

NOTICE OF RULE MAKING HEARINGS

January 3, 2012 6 p.m. Natural Resources Building, 1111 Washington Street SE,
Room 172, Olympia

January 5, 2012 6 p.m. Department of Natural Resources, 713 E. Bowers,
Ellensburg

The Forest Practices Board will hold two public hearings to receive comments on two proposed forest practices rules:

One rule affects Title 222 WAC pertaining to Notice of Forest Practices to Affected Indian Tribes (WAC 222-20-120) regarding Western Washington riparian management zones (forests along streams, lakes or other waters) (WAC 222-30-021). It clarifies language and resolves issues with the rule's landowner-tribe meeting requirement.

The second rule changes WAC 222-16-080 *Critical habitats (state) of threatened and endangered species* to be consistent with federal and other state laws by removing the bald eagle and the peregrine falcon from the Board's critical habitats (state) list. It also updates the common and scientific names for the Western pond turtle on the Board's critical habitats (state) list.

See the proposed rules for details.

The Board will hear oral testimony at the hearings; hard copies of testimonies are appreciated.

Comment deadline is January 6, 2012

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