



WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF
Natural Resources

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Marbled Murrelet Conservation Strategy Update

Board of Natural Resources

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Presentation Goals

- To provide an update on project status and timeline.
- To obtain Board endorsement for Conservation Strategy need, purpose and objectives, so that we can discuss with US Fish and Wildlife Service.



Major Project Phases

Phases	Estimated Dates
Need, Purpose and Objectives	Complete by May 2012
Alternatives	Complete by August 2012
Draft EIS	December 2011 – March 2013
Final EIS and BNR Selection of Alternative/Proposed HCP Amendment	March 2013 – December 2013
<i>USFWS ESA Review</i>	<i>6 months</i>
<i>Board & USFWS Negotiations/Board Approval of Policy</i>	<i>5 months</i>



BNR Input During Each Phase of the Project

Example: Need, Purpose and Objectives

- Recommendation by DNR staff
- BNR review and input
- Review by USFWS
- Final BNR approval

In addition staff will provide bi-monthly progress reports and timeline updates.



Public Involvement

Expanded Scoping Phase 1

Need, Purpose and Objectives
Public Workshops to Obtain Input

Expanded Scoping Phase 2

Alternatives
Public Workshops to Obtain Input

Draft EIS Comment Period

Public Workshops to Obtain Input

Additionally

- Written comment periods will be included for each phase of public involvement
- Other individual stakeholder outreach



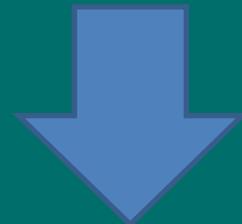
**Existing BNR policies:
Fiduciary
Responsibilities, HCP**



Need: Why is DNR proposing this action?

Purpose: What do we want to achieve?
(High Level Vision)

Objectives: What criteria must alternatives meet?



Alternatives

Need

To obtain long-term certainty for timber harvest and other management activities on forested state trust lands by minimizing and mitigating incidental take of marbled murrelets to the maximum extent practicable, consistent with commitments in the 1997 Habitat Conservation Plan for State Trust Lands and DNR policies.



Purpose

To develop a long-term habitat conservation strategy for marbled murrelets on forested state trust lands in the six west-side planning units, subject to DNR's fiduciary responsibility to the trust beneficiaries as defined by law.



Objectives

1. Trust Mandate
2. Marbled Murrelet Habitat
3. Active Management
4. Operational Flexibility
5. Implementation Certainty





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