## **PROPOSED LAND TRANSACTIONS**

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Meeting dates:	January 13, 2017 COMMISSION MEETING
Agenda item:	PROPOSED LAND TRANSACTIONS
Presenter(s):	Julie Sandberg, Real Estate Services Section Manager

#### Background summary:

*ITEM 1:* Stemilt Property - This proposal is to acquire 1280 (+/-) acres in Chelan County for approx. \$1,950,000. The acquisition property is comprised of two full sections of property owned by the Washington Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) located in the Stemilt Creek sub-basin of the Stemilt-Squilchuck Watershed.

These parcels provide species usage potential for the ESA Listed Gray Wolf and their prey species, Mule Deer and Elk. Acquisition of this target property provides additional protection of upland zones for ESA Listed Northern Spotted Owl. Other notable species present on the Stemilt parcels include Rainbow Trout, Western Toad, and Columbia Spotted Frog. Bringing additional property into public ownership will provide recreational opportunities to wildlife watcher, hunters and fishers.

*ITEM 2:* Anderson Island - Proposal is to relinquish a conservation easement (CE) at Florence Lake on Anderson Island. This ten acre CE was donated to WDFW in 1982 by The Nature Conservancy, who had originally purchased the CE for protection of two bald eagle nests.

Anderson Island Park & Recreation District has purchased the underlying ownership of the property and is managing it as a 10-acre passive recreation park, in its natural state. The Park & Recreation District will continue to manage it for the public.

*ITEM 3:* Snohomish County Public Works has requested a strip of right-of-way amounting to 0.37 acre at WDFW's Granite Falls Fishway property in Snohomish County. This Property is located approximately 1.5 miles northeast of the town of Granite Falls. The county's request is in connection with a highway widening project. The county will pay \$2,400, which is based upon an independent appraisal.

WDFW manages this sixty-acre property for a fish ladder on the South Fork Stillaguamish River and provides access to the public for viewing the fish ladder.

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

Protecting critical fish and wildlife habitat and providing public recreational opportunities.

Public involvement process used and what you learned:

- Item 1 was approved through the Department's Lands 20/20 process.
- Item 1 is funded through RCO's WWRP grant programs.

#### Action requested:

Approval of the proposed land transactions as presented.

#### **Draft motion language:**

Move to approve the acceptance of Items 1 - 3 as presented.

Justification for Commission action:

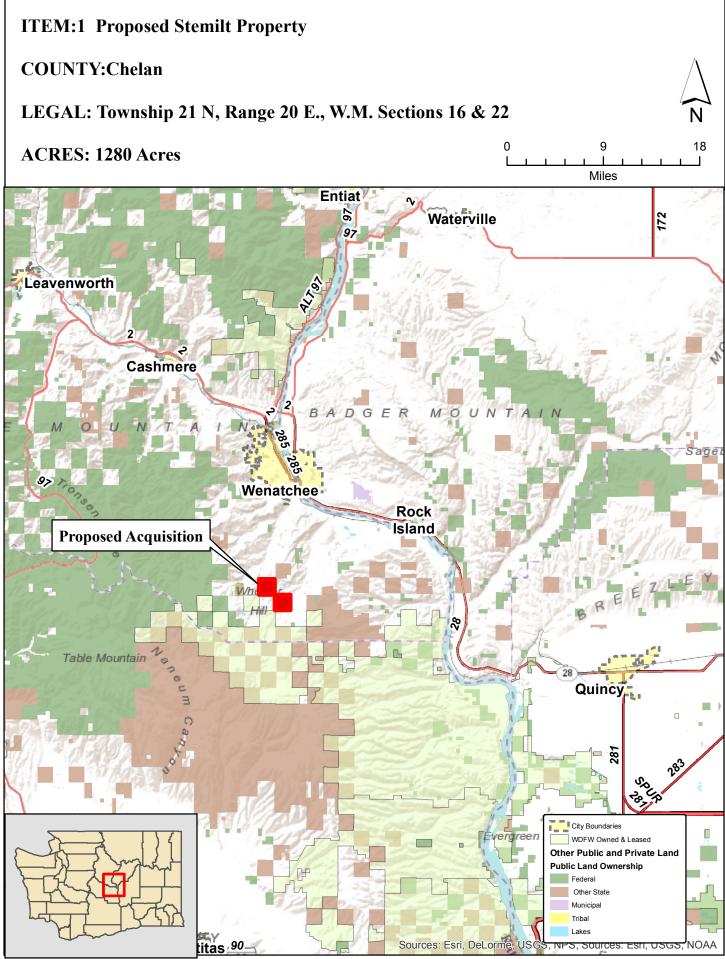
These actions will provide protection for critical fish and wildlife habitat and enhance public recreation.

#### **Communications Plan:**

WDFW will distribute a press release informing the public of this action and proceed to closing the transactions.

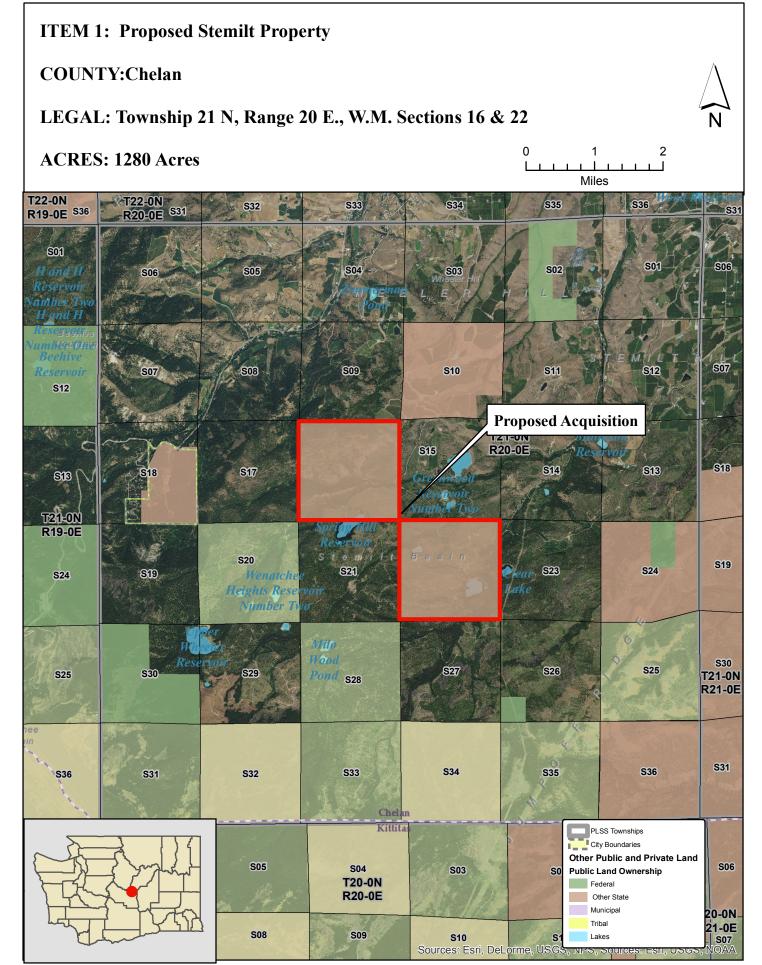
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Item 1	Acres	Purchase Price	Project or Grant Name Fund Source C		<b>Original Grant Amount</b>		Pre Action Balance		<b>Post Action Balance</b>	
			Methow Watershed							
Stemilt	1280 +/-	\$ 1,950,000.00	Ph. 8	Sect 6	\$	3,500,000.00	\$	2,816,380.40	\$	1,012,380.40
			Stemilt Basin Ph. 2	WWRP-UW	\$	1,250,000.00	\$	173,889.52	\$	27,889.52



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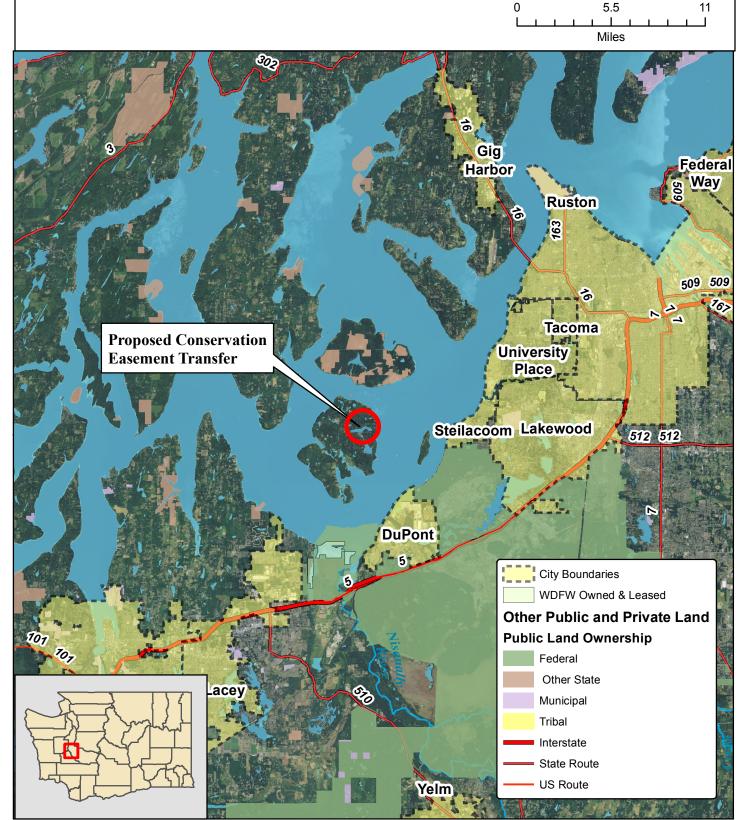
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### **COUNTY: PIERCE COUNTY**

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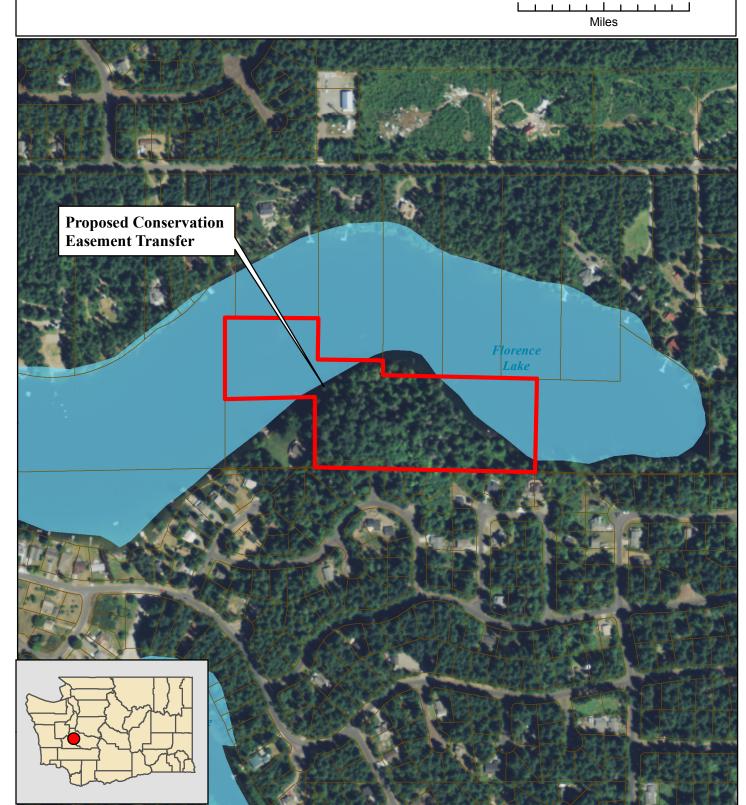
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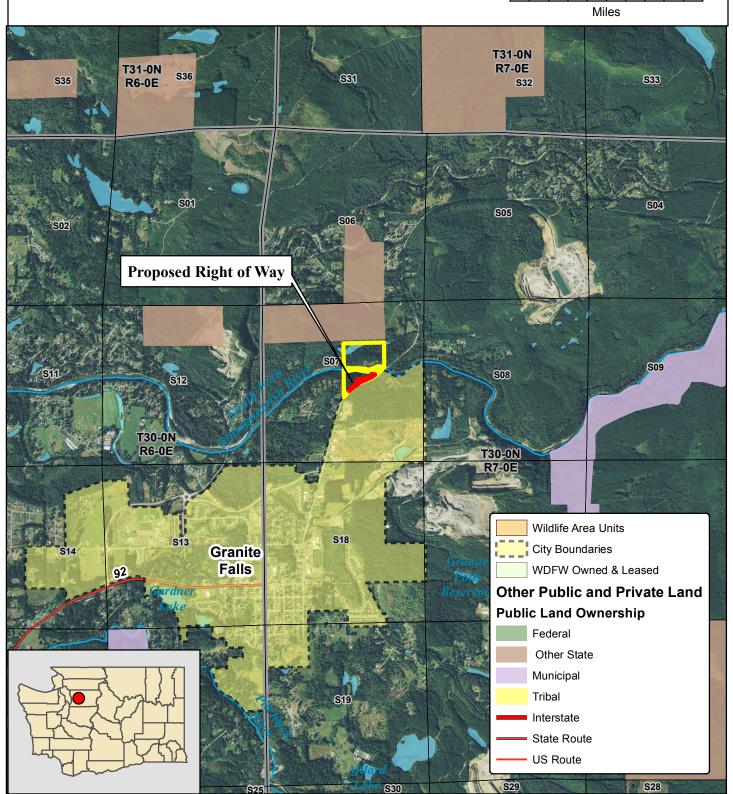
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## **ITEM 3: GRANITE FALLS RIGHT OF WAY**

### **COUNTY:SNOHOMISH COUNTY**

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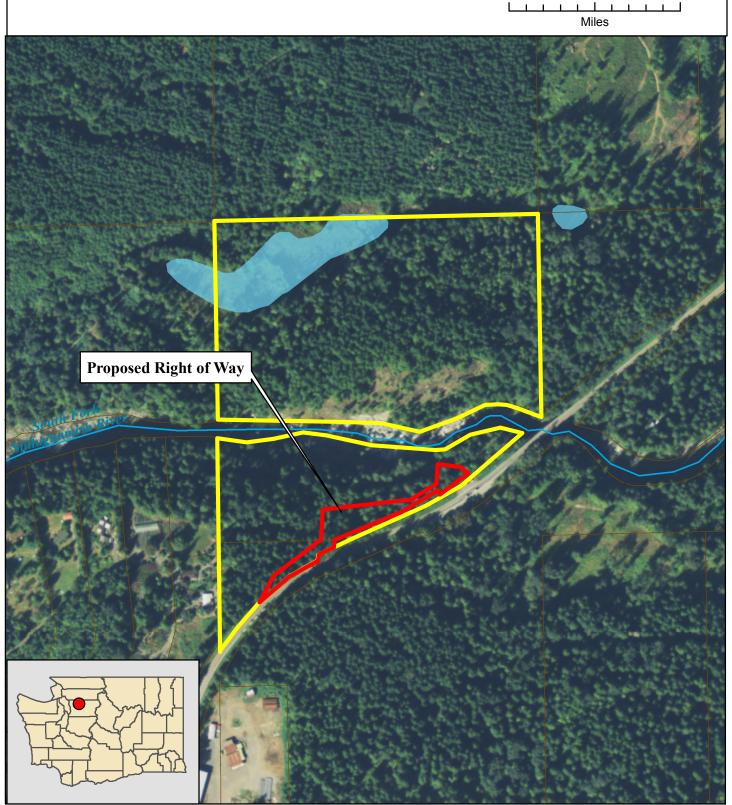
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