



# Permanently Extending Contract Harvesting

SB 5270 (Hawkins), HB 1407 (Blake)



## FASTER TIMBER REVENUE, STRONGER OVERSIGHT

Contract harvesting leads to greater product specialization, increased merchantability, and improved harvesting oversight by allowing DNR to work directly with logging contractors and mills.

Through contract harvesting, DNR can directly work with pre-qualified logging contractors to harvest as much as 20 percent of the department's annual timber sale volume.

Contractors remove trees according to established specifications, and DNR sells manufactured logs at auction to mills in the Pacific Northwest.

This system provides multiple benefits, including:

- A higher level of environmental oversight in sensitive areas
- Quick revenue turnaround
- Additional revenue for trust beneficiaries by expanding buyer base
- Meeting area-specific forest health objectives
- Improving employee morale and retention through professional challenges and rewards

**Request:** Make permanent the provisions of RCW 79.15.060 and RCW's 79.15.510-520 by removing the sunset dates.

**Contract Harvesting delivers revenue in 3 to 6 months, up to 12 times faster than typical timber sale returns**

## Contract Harvesting

was authorized by the 2013 legislature in RCW 79.15.060 and RCW's 79.15.510-520.

This program will be less effective if the current authorization is allowed to sunset Jan. 1, 2019.

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