



# Recording Fee Surcharge for Survey Maps

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# Public Land Survey Office (PLSO)

- **DNR Responsibility for Preserving Land Survey Information, 1951.**
- **Authority listed in RCW 58.24**
- **On-line database of statewide survey records.**
- **Sole Funding is the Surveys and Maps Account.**
- **Preserving Historic Survey Records**



# One of 32 Pallets of Records



# Surveys & Maps Account

- **Dedicated Account Established in 1982**
- **Replaced General Fund Support**
- **Collected by County Auditor**
- **Funds Forwarded to State Treasurer**
- **Dedicated Account**
- **Sole Source of Funding for PLSO**
- **Account Revenue \$840,000± per year**
- **PLSO Operating Expense \$928,000± per year**



# DNR Board Authority

- **RCW 58.24.070 (1987)**
  - **Surcharge Fee is to be Set by the Board**
- **WAC 332-150-050**
  - **Fee to be reviewed at the start of each Biennium**
  - **Last increased in 2015, From \$46 to \$64.**



# WAC Amendment Process

- **DNR Rule-Making Prospectus, 9/29/22**
- **CR-101 Preproposal Statement of Inquiry, 11/02/22**
- **CR-102 Proposed Rule Making Notice, 12/21/22**
- **Public Hearing, 01/11/23**
- **Board of Natural Resources Consideration, 03/07/23**
- **CR-103P Implementation, 07/01/23** (pending Board approval)





# Public Hearing

## January 11, 2023

- **Comments of Support Received**
  - **Gary Letzering. PLS**



# Proposed Fee

- **Current Recording Fee Surcharge \$64**
- **Requested Recording Fee Surcharge \$100**



# Questions?



# Board Resolution

**Staff Requests that the Board  
approve Resolution 1599 on the  
proposed increase**



