

PROPOSED LAND TRANSACTIONS

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GREEN SHEET

Meeting/Workshop: June 6 & 7, 2008
Agenda Item: PROPOSED LAND TRANSACTIONS
Staff Contact: Dan Budd
Presenter: Dan Budd

Background:

The Department is recommending the following actions:

1. **Timber Salvage and Thinning on Olympic and Johns River Wildlife Areas.**

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

- **Salvage timber assets damaged by December 2007 coastal storm.**
- **Enhance critical fish and wildlife habitat through proper forest management.**
- **Provide continuing project income consistent with federal regulation and in support of wildlife area operations.**

Public involvement process used and what you learned:

This project has gone through the State Environmental Policy Act processes and received a Determination of Non- Significance.

Action requested (identify the specific Commission decisions you are seeking):

Approval of the Olympic/Johns River Wildlife Area Timber Salvage and Thinning Sale as presented.

Draft motion language:

Motion to approve the timber salvage and thinning sale as presented.

Justification for Commission action:

This action will improve and protect critical fish and wildlife habitat while recovering damaged timber assests.

**STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
WILDLIFE PROGRAM
LANDS DIVISION
REAL ESTATE SERVICES**

June 6, 2008

MEMORANDUM

TO: Jeff P. Koenings, Ph.D.
Director

FROM: Dan Budd
Real Estate Manager

**SUBJECT: ITEM 1: TIMBER SALVAGE AND THINNING PROJECT REQUEST
OLYMPIC AND JOHNS RIVER WILDLIFE AREAS
GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY**

The Department is requesting approval to salvage and thin timber on department land in Grays Harbor County. This project will salvage wind-thrown timber on approximately 300 scattered acres on the Olympic and Johns River wildlife areas, which are located north and southwest of Aberdeen, respectively. The wind throw is a result of the December 2007 storm that brought high winds of 80+ mph and approximately 10+” of rain in a 24 hour period. Salvage will attempt to minimize timber asset loss.

While salvaging wind-thrown timber, this project also will serve as an opportunity to thin high density stands and improve wildlife habitat conditions by opening up the existing even-aged, single-story canopy forest structure. An increase in light penetration will provide for understories with greater abundance and diversity of herbaceous plants, shrubs and trees. The salvage log and thinning prescription will benefit deer and elk while meeting the needs of other fish and wildlife species. Thinning will occur on 239 acres within the 260 salvage acres at the Olympic Wildlife Area. Salvage will occur on approximately 77 acres at the Johns River Area. The Department estimates that the project may remove in excess of 1,000,000 board feet of timber, the revenue from which will be used to reimburse the wildlife area for project costs of timber management at these isolated sites or contribute to Pittman-Robertson project income on wildlife areas.

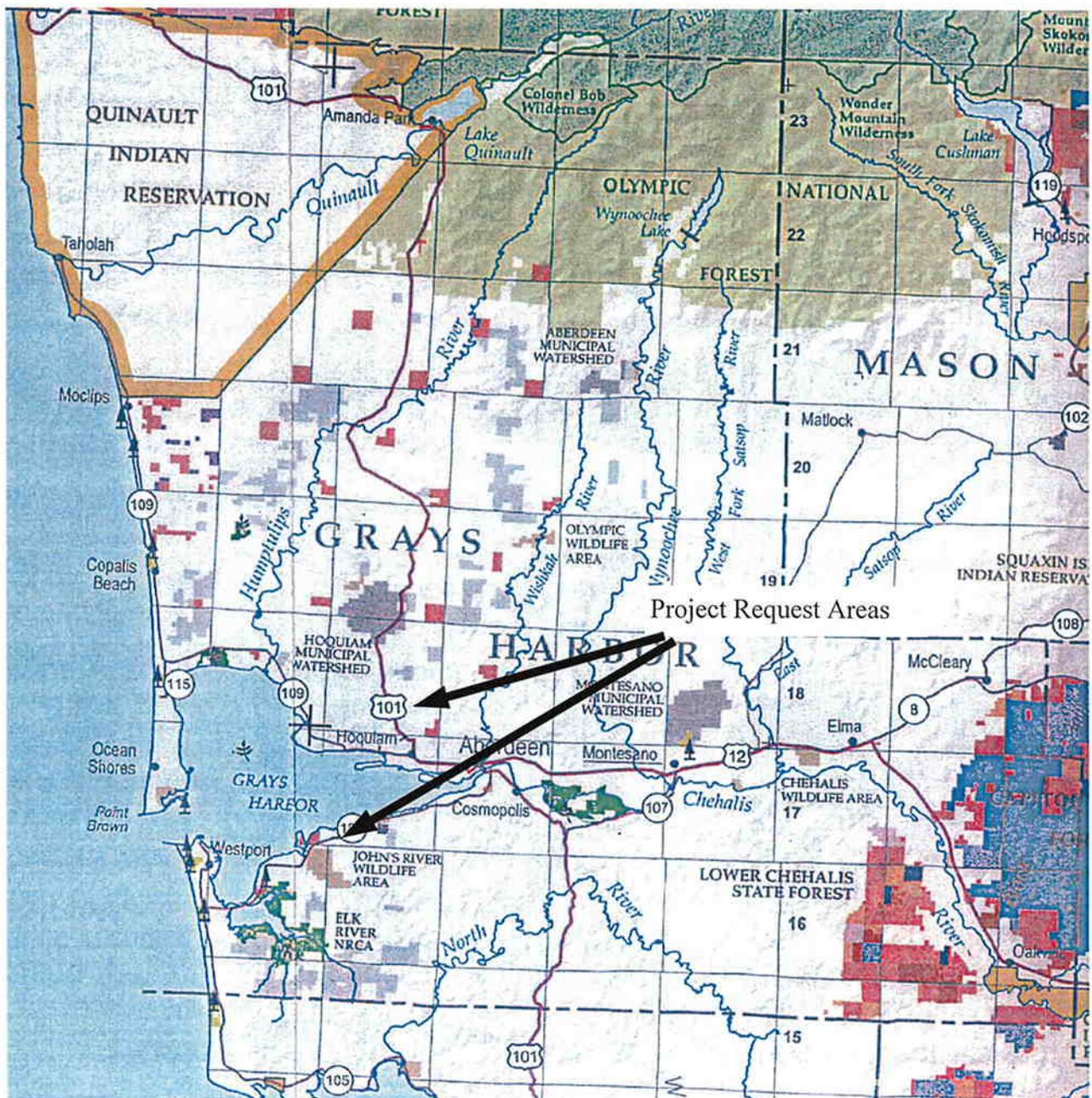
The Department recommends that the Commission approve this salvage and thinning project.

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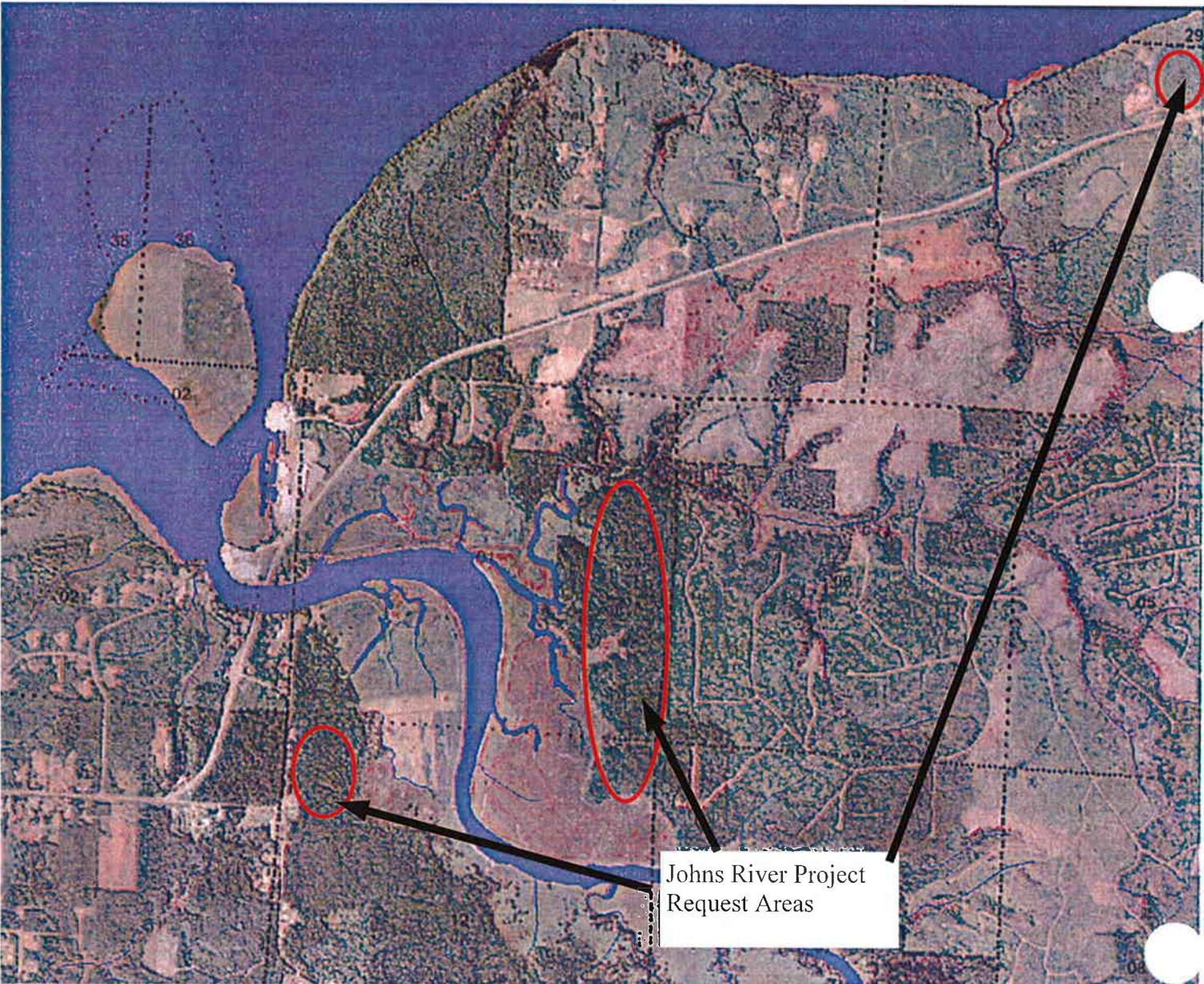


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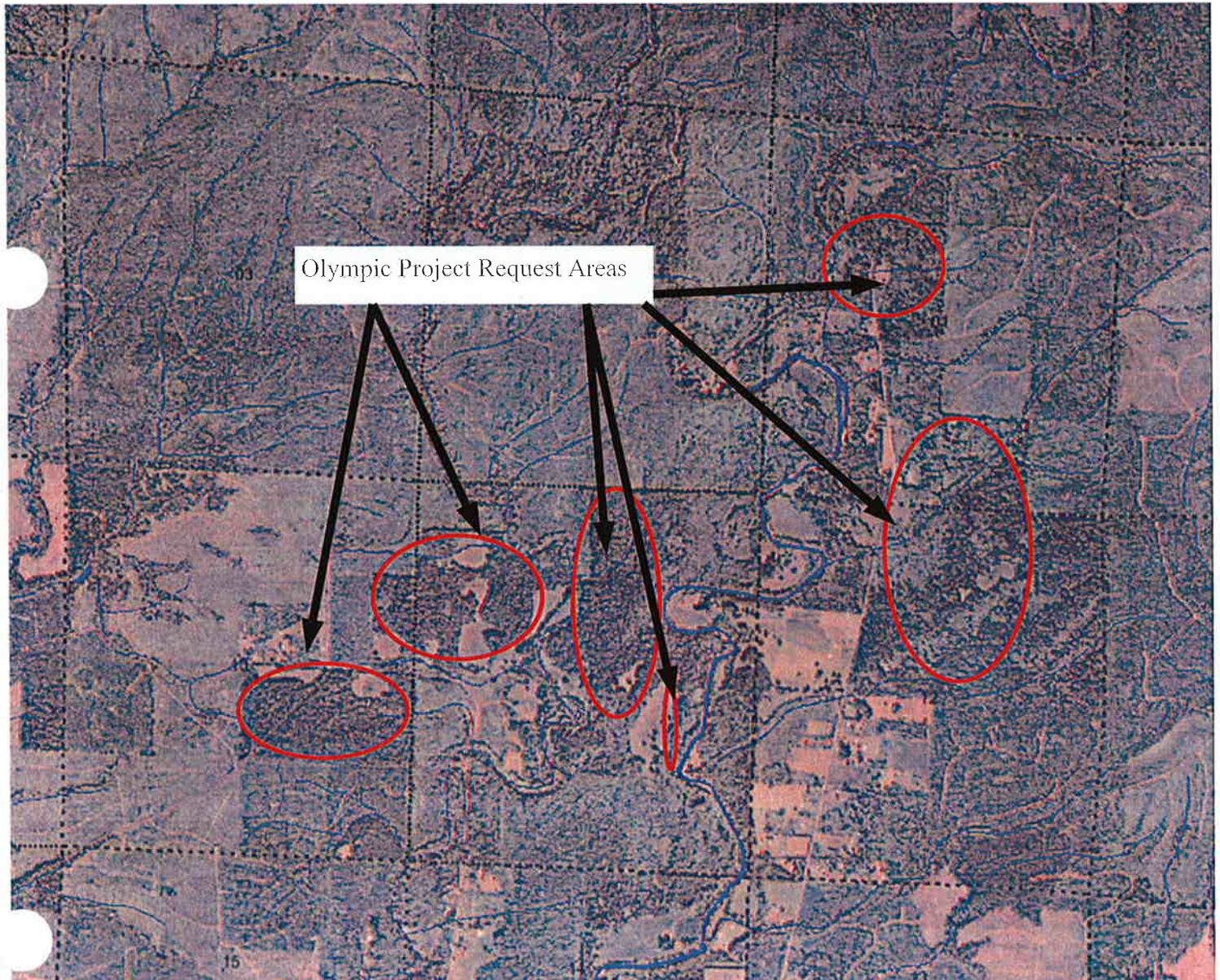


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