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## MEMORANDUM

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TO: Interested Parties

FROM: Rochelle M. Goss, SEPA Center

SUBJECT: **FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON THE LONG-TERM  
CONSERVATION STRATEGY FOR THE MARBLED MURRELET**

The Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is proposing to amend the 1997 State Trust Lands Habitat Conservation Plan (State Trust Lands HCP) to replace the interim conservation strategy for the marbled murrelet with a long-term conservation strategy. A Draft Environmental Impact Statement was issued in 2016 and a Revised Draft EIS was issued in 2018.

This is a joint final environmental impact statement (FEIS) between U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and DNR to satisfy both the National Environmental Policy Act and the State Environmental Policy Act. Eight alternatives, including a no-action alternative, were developed for analysis. The alternatives represented a range of approaches to long-term marbled murrelet habitat conservation on DNR-managed lands within 55 miles of marine waters. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is expected to publish the final EIS in the Federal Register on September 27, 2019.

The location for this proposal is in the six westside planning units (land in range of the marbled murrelet in Clallam, Cowlitz, Grays Harbor, Island, Jefferson, King, Kitsap, Lewis, Mason, Pacific, Pierce, San Juan, Skagit, Snohomish, Thurston, Wahkiakum, and Whatcom counties) of DNR's State Trust Lands HCP.

The Final EIS and additional information about this proposal can be viewed on DNR's website at:

<http://www.dnr.wa.gov/long-term-conservation-strategy-marbled-murrelet>

Pursuant to WAC 332-41-504, this proposal was filed in the department's SEPA Center at the Natural Resources Building, 1111 Washington Street SE, P.O. Box 47015, Olympia, Washington, on September 20, 2019.