

## Summary

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**Meeting dates:** September 20, 2013 Fish and Wildlife Commission Conference Call

**Agenda item:** Mattson Acquisition Acreage and Price Adjustment

**Presenter(s):** Dan Budd, Real Estate Services Manager

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### **Background summary:**

On March 1, 2013 the Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission approved the Department's recommendation to acquire the Mattson property in Pacific County as part of the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) Chinook River Estuary project which was evaluated and approved through the Lands 20/20 process. The purpose of the project is to provide more lands for tidal inundation for increased salmon habitat and increase SBU's (Survival Benefit Units) of salmon.

The proposed Mattson property was again considered by the Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission on August 1, 2013 due to a reconfiguration that altered the approved acreage and price. The Commission approved the property for purchase based on the reconfigured acreage and price.

Additional survey work has determined that acreage figure presented to the Commission on August 1 was incorrect. The further survey work has determined that the acreage proposed to be acquired is 201.27. This acreage has been reconsidered by the independent fee appraiser and the appraiser has adjusted the conclusion of value to be \$570,000.00.

The Department recommends the Commission approve the acquisition of the 201.27 acre Mattson property for the appraised value of \$570,000.00.

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

Conservation and protection of critical fish and wildlife habitat, providing fish and wildlife recreational opportunity.

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

This is a joint project with Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) under the Columbia River Estuary Memorandum of Agreement. BPA notified all of the surrounding and near-by landowners of the acquisition and has not passed on any opposition to this project as a result of the letter. Also, the Chinook acquisition and management strategy was reviewed by the Olympic-Willapa Hills Wildlife Area Citizen Advisory Group (CAG). The CAG supported this effort for the overall habitat benefits, but most importantly for the increase in access to high quality hunting grounds for big game and waterfowl.

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### **Action requested:**

Approval of the proposed land transactions as presented.

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### **Draft motion language:**

Move to approve the proposed land transactions as presented.

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**Justification for Commission action:**

This action will conserve and protect critical fish and wildlife habitat, and enhance fish and wildlife recreational opportunity.

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**Communications Plan:**

Upon completion of the WDFW will send out a press release informing the public of this action.

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**ACRES: 191.36 201.26**

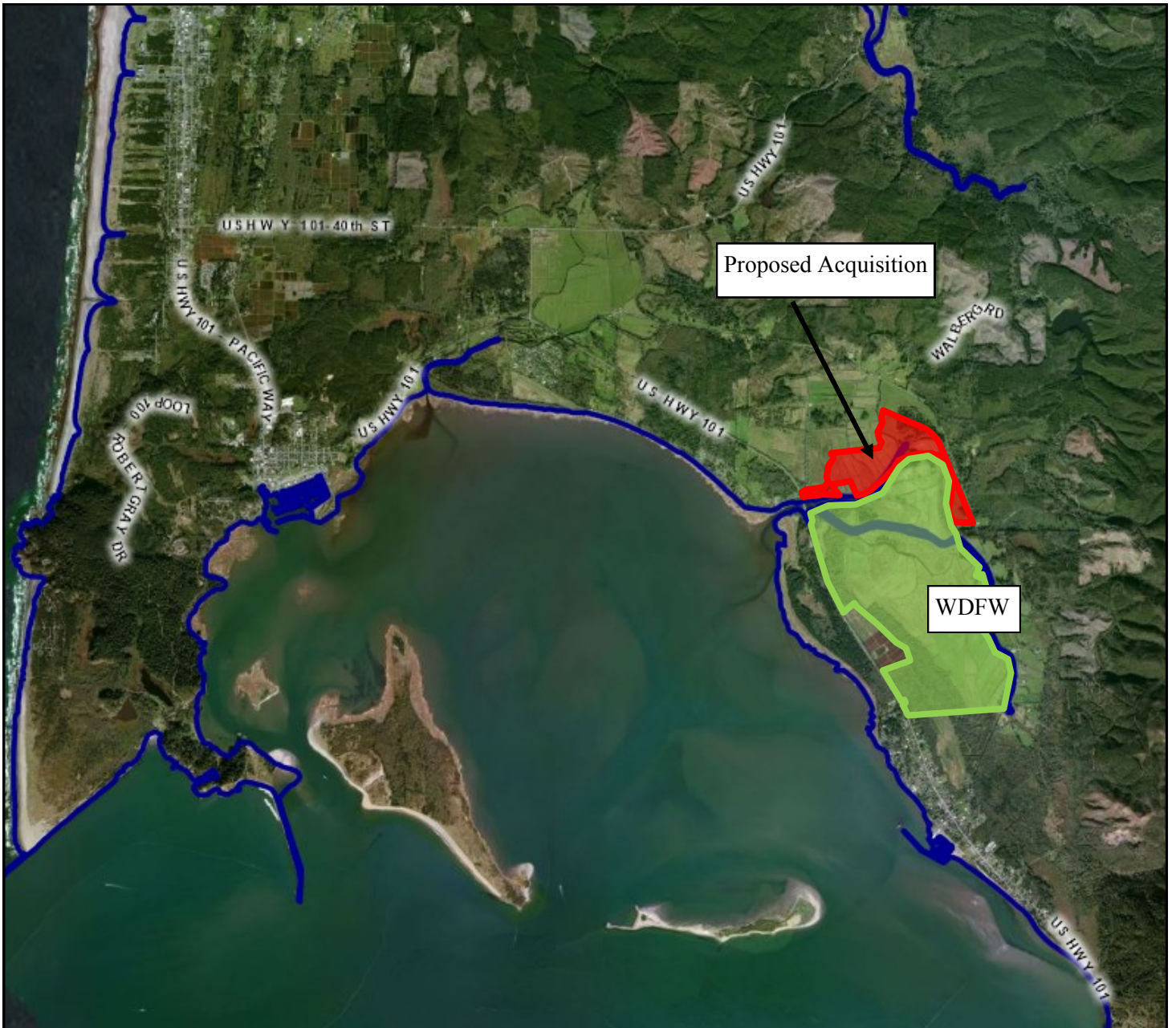


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