

“GREEN SHEET”

Meeting dates: February 4-5-6, 2010, Commission Meeting

Agenda item # : 3. Personalized License Plate Revenue, Wildlife Account Dedicated Accounts Briefing

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Background: Within the Wildlife Account, 16 different restricted accounts have been established for a variety of specific purposes. These restricted accounts have specific revenue sources and purposes for which they may be used. The accounts are managed under the Wildlife Account, and legislative authority is needed to spend moneys from the Wildlife Account. The Personalized License Plate (PLP) account is one of the restricted accounts created within the Wildlife Account. Revenues from the PLP by statute are to be used for the “preservation, protection, perpetuation, and enhancement of nongame species”.

The Department requests authority to spend monies from the Wildlife Account through the biennial budget process. The Commission approves the Department’s budget submittal, which is submitted to the Governor and the Legislature for consideration. Every two years, the Governor submits a biennial budget proposal, and the Legislature adopts a final budget that must be signed by the Governor.

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

The Commission is responsible for establishing policies, goals, and objectives that guide the Department's management of Washington’s fish, wildlife, and habitat resources. In addition, the Commission has the final approval authority for the Department’s budget proposals. This briefing will provide background information on the restricted accounts within the Wildlife fund to inform the Commission regarding the uses for these funds.

The Commission will consider approval of a 2011-2013 budget proposal during a Commission meeting in the summer of 2010.

Public involvement process used and what you learned:

N/A

Action requested:

N/A. This briefing is the result of a Commission request to the Department.

Draft motion language:

N/A

Justification for Commission action:

N/A

Communications Plan:

N/A
