

LAND TRANSACTION

June 10th, 2022

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Fish and Wildlife Commission Presentation Summary Sheet

Meeting date:

6/10/2022

Agenda item:

Land Transaction

Presenter(s):

Karen Edwards – Real Estate Manager

Background summary:

**Item 1: Proposed Acquisition of 129(+/-) acres in Grant County
Martha Lake Water Access Area, Region 2**

This proposal is to acquire approximately 129 acres, located in Grant County. The property is currently owned by Washington Department of Transportation (WSDOT) and has been leased to Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) since 1975 as the Martha Lake Water Access Area. Since that time, WDFW has improved the property with a restroom, parking area, and ADA access to a fishing platform. This property is in the Columbia Basin Wildlife Area, Quincy Lakes Unit and provides connectivity between WDFW-owned land to the north, and land WDFW leases from the US Bureau of Reclamation to the south. WDFW has been notified by WSDOT that this property has been declared surplus to their needs, and will be sold for its fair market value. However, WSDOT has offered it for sale to WDFW prior to proceeding with other disposal options.

Approved through Lands 20/20 in 2022, WDFW will purchase this property from WSDOT for the appraised value of \$379,000, funded through Unrestricted License Revenue – 24N.

Upon acquisition from WSDOT by WDFW, the property will continue to be managed by the regional water access program as a popular fishing area for both hand launch boat fishing and shoreline fishing, will continue to provide the only designated dog training area in Region 2, along with waterfowl, pheasant and quail hunting opportunities.

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommend approval of this land transaction.

Policy issue(s) and expected outcome:

Providing recreational opportunities.

Fiscal impacts of agency implementation:

Operations and Maintenance costs.

Action requested and/or proposed next steps:

Approval of land transaction as presented.

Draft motion language:

Motion: I move to approve the land 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:

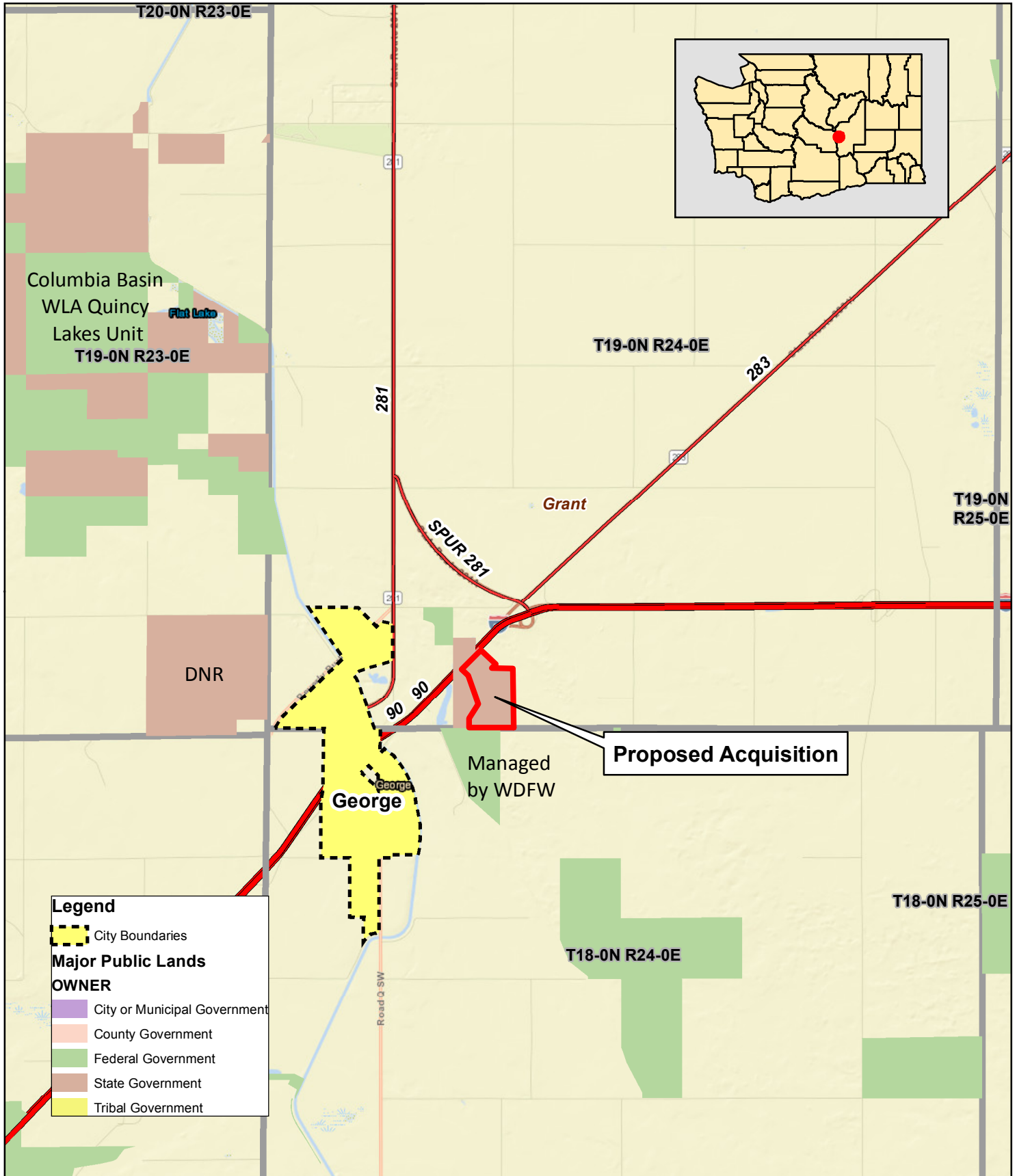
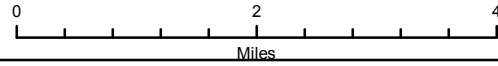
WDFW will distribute a press release informing the public of this action.

Item1: Martha Lake Water Access Area

County: Grant

Legal: Township 19N, Range 24E W.M. Section 32

Acres: 129 (+/-)



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