



August 18, 2020

The Honorable Satpal Singh Sidhu  
Whatcom County Executive  
311 Grand Avenue, Suite 108  
Bellingham, WA 98225

Dear County Executive Sidhu:

*To protect the safety of staff and community members across the state, the Washington State Department of Natural Resources has closed its offices to the public during the COVID-19 outbreak. However, DNR remains open for business, even with many of its staff working remotely. Please contact agency staff via phone or email as much as possible.*

*We are working to navigate through the disruptions to normal operations, and we appreciate your patience during this time of uncertainty. For further information on changes across the agency related to the COVID-19 outbreak, please go to [dnr.wa.gov](http://dnr.wa.gov).*

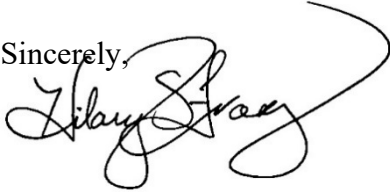
The Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) manages approximately 30,244 acres of State Forest Transfer and Purchase Lands that benefit Whatcom County. These lands generated \$1,948,000 in the first two quarters of calendar year 2020. Net value under contract for calendar year 2020 is estimated at \$4,706,000 from activities expected to occur under current contracts.

The income information in this report does not include anticipated revenues from additional planned activities (contracts harvests, leases, easements, etc.) for which contracts have not been finalized. These income estimates are net after the current agency management cost percentage has been applied.

Some counties receive portions of their income from leases and fees; however, the majority of income reflected in this report is derived from timber sales. As most revenue stems from timber sales, these projections can fluctuate depending upon when timber harvests occur. Market conditions, weather, contract requirements, and regulatory requirements influence timber purchasers' decisions about when to harvest.

I appreciate how necessary revenue is to the success of county functions. DNR consistently strives to ensure that we realize the maximum available income from the State Forest Transfer and Purchase Lands. Should you have any questions regarding this information, please contact Jay Guthrie, Acting Northwest Region Manager, at 360-856-3500 or at [Jay.Guthrie@dnr.wa.gov](mailto:Jay.Guthrie@dnr.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Hilary S. Franz". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping flourish at the end that extends to the right.

Hilary S. Franz  
Commissioner of Public Lands

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COUNTY INCOME REPORT  
EXPLANATION OF TABLES  
July 2020

Two categories of lands are managed by the Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) specifically to benefit counties:

1. **State Forest *Transfer* Lands.** Lands acquired by counties through tax foreclosures were transferred to DNR to manage. Management fee rates are established by the Board of Natural Resources. Currently, counties receive 75 percent of the revenue from these lands.
2. **State Forest *Purchase* Lands.** State-issued bonds were used to acquire certain parcels from private owners. Typically, these forest lands had been severely logged and were in need of active management. Allocation of revenue from these lands was determined when purchase was authorized, as follows: 26.5 percent to the county in which the property is located; 50 percent to DNR for management expenses; and the remaining 23.5 percent to the State General Fund.

Nineteen counties include these types of State Forest Lands within their county boundaries.

Income from management activities on State Forest Lands is designated for allocation to several taxing districts in each county. Only a small amount is available to the county for discretionary use.

Revenue from State Forest Lands originates primarily from timber sales. These amounts vary widely as market conditions fluctuate. Smaller portions of revenue are derived from activities such as communication site leases, rights-of-way easements for utilities and roads, special forest products, special uses, and interest. Income will also vary with the number of revenue-generating activities within a given year. Variables responsible for high revenues in one year can lead to reduced income the following year.

- **Table 1** shows the annual revenue for each county from calendar year 2010 through the second quarter of calendar year 2020. This table illustrates the variability in total revenues from year to year.
- **Table 2** shows *projected* revenue for all 19 counties from all activities on State Forest Lands for calendar year 2020.
- **Table 2A** shows *projected* revenue for each timber sale on State Forest Lands *in your county* anticipated to occur for 2020 and beyond (enclosed if applicable).
- **Table 3** shows the volume and net value *under contract* as of June 30, 2020 that is *not currently scheduled for harvest until after December 2021* (enclosed if applicable).

Projections were developed by DNR region staff by contacting each timber purchaser that has rights to an upcoming sale. Purchasers were asked how much and when they planned to harvest the timber from each sale. These projected timber revenues should be considered *rough estimates only*; actual activity will depend on individual sale characteristics (species, volume, location, etc.), combined with outside market factors as determined by each purchaser.

The schedule of future timber sales from State Forest Lands in your county is available upon request from Department of Natural Resources' region staff.

**Table 1. Revenue to Counties from State Forest Transfer and Purchase Lands (Calendar Years)**

Updated: 7/13/2020

| County        | 2011                | 2012                | 2013                | 2014                | 2015                | 2016                | 2017                 | 2018                 | 2019                 | 2020<br>Jan-June    |
|---------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Clallam       | 5,502,033           | 4,738,336           | 5,643,329           | 8,487,731           | 3,376,506           | 7,938,764           | 6,543,420            | 2,987,754            | 6,611,511            | <b>3,527,988</b>    |
| Clark         | 4,601,597           | 8,528,782           | 7,191,261           | 6,388,518           | 5,846,269           | 4,791,957           | 5,192,493            | 1,486,670            | 2,577,304            | <b>2,239,407</b>    |
| Cowlitz       | 1,534,691           | 1,557,816           | 1,598,498           | 1,067,106           | 4,025,043           | 1,358,909           | 1,358,770            | 1,417,984            | 68,780               | <b>188,214</b>      |
| Grays Harbor  | 1,991,750           | 2,168,671           | 1,075,212           | 875,687             | 1,245,311           | 2,838,170           | 1,881,541            | 1,151,469            | 1,608,663            | <b>1,760,825</b>    |
| Jefferson     | 3,082,453           | 740,481             | 661,568             | 1,085,477           | 2,906,961           | 1,603,428           | 1,085,544            | 2,573,648            | 1,632,243            | <b>1,492,669</b>    |
| King          | 2,474,997           | 1,112,153           | 741,392             | 2,818,269           | 952,755             | 2,397,790           | 905,021              | 1,245,122            | 4,708,952            | <b>1,346,270</b>    |
| Kitsap        | 55,958              | 877,589             | 743,958             | 293,314             | 851,397             | 824,969             | 1,130,540            | 556,973              | 1,566,788            | <b>75,962</b>       |
| Klickitat     | 209,403             | 559,355             | 289,623             | 215,737             | 352,380             | 26,797              | 25,551               | 10,947               | 518                  | <b>(2,128)</b>      |
| Lewis         | 11,076,482          | 3,439,911           | 4,280,541           | 8,677,045           | 4,053,711           | 5,416,025           | 5,411,157            | 7,666,065            | 12,440,080           | <b>5,948,336</b>    |
| Mason         | 2,616,802           | 2,024,430           | 1,337,166           | 3,067,093           | 8,005,336           | 3,621,960           | 2,810,189            | 6,970,807            | 4,512,364            | <b>1,160,724</b>    |
| Pacific       | 2,547,153           | 441,369             | 3,446,724           | 1,267,286           | 1,227,526           | 2,653,344           | 1,387,737            | 3,505,380            | 4,651,968            | <b>1,214,085</b>    |
| Pierce        | 214,159             | 178,426             | 121,558             | 222,815             | 32,691              | 335,489             | 437,463              | 1,307,281            | 767,430              | <b>0</b>            |
| Skagit        | 11,679,594          | 9,093,422           | 5,976,604           | 7,452,783           | 7,425,535           | 8,592,232           | 14,533,379           | 15,534,103           | 11,695,390           | <b>5,903,800</b>    |
| Skamania      | 747,982             | 926,532             | 1,367,876           | 2,415,852           | 1,234,445           | 2,131,536           | 1,566,271            | 2,930,483            | 4,148,517            | <b>165,685</b>      |
| Snohomish     | 13,981,341          | 5,682,380           | 11,786,058          | 9,251,851           | 7,256,233           | 5,652,325           | 7,678,567            | 6,178,109            | 7,627,248            | <b>3,729,999</b>    |
| Stevens       | 59,973              | 64,654              | 69,322              | 70,725              | 63,533              | 94,918              | 90,768               | 110,709              | 96,010               | <b>24,323</b>       |
| Thurston      | 4,200,388           | 1,660,728           | 5,017,407           | 2,999,025           | 4,368,240           | 8,747,144           | 2,947,101            | 3,065,897            | 5,787,365            | <b>4,113,538</b>    |
| Wahkiakum     | 1,400,872           | 1,956,441           | 1,742,003           | 1,631,697           | 802,706             | 2,026,441           | 1,443,199            | 3,146,937            | 2,583,841            | <b>750,956</b>      |
| Whatcom       | 3,543,071           | 4,468,281           | 3,763,694           | 2,178,129           | 4,022,292           | 2,061,161           | 1,481,660            | 3,077,070            | 4,279,585            | <b>1,948,271</b>    |
| <b>Totals</b> | <b>\$73,579,929</b> | <b>\$71,520,698</b> | <b>\$50,219,757</b> | <b>\$56,853,794</b> | <b>\$60,466,140</b> | <b>\$58,048,870</b> | <b>\$ 63,113,359</b> | <b>\$ 57,910,371</b> | <b>\$ 77,364,557</b> | <b>\$35,588,924</b> |

Note: Revenue is received daily by the Department of Natural Resources for activities on State Forest lands and deposited daily at the Office of State Treasurer. Effective February 1998 these monies are remitted to each county via wire transfer a minimum of four times per month. Due to the specific date monies are received by the Department and the cutoff dates used by the State Treasurer for wire transfers, the revenue for the current period may be different than actual remittances to date.

**Table 2. Total Projected Revenues to Counties from State Forest  
Transfers and Purchase Lands <sup>1/</sup>**  
(Dollars in Thousands)

| <b>County</b> | <b>July thru December 2020</b> |                   | <b>Jan thru December 2021</b> |                   |
|---------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|
|               | <b>High</b>                    | <b>Medium</b>     | <b>High</b>                   | <b>Medium</b>     |
| Clallam       | \$3,662.9                      | \$3,948.4         | \$432.3                       | \$1,211.7         |
| Clark         | 241.6                          | 351.2             | 226.3                         | 288.2             |
| Cowlitz       | 509.8                          | 1,988.0           | 25.9                          | 25.9              |
| Grays Harbor  | 686.7                          | 864.1             | 3.3                           | 566.1             |
| Jefferson     | 2,328.7                        | 2,328.7           | 267.2                         | 267.2             |
| King          | 277.4                          | 662.5             | 2,081.1                       | 3,342.8           |
| Kitsap        | 108.2                          | 108.2             | 811.0                         | 811.0             |
| Klickitat     | 5.0                            | 5.0               | 8.0                           | 173.8             |
| Lewis         | 4,859.0                        | 7,912.1           | 3,069.2                       | 4,328.1           |
| Mason         | 1,018.4                        | 1,422.3           | 816.5                         | 1,821.3           |
| Pacific       | 715.3                          | 719.0             | 1,519.3                       | 1,519.3           |
| Pierce        | 0.0                            | 121.7             | 4.0                           | 247.4             |
| Skagit        | 3,869.2                        | 4,235.0           | 132.3                         | 1,165.7           |
| Skamania      | 743.8                          | 3,529.7           | 514.8                         | 3,144.0           |
| Snohomish     | 2,714.4                        | 3,567.6           | 954.5                         | 4,356.1           |
| Stevens       | 67.1                           | 67.1              | 97.5                          | 97.5              |
| Thurston      | 5,396.3                        | 5,396.3           | 7,161.7                       | 6,346.5           |
| Wahkiakum     | 1,202.7                        | 1,202.7           | 1.8                           | 1.8               |
| Whatcom       | 1,342.7                        | 2,757.6           | 64.2                          | 124.1             |
| <b>Totals</b> | <b>\$29,749.0</b>              | <b>\$41,187.1</b> | <b>\$18,190.9</b>             | <b>\$29,838.5</b> |

<sup>1/</sup> **High - 90 percent reliability that timber harvest will occur and stated revenue will be transmitted.  
Medium - 50 percent reliability that timber harvest will occur and stated revenue will be transmitted.**

**Note: Projected revenues are based on timber purchaser's logging plans as of [June 2020](#). These plans change with changes in the economy and the business needs of each purchaser. Department of Natural Resources' region staff should be contacted concerning possible fluctuations in timber harvest for sales currently under contract and the schedule of future sales on State Forest Lands in your county.**

**Table 2A. Projected Timber Harvest Revenues to *Whatcom County* from State Forest Transfer and Purchase Lands by Legal Description**  
 (Thousands of Dollars) <sup>1/</sup>

| Sale App. Number | Sale Name | Expiration Date | Legal Description |          |       | July thru December 2020 |                  | Jan thru December 2021 |               | Value Under Contract after Dec-21 |
|------------------|-----------|-----------------|-------------------|----------|-------|-------------------------|------------------|------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------------|
|                  |           |                 | Section           | Township | Range | High                    | Medium           | High                   | Medium        |                                   |
| 92622            | Good Call | 03/31/21        | 4, 9              | 38N      | 5E    | 156.3                   | 156.3            | 0.0                    | 0.0           | 0.0                               |
| 97378            | Griggside | 03/31/21        | 23, 25, 26        | 38N      | 5E    | 0.0                     | 59.9             | 0.0                    | 59.9          | 0.0                               |
| 97599            | Red Line  | 03/31/21        | 23, 24, 26        | 40N      | 5E    | 0.0                     | 523.6            | 0.0                    | 0.0           | 0.0                               |
| 98032            | Red Baron | 03/31/21        | 25, 26            | 40N      | 5E    | 252.4                   | 252.4            | 0.0                    | 0.0           | 0.0                               |
| 98884            | Argosy    | 03/31/22        | 25                | 37N      | 5E    | 277.1                   | 1,108.51         | 0.0                    | 0.0           | 0.0                               |
| 98885            | Bollard   | 03/30/22        | 25, 36            | 37N      | 5E    | 359.7                   | 359.7            | 0.0                    | 0.0           | 0.0                               |
| 98886            | Carrack   | 03/31/22        | 25                | 37N      | 5E    | 272.1                   | 272.1            | 0.0                    | 0.0           | 0.0                               |
| <b>Total</b>     |           |                 |                   |          |       | <b>\$1,317.6</b>        | <b>\$2,732.5</b> | <b>\$0.0</b>           | <b>\$59.9</b> | <b>\$0.0</b>                      |

<sup>1/</sup> High - 90 percent reliability that timber harvest will occur and stated revenue will be transmitted.  
 Medium - 50 percent reliability that timber harvest will occur and stated revenue will be transmitted.  
 Values are cumulative from high to medium probability.

Note: Projected revenues are based on timber purchaser's logging plans as of **June 2020**. These plans change with changes in the economy and business needs of each purchaser. Department of Natural Resources regional staff should be contacted concerning possible changes in timber harvest plans and for copies of sale area maps for specific locations of timber sales within the legal descriptions listed above.