

Summary

Meeting date: April 11-12, 2014

Agenda item: Lands 20/20 Acquisition Process - Briefing

Presenter(s): Clay Sprague, Lands Division Manager, Wildlife Program

Background summary:

At the March Commission meeting the Department presented the 2015 – 2017 Lands 20/20 potential acquisition projects that had been identified as high priority acquisitions during the Lands 20/20 process. These projects have been proposed to move forward to seek funding through a variety of acquisition grants. Incorrect information was provided concerning the Mt. View proposal that will be corrected. In addition, one new water access project will be presented to the Commission (Chapman Lake).

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

The acquisition of a proposed recreational access site through fee title, will be submitted to potential funding sources available from state grant sources.

Public involvement process used and what you learned:

Public involvement has included Regional Director and staff coordination with local governments, a public review period (web based) and a public presentation of Annual State Land Acquisition Coordinating Forum (Forum) held in February. The Forum is a coordinated presentation of state agencies (DNR, DFW, Parks, the State Conservation Commission and the WSDOT) potential habitat and recreation acquisition projects forecasted for in the 2015-2017 biennium. The development of many of the projects has included a strong collaboration of conservation partners.

Action requested:

Request Commission review of one additional project approved through the 2013 Lands 20/20; the Department will seek funding for this project approved in the Lands 20/20 process (e.g., Section 6, RCO WWRP grants). If the Commission identifies issues with the proposed acquisition project the final grant submittal will be modified. Comments on the proposal presented at this meeting are due April 18th, 2014.

Draft motion language:

N/A

Justification for Commission action:

N/A

Communications Plan:

Public had a three week review in March where they were able to review this proposal via the department website and provide email comments.

Additionally, material and products of the Annual State Lands Forum is available to the public through the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) website rco.wa.gov/boards/hrlcg.shtml. Public grant sources both state and federal have associated public involvement opportunities.
