Certification Opportunities for DNR Timber Purchasers

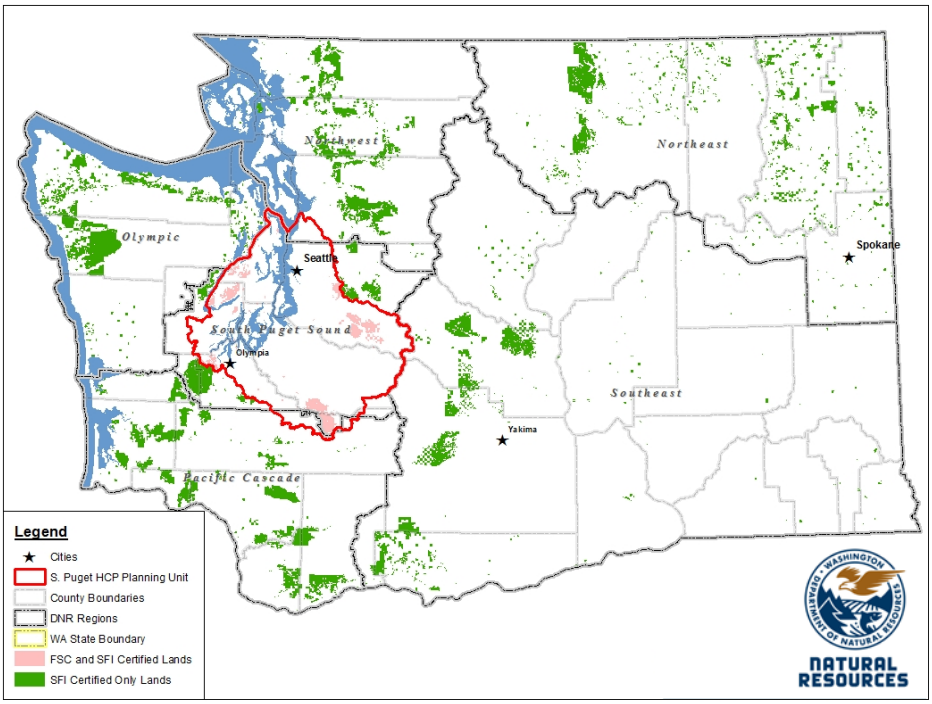
Certified forests are grown to an approved set of standards which demonstrate environmentally responsible, socially beneficial, and economically viable management practices that promote responsible forestry. This unique commitment to responsible forestry recognizes that forest landowners play a critical role in ensuring the long-term health and sustainability of our forests.

Forest Stewardship Council® (FSC®) is an independent, non-profit organization that promotes responsible management of the world's working forests through the development of forest management standards, a voluntary certification system, and trademarks that provide recognition and value to products bearing the FSC label in the marketplace. FSC standards ensure forestry is practiced in an environmentally responsible, socially beneficial, and economically viable way.

Sustainable Forestry Initiative Inc. is an independent, non-profit organization internationally endorsed and accepted around the world. The Sustainable Forestry Initiative® (SFI) program is based on the premise that responsible environmental behavior and sound business decisions can coexist. Its three-chamber Board of Directors governs all aspects of the SFI® program, with equal representation from the environmental, economic, and social sectors.

Currently, all Department of Natural Resources (DNR)-managed forestlands and conservation areas in Washington State are certified under the SFI program Standard. Forestlands within DNR's South Puget Habitat Conservation Plan Planning Unit, located within parts of King, Pierce, Thurston, Lewis, Kitsap, and Mason counties, are dually certified under both the FSC-US Forest Management Standard and the SFI program Standard.

Certification under each standard involves an inspection audit of the landowner's forest management activities by an independent, accredited third-party to verify that it meets specified forest management principles. If the forest unit complies with the specific standard, the landowner receives a certificate of conformance ensuring that responsible forestry is being practiced. Both standards encourage integration of perpetual growing and harvesting of trees with strong measures to protect wildlife, plants, soil, water, and air quality. Both standards provide a seal of approval that forests certified under these principles are well-managed. The global marketplace recognizes and endorses multiple forest certification standards. Each standard has individual market niches. By being dually certified, DNR can maximize its customer base and provide choices to the consumer.



DNR's FSC certificate number is: BV-FM/COC-080501

DNR-managed forestlands within the South Puget Habitat Conservation Plan Planning Unit (located within parts of King, Pierce, Thurston, Lewis, Kitsap, and Mason counties) are certified as being in compliance with the Forest Stewardship US Forest Management Standard.

To learn more about chain of custody and demonstrating that your timber is derived from a responsibly managed forest and/or to learn more about becoming a participant in the FSC Program, visit https://us.fsc.org/.

To learn more about DNR timber sales certified under the FSC Standard, visit www.dnr.wa.gov.

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All DNR-managed forested state trust lands across the state have been certified as being in compliance with the Sustainable Forestry Initiative Forest Management Standard.

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To learn more about certification on DNR-managed forested state trust lands, visit https://www.dnr.wa.gov/programs-and-services/product-sales-and-leasing/timber-sales/forest-certification or contact:

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