

Department of Natural Resources



Natural Climate Solutions Funding Update

Chair Report – Board of Natural Resources

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Legislative Funding – Working Forests & Conservation

Capitol Budget Proviso

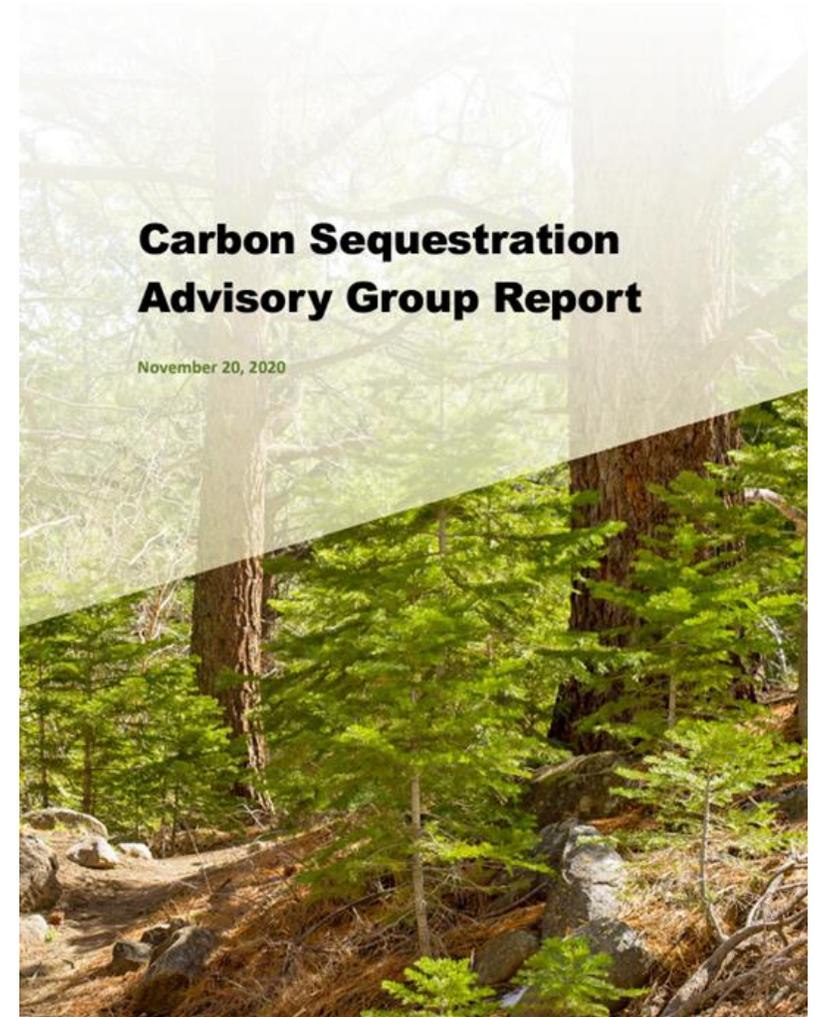
- \$70 million for acquisition of working forests to:
 - Set aside up to 2000 acres of land for carbon sequestration
 - Replace lands encumbered by the HCP in Skamania, Pacific, Wahkiakum, Clallam, and Jefferson County
- \$2.5 million to:
 - convene a workgroup to collaborate on approaches to conservation and management of structurally complex forests
 - increase carbon sequestration & storage in forests and wood products
 - generate predictable revenue to beneficiaries
 - maintain timber supplies that support local industry
 - address economic needs of rural counties and.....



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Highlights cont.

- Develop an understanding of the current timber supply by region and impacts to regional wood supply from management changes
- Contract with universities or other researchers to develop a common understanding of carbon accounting & quantification methodologies to assess sequestration & storage in both forests and wood products.
- Report the group's findings to the legislature by December 1, 2023
- \$500k to investigate hiring brokers to assist in acquiring lands

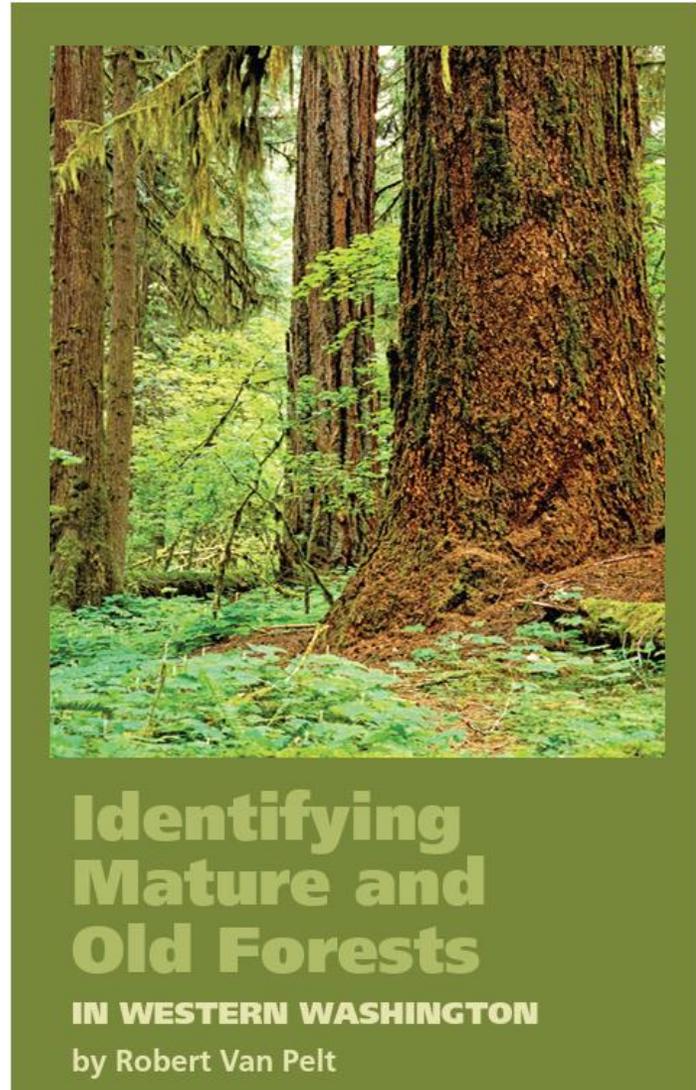


Funding for Land Acquisitions

Status

- Identification of 2000 acres
 - Utilizing Van Pelt's Guide definitions of Maturation 1 and Maturation 2 to help identify "carbon dense, structurally complex" forests.
 - Seeking to conserve areas adjacent to existing habitat, in areas to improve connectivity, and to avoid isolated small fragments scattered across ownership.
- County Concurrence

Discussing the process of identification, land transaction process, and nature of federal and state forest transfer trusts with counties



Land Acquisitions

Contract for large acquisitions -
\$500,000

Request for Proposals submitted in August with
bids due Sept 29th



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON

SOLICITATION

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP): DNR 24-05

TITLE: Broker for Forestlands

PROPOSAL DUE DATE: September 29, 2023 by 5 PM, *Pacific Standard Time or Pacific Daylight Time*, Olympia, Washington, USA.

SOLICITATION COORDINATOR: Robin Hammill

ESTIMATED TIME-PERIOD FOR CONTRACT: November 6, 2023 – June 30, 2025

The Agency reserves the right to extend the contract for up to additional one-year periods at the sole discretion of the Agency.

Working Group



WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF
NATURAL RESOURCES
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New process to ensure meaningful involvement based on environmental justice principles

Notifications were sent to a broad array of stakeholders and to tribes with extended application periods for tribes and environmental justice organizations

Facilitation contract signed with Bluepoint Planning

[Draft charter](#) posted on the website to be finalized by workgroup

Washington State Department of Natural Resources Boards and Commissions Application Form

Board Information

Please Note: Information provided on this application will be considered a public record subject to free and open examination by any person under the Washington State Public Records Act (RCW 42.56). Address, phone number and email address will be redacted if your information is requested.

Please attach your resume and any supplemental materials you would like to be considered at the bottom of this form.

1. Select the board or commission for which you would like to be considered.

NOTE: The list below reflects boards and commissions with positions open to the public.

Carbon and Forest Management Work Group

2. Are you currently a member of this board?

No

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Working Group

Goals of the Workgroup

- Conserve and manage older, carbon dense, structurally complex forest stands located on DNR-managed lands;
- Increase carbon sequestration and storage in forests and harvested wood products from DNR-managed forestlands;
- Generate predictable beneficiary revenue;
- Maintain timber supplies that support local industry; and
- Address economic needs in rural counties.



Carbon and Forest Management Work Group

DRAFT Work Group Charter

Charter to be Reviewed and Approved by the Work Group

Background

As part of the 2023-25 Capital Budget ([c 474 §3130 3a](#)), the Washington State Legislature directed DNR to convene a stakeholder group (referred to as the Carbon and Forest Management Work Group) to examine the relationship between forest management and atmospheric carbon sequestration (absorption) and storage in DNR-managed forests.

Goal

The goal of the work group is to collaborate on approaches related to the following:

- Conserving and managing older, carbon dense, structurally complex forest stands on DNR-managed lands,
- Increasing carbon sequestration and storage in forests and harvested wood products from DNR-managed forestlands,
- Generating predictable beneficiary revenue,
- Maintaining timber supplies that support the local timber industry, and
- Addressing the economic needs of rural counties.

To achieve this goal, the work group must develop an understanding of current timber supply by region and the effect of potential changes to forest management practices on regional wood supply for the timber market, including an analysis of what is currently known about the needs of existing forest industry infrastructure and what information gaps exist.

Contracts

Contract for wood basket analysis

- Evaluate the existing and future demand for wood supply by region, including levels required to maintain existing industry related infrastructure, and modeled impacts on wood supply increases or decreases based on potential changes to forest management practices;

Contract for analysis of carbon sequestration & storage in forests and wood products

- Carbon accounting and quantification methodologies outlined by the intergovernmental panel on climate change as well as emerging scientific research.
- The methodologies considered must be used to verify and assess the potential increases or decreases in carbon sequestration and storage, in both forests and harvested wood products based on potential changes to management practices on forested state trust lands that also account for increases or decreases in the availability of wood products harvested from forests managed by the department.

RFQ's will be posted for bid soon

