policies as soon as operationally feasible. Additionally, the Department shall report annually to the Board on implementation progress, consistent with the “Implementation, Reporting and Modification of the Policy for Sustainable Forests” policy in Attachment One, including any recommendations for suggested changes to the policies.

SECTION 7. In directing the Department to begin implementation of the policies set forth in Attachment One, the Board recognizes that funding and resource constraints may affect the timing of implementation. The Department should phase in implementation where such constraints exist and shall report to the Board on its progress. Therefore, these policies do not create any legally enforceable rights in any individual or group with respect to the performance, non-performance, or site-specific application of any policy within the Policy for Sustainable Forests, beyond those rights that already exist.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Natural Resources, Department of Natural Resources, State of Washington, this 11th day of July, 2006.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the Commissioner of Public Lands.

DOUG SUTHERLAND
Commissioner of Public Lands

Approved as to form this 10th day of July, 2006.

Assistant Attorney General