

## “GREEN SHEET”

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**Meeting:** August 5-6, 2011

**Agenda item 6:** Discover Pass Implementation- **Briefing**

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**Presenter(s):** Jennifer Quan, Lands Division Manager, Wildlife Program

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**Background:**

Governor Gregoire signed legislation on May 12, 2011 that will keep state park and recreation lands open with revenue from a vehicle access pass, known as the *Discover Pass*. State Parks, the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department), and Department of Natural Resources (DNR) jointly requested legislation that led to its creation. The pass is required as of July 1, 2011, for vehicle access to recreation lands and water-access sites; the cost is \$30.00 a year per vehicle or \$10.00 for a day-use pass, plus transaction and dealers’ fees. Revenue from the *Discover Pass* will fill budget gaps created by the loss of State General Fund support for parks and recreation on state lands. Revenue will be split among the three state agencies that provide recreational access to state lands in proportion to their need for general fund replacements: 84 percent to State Parks, 8 percent to DNR, and 8 percent to the Department. State recreation lands include state parks, boat launches, campgrounds, heritage sites, wildlife and natural areas, and trails and trailheads.

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**Policy issues:**

None – briefing only.

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**Public involvement process and outcome:**

Early outreach to stakeholders in all three agencies resulted in support during early budget development, where the initial proposal made it into the Governor’s budget. As the process developed, continued outreach resulted in stakeholder advocacy through the legislative process and ultimately resulted in the Discover Pass statute.

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**Action requested:**

None – briefing only.

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**Draft motion language:**

N/A

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**Justification for Commission Action:**

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**Communications Plan:**

- WDFW Website
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