

"GREEN SHEET"

Meeting: February 5-6, 2009
Agenda Item 6: Timber Salvage and Thinning Project – Briefing
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Background:

At the Fish and Wildlife Commission's October 3-4, 2008 meeting, a request was made for the "Department to brief the Commission on follow-up information to the Wishkah timber salvage sale operation, as described during public testimony at the October meeting. The Department was asked to include the current condition of the property and timber, as well as an overview of the WDFW forestry program."

Consistent with this request, regional wildlife program staff will brief the Commission on the Olympic and Johns River Salvage and Thinning Project conducted during the summer/fall of 2008. This presentation will cover the key elements involved with this project including permitting, project design, marketing timber resources, contracting the harvesters, project management, and results. The benefits of the salvage operation from both the habitat and financial perspectives will be discussed.

Policy Issue(s) you are bringing to the Commission for consideration:
Salvage logging on Department owned lands.

Public involvement process used and what you learned:

A citizen advisory group meeting was held to receive input on the direction of the salvage and thinning project in March. State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) compliance was completed in May (Determination of Non-Significance). This project was presented to the Commission and received approval during the June 6-7, 2008 Commission meeting in Ocean Shores.

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

Draft motion language:
Briefing only.

Justification for Commission action:
Briefing only.

Communications plan:
Identified in public involvement process above.

COMMISSION REQUEST TO DEPARTMENT

Title of Request: WISHKAH TIMBER SALVAGE and HISTORY OF DEPARTMENT'S FORESTRY PROGRAM

Commissioner: SOLOMON

Priority Level (put one check in each row):

Importance: [] High [X] Medium [] Low

Urgency: [] High [X] Medium [] Low

Date Requested: October 3, 2008 **Date Assigned:** Oct. 13, 2008
Dep. Director use

Assigned To (Program/staff person): Wildlife Program

Requested Due Date: January or Feb. 2009

Knowledge or Action Being Requested (narrative). Describe what you want to know. Be specific.

Department to brief the Commission on follow-up information to the Wishkah timber salvage sale operation as described during public testimony at the Oct. 3-4, 2008, Commission meeting. The briefing is to include current condition of the property and timber, as well as an overview of the WDFW forestry program.

Output Requested (e.g., telephone call, memo, material from files, new report, presentation, other):

Provide a follow-up briefing presentation at Commission meeting in early 2009.