

PROPOSED LAND TRANSACTIONS

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Fish and Wildlife Commission Presentation Summary Sheet

Meeting date:

8/6/2021

Agenda item:

Lands Transaction

Presenter(s):

Karen Edwards – Real Estate Manager

Background summary:

Item 1: Proposed Knappton Boat Launch-Transfer of Right of Way to WSDOT– Slope failure has caused significant damage to State Route 401 roadway, approximately ½ mile north of WDFW’s Knappton boat launch area. Slide activity this past spring created severe damage that closed the road for a period of time and currently has had the road limited to a single lane, affecting public recreational access to the boat launch along with access for emergency vehicles. Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) has looked at several alternatives for a more permanent solution to this slide problem, which has been ongoing for almost 20 years. The proposed plan by WSDOT involves the installation of culverts under the road in two locations (north and south end of slide area), continuing down the embankment and joining the two into one larger culvert which will then drain into the Columbia River. Due to the terrain in this location, it is not possible to install underground culverts between the road and the river. This proposal involves approximately one acre of the WDFW property.

WDFW staff are proposing to grant highway right-of-way to WSDOT for the project site. Due to the terrain, this portion of the WDFW property serves no recreational public use. Transfer of Right of Way will allow WSDOT to perform the necessary ongoing monitoring and maintenance of the project area and provide safe and continued road access via this highway.

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommend approval of this transaction.

Policy issue(s) and expected outcome:

Enhancing public recreational opportunity and protection of public safety.

Fiscal impacts of agency implementation:

None

Action requested and/or proposed next steps:

Approval of the Land Transaction as presented.

Draft motion language:

Motion: I move to approve the transaction as presented by staff.

Is there a “second”?

If so, then motion maker discusses basis for motion; other Commissioners discuss views on motion; amendments, if any, proposed and addressed.

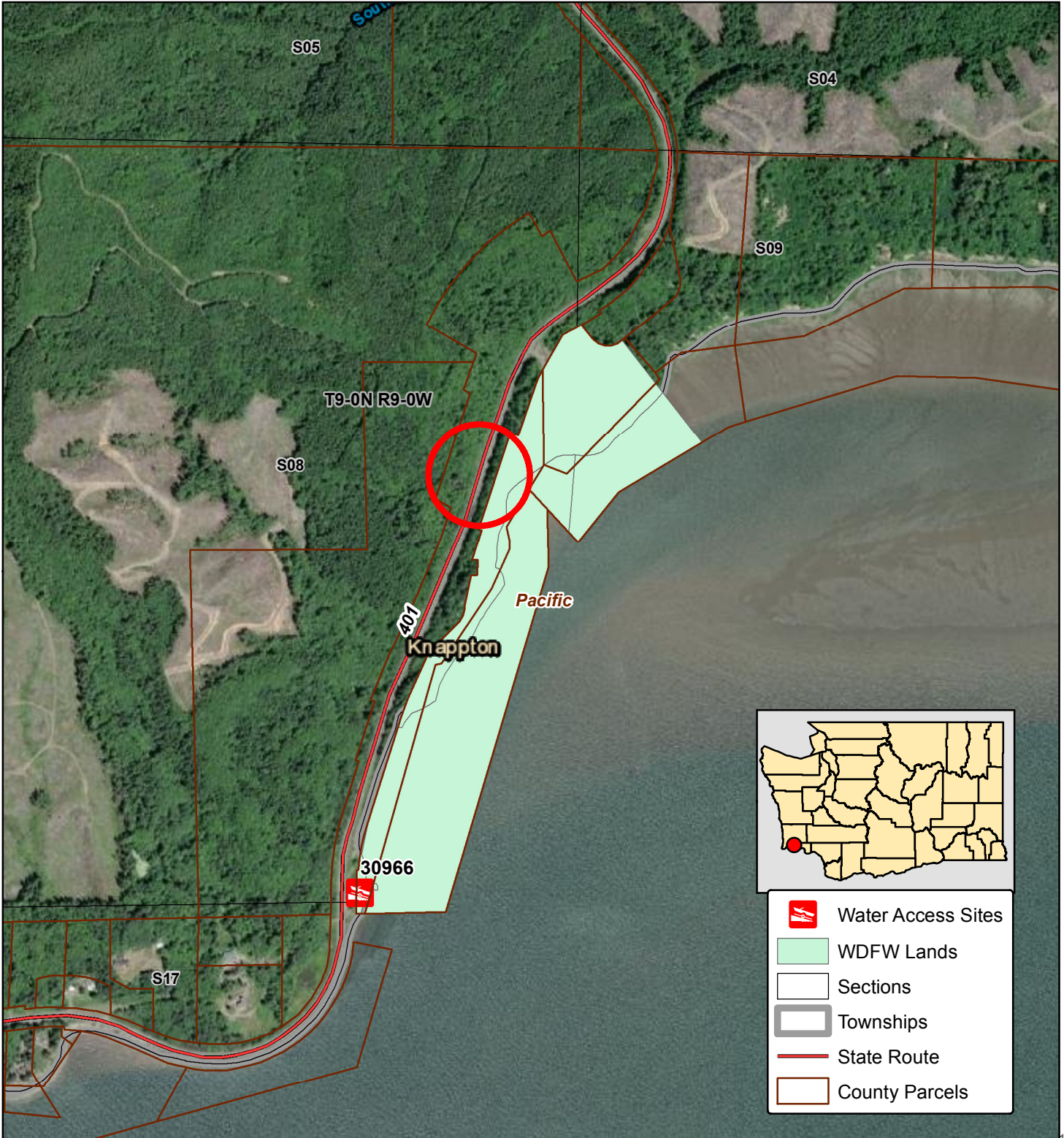
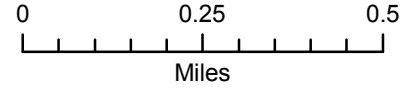
Post decision communications plan:

WDFW will distribute a press release informing the public of this action.

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COUNTY:PACIFIC

LEGAL: SECTION 8, TOWNSHIP 9N, RANGE 9W, W.M.



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