



**TRUST LAND TRANSFER - PROVISIO WORK GROUP
WORKING CHARTER
APPROVED 7/28/2021**

Established

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) established a Trust Land Transfer Proviso Work Group (PWG) in Spring/Summer 2021 consistent with the Legislative direction set forth in the 2021-23 Capital Budget (SHB 1080 Sec. 3333).

Purpose

The Proviso Work Group will work with the department to develop a recommended process for the way trust land transfer proposals are developed and implemented.

Work Group Member Commitments

- Members of the Work Group will be asked to examine existing agency processes and tools for conducting acquisitions, exchanges, and transfers specifically related to Trust Land Transfer (TLT), and to obtain, at a minimum, a basic understanding of State Trust Lands, transition lands, the State Forestland Replacement/Encumbered Lands program, and the Community Forest program.
- Members will be asked to develop an understanding of trust lands, the beneficiary needs as well as the other values/interests associated with state trust lands including conservation, climate resilience and mitigation, recreation, and working lands.
- Members will be asked to work collaboratively in a small group comprised of individuals with diverse interests to create a recommended process for developing and implementing TLT proposals.
- Members will be asked to partner with the agency in communicating the new TLT process and program to beneficiaries and stakeholders.
- Ideally members can attend and actively participate in all meetings; however, in the event a member cannot make a meeting, observers are allowed to attend the meeting and collect information for the work group member. DNR will attempt to schedule all meetings at times work group members are available.
- Members will be asked to share their perspective on issues being considered by the PWG, as well as to have conversations, or listening sessions, about this project with people with different lived experiences and to bring back to the work group a collective voice about what they heard. Members will be asked to understand and solve for other interests in the group in order create solutions that address a diversity of perspectives.
- Members will be asked to be creative and forward thinking; while recognizing that the future is uncertain, which may result in new information and/or may result in new opportunities.
- Members agree to use a consensus-based, decision-making process.
- Members agree to work within this Charter set forth by DNR and the ground rules agreed upon by the PWG.

Work Group Member Time Obligation/Estimate

- Attend approximately 7-8 meetings over the summer/fall 2021. Meetings will vary in length from ~2- 4 hours and will be conducted virtually.



- Meet and have conversations with others about this project outside of the PWG meetings.
- Review the materials provided prior to each meeting, prepare for a ~ 10-15 minute presentation to be given to the work group, compile and relay information to the PWG from their conversations.

Project Authority

The Proviso Work Group is being convened for the specific purpose of working with the department to develop a recommended process for the way trust land transfer proposals are developed and implemented. The PWG will make recommendations to the agency about a process for developing and implementing TLT proposals. The work groups' recommendations will be summarized, reviewed by the Commissioner of Public Lands and the Board of Natural Resources, and reported to the legislative committee. The work groups' recommendations will be integral components considered by the department as DNR prepares recommendations for the establishment of a new Trust Land Transfer Program (DNR Legislative Report and Recommendations are due to the Legislature by December 1, 2021)

Sideboards

The PWG draft process recommendations to DNR must:

- Be consistent with all laws and policies, including those guiding DNR's responsibilities to trust lands and beneficiaries, except for any statutory changes proposed by this workgroup specific and limited to the TLT transaction process.
- Include and address diversity/equity/inclusion and environmental justice considerations.
- Consider, at a minimum, the items identified in the proviso.
- Be feasible to implement either with existing agency resources or includes a proposal for additional resources if necessary.
- Be provided to DNR in a timely manner (generally by mid-September 2021, or as otherwise agreed upon by the DNR and the PWG) to be able to be considered for a 2022 legislative request. If consensus is not reached by the group in a timely fashion both majority and minority recommendations will be submitted to DNR for consideration.

Ground Rules

Respect each other's views and ideas despite differences
Be supportive rather than judgmental, address the process not the individual.
Be a team player, question and participate
Share your knowledge, experience, time, and talents
Keep to the current topic
Handle conflicts openly and productively
Extend general courtesies to the speaker
Request an example if a point is not clear
Silence equals support, voice your concerns
Value the time of work group members and their contributions to the proviso effort.