

BOARD ENDORSED
Marbled Murrelet Conservation Strategy
Joint Proposal between the
Board of Natural Resources and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service

Need: To obtain long-term certainty for timber harvest and other management activities on forested state trust lands and to contribute to long-term conservation for the marbled murrelet, consistent with commitments in the 1997 Habitat Conservation Plan.

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 and USFWS' responsibilities under the ESA.

Objective #1 Trust Mandate: Generate revenue and other benefits for each trust by meeting DNR's trust responsibilities, including: making trust property productive; preserving the corpus of the trust; exercising reasonable care and skill in managing the trust; acting prudently with respect to trust property; acting with undivided loyalty to trust beneficiaries; and acting impartially with respect to current and future trust beneficiaries.

Objective #2 Marbled Murrelet Habitat: Provide forest conditions in strategic locations on forested trust lands that minimize and mitigate incidental take of marbled murrelets resulting from DNR's forest management activities. In accomplishing this objective, we expect to make a significant contribution to maintaining and protecting marbled murrelet populations.

Objective #3 Active Management: Promote active, innovative and sustainable management on the forested trust land base.

Objective #4 Operational Flexibility: Provide flexibility to respond to new information and site specific conditions.

Objective #5 Implementation Certainty: Adopt feasible, practical and cost effective actions that are likely to be successful and can be sustained throughout the life of the HCP.