PUBLIC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT: DECEMBER 3, 2019

Dear Longbranch Community Resident:

The Department of Natural Resources would like to invite you to attend the public open house planned in your neighborhood on December 3 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. to discuss the proposed Nisqually Reach Aquatic Reserve boundary expansion. The open house meeting will be held at the Longbranch Improvement Club, 4312 Key Peninsula Hwy. S. Lakebay, WA 98349.

At the open house, DNR staff will provide a brief presentation to discuss DNR’s Aquatic Reserve Program and the proposal for the state-owned aquatic lands adjacent to the Key Peninsula and McNeil Island. Following the presentation, you will have the opportunity to offer ideas about the location of the proposed reserve expansion, provide local information about the wildlife habitats and activities in the area, and share their ideas about DNR management of the proposed reserve.

A reserve would only include DNR-managed state aquatic lands. Aquatic reserves do not include private tidelands, bluffs or beaches or tribal lands and does not impact private property.

To find out more about the Nisqually Reach Reserve and the proposed expansion: https://www.dnr.wa.gov/managed-lands/aquatic-reserves/nisqually-reach-aquatic-reserve.

If you have specific questions about the Aquatic Reserves Program and the reserve expansion designation process, please contact Roberta Davenport, DNR’s Aquatic Reserves Program Manager. Roberta can be reached by email at roberta.davenport@dnr.wa.gov, and by phone at (360) 902-1073.