



WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF
Natural Resources

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Recording Fee Surcharge for Survey Maps

**Board of Natural Resources
Department of Natural Resources
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Surveys & Maps Account

- **Dedicated Account Established in 1982**
- **Replaced General Fund support**
- **Sole source of funding for the PLSO**
- **Current Account Revenue Estimates**
 - **Recording Fee Surcharge on Survey Maps (\$480,000/year)**
 - **WebXtender Internet Subscription Fee (\$80,000/year)**
 - **Survey Records & Maps Sales (\$20,000/year)**



Board of Natural Resources Authority

RCW 58.24.070 (1987)

- Surcharge Fee is set by the BNR
- Charged by county auditor as a condition precedent to the filing and recording of survey maps.
- Funds forwarded to the state treasurer to be deposited in the surveys and maps account in the general fund.
- Fees collected under this section shall be expended by the department only for the activities prescribed in this chapter.



Board of Natural Resources Process

WAC 332-150-050 (1987)

- The fee established by these rules shall be reviewed subsequent to the adoption of each biennial budget for surveys and maps to determine the sufficiency of such fee.
- If revenue is determined to be inappropriate for the program need the board of natural resources shall adjust the fee accordingly.



WAC Process

- BNR adopted Resolution 1436, Jan. 6th to authorize the DNR staff to begin the WAC amendment process.
- CR101 in the WSR Jan. 21st.
- CR102 in the WSR March 18th.
- BNR Public Hearing held April 7th.
- Public comments were accepted until April 15th.
- BNR considers adoption, today.
- CR103 issued in the WSR, if adopted.
- Planned implementation, July 1st.



Comments Received

- Letter of support from David Evans & Associates. Signed by 14 PLSs
- Email of support, Jim McDaniel, PLS.
- Email of support, Les Olsen, PLS.
- Email of support, Munir Daud, PLS
- Email of support, Larry Pederson, PLS
- Email objecting to increase, Rob Johnston, PLS
- Email objecting to increase, Jerold O'Hare, PLS



Fee Increase Recommendation Revision to WAC 332-150-030

Resolution #XXXX





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