

PROPOSED LAND TRANSACTION

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Summary Sheet

Meeting dates: July 15, 2016 COMMISSION CONFERENCE CALL
Agenda item: PROPOSED LAND TRANSACTIONS
Presenter(s): Julie Sandberg, Real Estate Services Manager

Background summary:

ITEM 1: This proposal is to acquire the 5.41 acres in Whatcom County located directly adjacent to the Nooksack River, approximately 5 miles west of Bellingham.

The purpose of this acquisition is to continue efforts to purchase and restore wetlands and flood plain habitats along the lower Nooksack River, adjacent to the Nooksack Unit, Whatcom Wildlife Area. This action advances critical elements of the Lower Nooksack River Conservation and Restoration Project, a multi-partner, multi-year effort focused on restoration of floodplain processes and habitats along the entire tidally-influenced reach of the Nooksack River in northwestern Washington State. The project also links with other estuary and wetland restoration efforts being undertaken by the Lummi Nation to restore habitat functions and process on extensive wetlands of Lummi Bay, the historic mouth of the Nooksack River.

The property is medium bank, mostly level land ideal for bank fishing, wildlife viewing and day use recreation. Future restoration options within this area are being considered by multiple agencies and partners, including the Army Corp of Engineers (PSNERP), Whatcom County, Lummi Tribe, and WDFW.

This property will be managed as part of the Nooksack Unit, Whatcom WLA.

Policy issue(s) you are bringing to the Commission for consideration:

Protecting critical fish and wildlife habitat, and providing public recreational opportunities.

Public involvement process used and what you learned:

ITEM 1: Property was approved through the department's Lands 20/20 process in 2014.

Action requested:

Approval of the proposed land transaction as presented.

Draft motion language:

Move to approve the acceptance of the 5.41-acre Peterson property in Whatcom County

Justification for Commission action:

This action will provide protection for critical fish and wildlife habitat and provide additional public recreational opportunities.

Communications Plan:

WDFW will distribute a press release informing the public of this action and proceed to closing the transactions.

Budget Detail, July 15th, 2016
 Fish and Wildlife Commission
 Land Transaction Agenda Item

Item 1	Acres	Purchase Price		
<i>Peterson Project</i>	5.41	\$ 26,000.00		
Project or Grant Name	Fund Source	Original Grant Amount	Pre Action Balance	Post Action Balance
Lower Nooksack River Conservation & Restoration	NCWCP	\$ 759,281.00	\$ 630,202.55	\$ 604,202.55

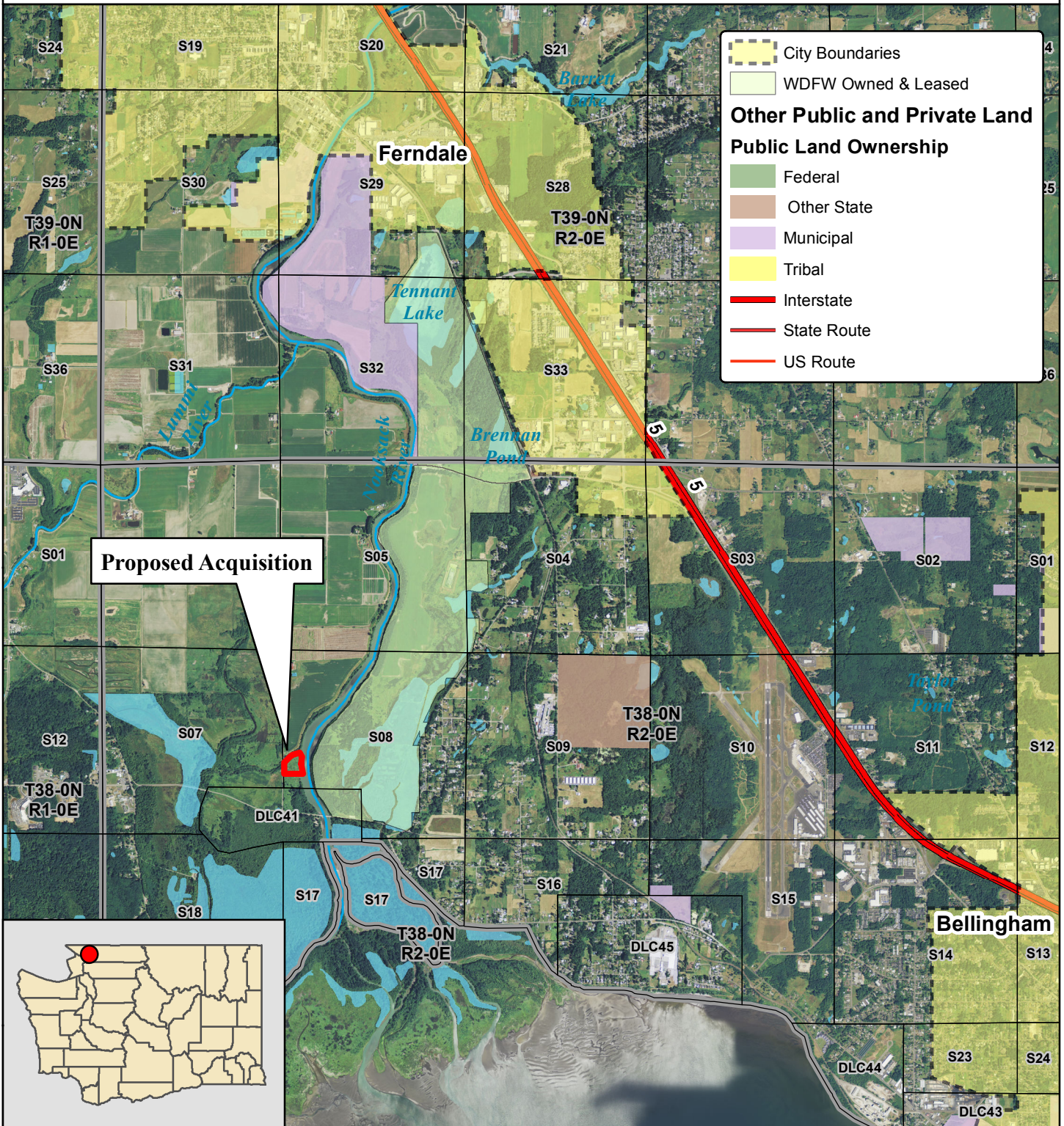
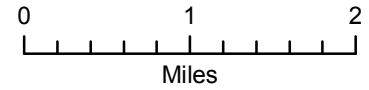
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