

## “GREEN SHEET”

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**Meeting:** May 8-9, 2009  
**Agenda Item 4:** Swan Reserve Boundary Adjustment Update – **Briefing**  
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**Background:**

This briefing was requested by the Commission as a follow-up to the Johnson/Debay's Slough Game Reserve agenda item that was originally presented to the Commission at the August 9, 2008 Commission meeting in Lynnwood. At that meeting, the Commission amended the boundary of the Johnson/Debay's Slough Game Reserve as a one-year interim measure. The Commission then directed the Department to resolve the current placement of "on the ground" boundary markers delineating the reserve with formal survey descriptions, and work toward a resolution of the boundary dispute with the landowner. Additional issues associated with the reserve include posting of the boundary, and potential land purchase or land exchange with landowners owning private property within the current reserve. Lastly, staff was directed to include local stakeholder input on the boundary issues as well as the long term goals for the reserve; these stakeholders include The Trumpeter Swan Society, Audubon, The Western Waterfowler's Association, and The Waterfowl Advisory Group.

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

N/A

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**Public involvement process used and what you learned:**

Since the August 9, 2008 Commission meeting, Department staff have met several times with landowners and stakeholders regarding the reserve boundary adjustment and the other associated issues discussed above. These follow-up discussions will be summarized during the briefing.

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

None, briefing only. Final recommendation/action on this issue is proposed for the August 7-8, 2009 Commission meeting.

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**Draft motion language:**

N/A

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**Justification for Commission action:**

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