PROPOSED LAND TRANSACTIONS

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Summary Sheet

Meeting dates: January 19, 2018 COMMISSION MEETING

Agenda item: PROPOSED LAND TRANSACTIONS

Presenter(s): Julie Sandberg, Real Estate Services Section Manager

Background summary:

ITEM 1: Gervol Property – This acquisition is for 1.3 (+/-) acres in Whatcom County and is part of the larger Lower Nooksack River Conservation and Restoration Project. The project is a multi-partner, multi-year effort focused on restoration of floodplain connectivity and habitats along two miles of the tidally influenced Lower Nooksack River. While located in the floodplain this non-agriculture property is outside the levy system and will provide public river access. This parcel will be managed as part of the Whatcom Wildlife Area, Nooksack Unit.

ITEM 2: Kettle River Access Properties - This acquisition of 115 (+/-) acres in Ferry County includes 3.4 miles of undeveloped shoreline along the Kettle River in northern Ferry County. The two parcels, located approximately ten miles northwest of Curlew, will allow WDFW to increase public access to the Kettle River for a variety of non-motorized, water-related recreational activities in this underserved area of the state. The primary recreational opportunities offered by this project are wildlife watching, shoreline and wading access to quality trout fishing and non-motorized boating. The properties will be managed as water access sites included in the Sherman Creek Wildlife Area. The PILT obligation to Ferry County is estimated to be \$782 annually.

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 is funded by a grant through the National Coastal Wetland Conservation Program and was approved through the agency's Lands 20/20 in the summer of 2017.

Item 2 is funded by a grant from the Recreation and Conservation Office through the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP) and was approved through the agency's Lands 20/20 process in 2014.

Action requested:

Approval of the proposed land transactions as presented.

Draft motion language:

Move to approve the acceptance of these items.

Justification for Commission action:

This action 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.

Budget Detail January 19th - 20th, 2018 Fish and Wildlife Commission Land Transaction Agenda Item

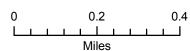
Item 1	Acres	Purchase Price	Project or Grant Name	Fund Source	Original Grant Amou	Pre Action Balance	Post Action Balance
Gervol	1.3 (+/-)	\$ 40,000.00	Lower Nooksack River Conservation & Restoration	USFWS-Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grant	\$ 759,281.00	\$ 577,092.62	\$ 535,892.62
Item 2	Acres	Purchase Price	Project or Grant Name	Fund Source	Original Grant Amou	Pre Action Balance	Post Action Balance
Kettle River	115 (+/-)	\$ 374,000.00	Kettle River Access	RCO-WWRP-WA	\$ 995,000.00	\$ 961,082.37	\$ 575,862.37

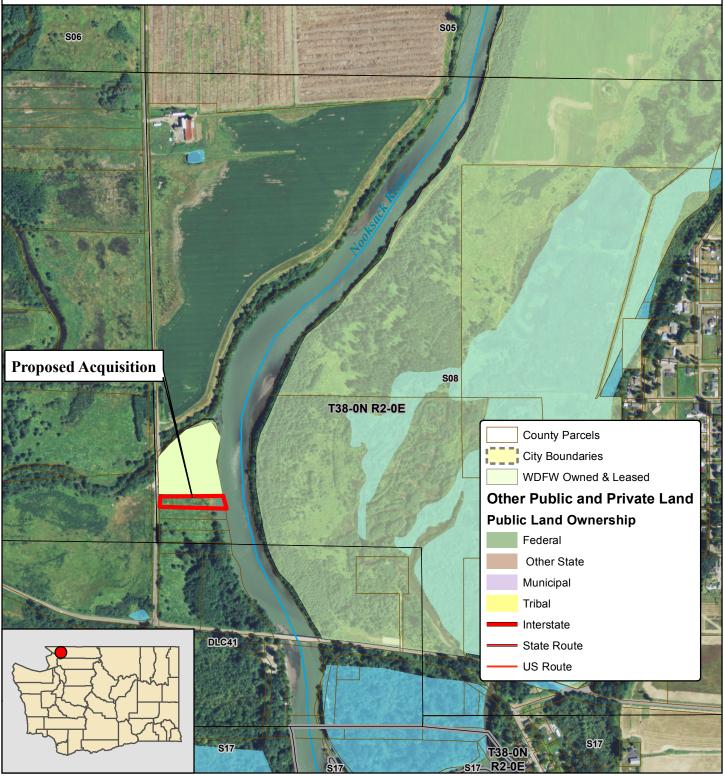
USFWS = United States Fish & Wildlife Service RCO = Recreation and Conservation Office WWRP = Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program CH = Critical Habitat WA = Water Access **ITEM 1: GERVOL PROPERTY**

COUNTY: WHATCOM COUNTY

LEGAL: SECTION 8, TOWNSHIP 38N, RANGE 2E, W.M.

ACRES: 1.3 (+/-)



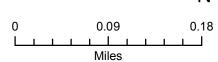


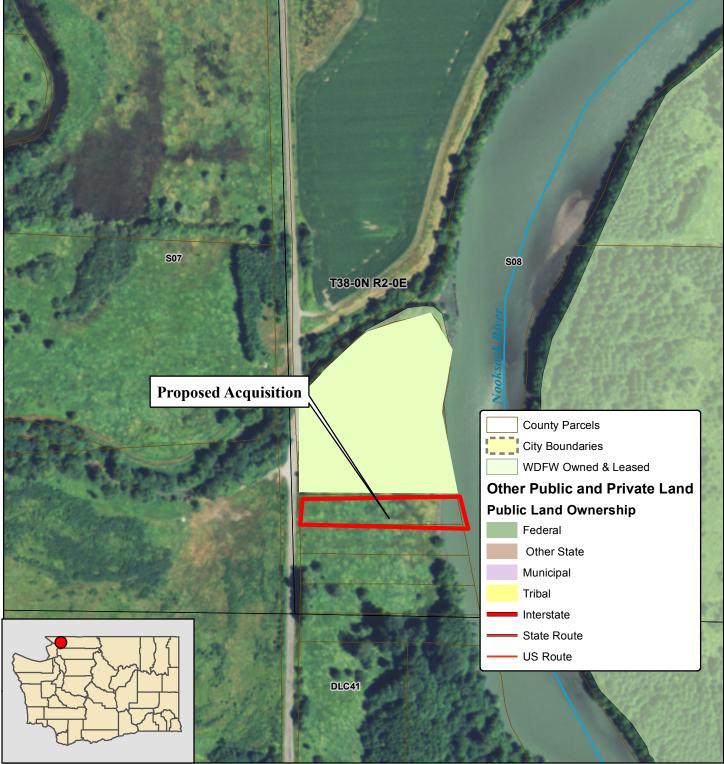
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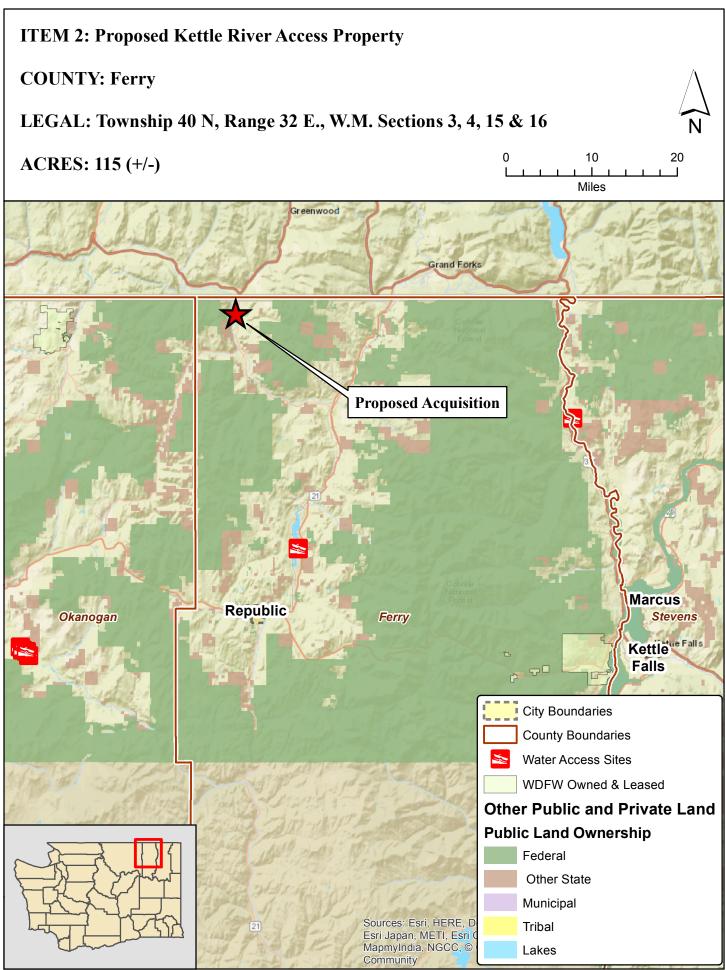
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ITEM 2: Proposed Kettle River Access Property

COUNTY: Ferry

LEGAL: Township 40 N, Range 32 E., W.M. Sections 3, 4, 15 & 16

ACRES: 115 (+/-) Acres

