



Solutions Table Meeting Notes

June 26, 2018, 1:00-3:00, conference call

The Solutions Table met by conference call on June 26, 2018. All members were present except for Paul Jewell (Washington Association of Counties), Paula Swedeen (Conservation Northwest), and Connie Beauvais (Port of Port Angeles), and Commissioner Franz (DNR). Agenda items included the following.

- Overview of HB 2285
- Discussion of the encumbered lands project
- Response to Solutions Table request for data
- Overview of the Habitat Conservation Plan process and preferred alternative presented at the Board of Natural Resources on June 5.

Andrew Hayes (DNR) provided an overview of HB 2285. This bill requires creation of an advisory committee to assist DNR in reporting to the legislature on an economic analysis of potential losses or gains from any proposed marbled murrelet long-term conservation strategy (a) selected by the Board of Natural Resources (BNR) (b) approved by the US Fish and Wildlife Service, and (c) adopted by the BNR. It also requires the reporting of recommendations to the legislature relating to actions that support maintaining or increasing family-wage timber and related jobs in affected rural communities, strategies to ensure no net loss of revenues to the trust beneficiaries, additional means of financing county services, and additional reasonable, incentive-based, nonregulatory conservation measures for marbled murrelet that also provide economic benefit to rural communities.

A draft report is due September 1 and a final report is due December 1. Updates to the report are due annually. DNR anticipates that the reporting will be over a three-year time frame. The Solutions Table is the advisory group required by HB 2285. Given the timing, DNR anticipates that the first report will describe the Solutions Table formation, economic analysis (ongoing by DNR staff), and status of Solutions Table discussions. It may be that recommendations are not ready in 2018 but instead occur in 2019 and 2020. Solutions Table members expressed a desire to understand their responsibilities under HB 2285, and to ensure that those responsibilities are met.

Lenny Young (DNR) provided an overview of the Encumbered Lands project. The Encumbered Lands project is working to develop land trade options that would exchange encumbered lands in Wahkiakum and Pacific Counties for unencumbered lands in other areas and replace the resources for the school beneficiaries from other sources. Commissioner Cothren is a part of this group.

Andrew Hayes provided an update on some data requests from the Solutions Table, these included an overview of anticipated impacts of the six alternatives under consideration with respect to marbled murrelet habitat and an update to estimated annual harvest levels to include millions of board-feet. Solutions Table members discussed how they might be able to obtain additional information on the significance of trust revenue to beneficiaries including checking with the Legislative Evaluation and Accountability Program committee to see what data they might have available.

Finally, Kristen Olsen-Kiehn (DNR) provided an update on the preferred alternative currently before the Board of Natural Resources.

Finally, the Solutions Table had a brief discussion of their upcoming meeting on July 6 including anticipated agenda topics.

Handouts are available on the DNR webpage.