



Fish and Wildlife Commission Presentation Summary Sheet

Meeting date:

3/26/2021

Agenda item:

LANDS 20/20 PREVIEW

Presenter(s):

Cynthia Wilkerson - Lands Division Manager, Lisa Coffman - Lands 20/20 Coordinator

Background summary:

The annual Lands 20/20 process has identified six potential acquisition projects under consideration by the WDFW director for 2020/21. These projects have been through the public comment portion of the Lands 20/20 process and are being presented to the Commission as a briefing. The next step is for the Director to approve the list of projects to pursue funding through grants or other sources. The early review process provides the Commission with information on these land acquisition proposals including a summary of public comments.

Projects:	County	Acres	Region
Ebsen Water Access	Asotin	7.3	Region 1
Maloney Mountain	Columbia	145.8	Region 1
Driscoll/Eyhott Island Addition	Okanogan	16.5	Region 2
Chester Butte	Douglas	640	Region 2
Chehalis Wildlife Area Expansion	Grays Harbor	up to 1,504	Region 6
Centralia Mine Project	Thurston/Lewis	9,600	Region 6

Policy issue(s) and expected outcome:

Thorough analysis and evaluation of proposed land acquisitions intended to protect and preserve critical habitats and recreational access. Eventual outcome is pursuit of funding and eventual acquisition for either fee title or conservation easement acquisitions.

Fiscal impacts of agency implementation:

None

Public involvement process used and what you learned:

Public involvement has included regional staff coordination with local governments, a web-based public review period and inclusion in the State Habitat and Recreation Lands Coordinating Group quarterly meeting. This Group provides coordination between state agencies for potential habitat and recreation acquisition projects. We

received 267 public comments, 234 (88%) of which were positive, 26 of which were negative. Of the negatives, three were opposed to any land acquisition by WDFW. More specifics on public comment will be presented.

Action requested and/or proposed next steps:

Briefing only.

Draft motion language:

None, briefing only.

Post decision communications plan:

Briefing only.
