Recording Fee Surcharge for Survey Maps

Board of Natural Resources
Department of Natural Resources
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Outline

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Surveys & Maps Account

- Dedicated Account Established in 1982
- Replaced General Fund support
- Sole source of funding for the PLSO
- Current Account Revenue Estimates
  - Recording Fee Surcharge on Survey Maps ($480,000/year)
  - WebXtender Internet Subscription Fee ($80,000/year)
  - Survey Records & Maps Sales ($20,000/year)
Board of Natural Resources Authority

RCW 58.24.070 (1987)

- Surcharge Fee is set by the BNR
- Charged by county auditor as a condition precedent to the filing and recording of survey maps.
- Funds forwarded to the state treasurer to be deposited in the surveys and maps account in the general fund.
- Fees collected under this section shall be expended by the department only for the activities prescribed in this chapter.
WAC 332-150-050 (1987)
• The fee established by these rules shall be reviewed subsequent to the adoption of each biennial budget for surveys and maps to determine the sufficiency of such fee.
• If revenue is determined to be inappropriate for the program need the board of natural resources shall adjust the fee accordingly.
WAC Process

• BNR adopted Resolution 1436, Jan. 6th to authorize the DNR staff to begin the WAC amendment process.
• CR101 in the WSR Jan. 21st.
• CR102 in the WSR March 18th.
• BNR Public Hearing held April 7th.
• Public comments were accepted until April 15th.
• BNR considers adoption, today.
• CR103 issued in the WSR, if adopted.
• Planned implementation, July 1st.
Comments Received

- Letter of support from David Evans & Associates. Signed by 14 PLSs
- Email of support, Jim McDaniel, PLS.
- Email of support, Les Olsen, PLS.
- Email of support, Munir Daud, PLS
- Email of support, Larry Pederson, PLS
- Email objecting to increase, Rob Johnston, PLS
- Email objecting to increase, Jerold O’Hare, PLS
Fee Increase Recommendation
Revision to WAC 332-150-030

Resolution #XXXX