

COMMISSIONER'S ORDER

NUMBER 202422

STATE OF WASHINGTON

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Hilary S. Franz, Commissioner of Public Lands

COMMISSIONER'S ORDER TO EXPAND THE DABOB BAY NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION AREA

Whereas, the Washington State Legislature, through Chapter 79.71 RCW, Washington Natural Resources Conservation Areas (NRCA) Act, found that there is an increasing and continuing need by the people of Washington for certain areas of the state to be conserved, in rural as well as urban settings, for the benefit of present and future generations; such areas are worthy of conservation for their outstanding scenic and ecological values and provide opportunities for low impact public use; acquisition of property or rights in property is necessary to protect these areas for public purposes; and there is a need for a state agency to act in an effective and timely manner to acquire interests in such areas and to develop appropriate management strategies for conservation purposes, and

Whereas, pursuant to Chapter 79.71 RCW, the state Department of Natural Resources is authorized to transfer state-owned trust lands and acquire private lands for the creation of natural resources conservation areas as necessary to achieve the purposes of this Chapter, and

Whereas, as required by RCW 79.71.060, the Department held a public hearing on June 17, 2024, in Jefferson County, Washington, to receive public comment on the expansion and boundary designation of the Dabob Bay Natural Resources Conservation Area, and

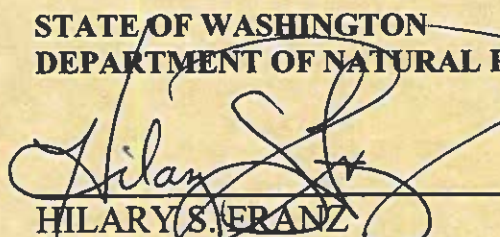
Whereas, the Department has determined that the area described below should be designated as natural resources conservation area; the area is ecologically important and contains resources and characteristics worthy of consideration for conservation purposes, as defined in RCW 79.71.010.

It is THEREFORE ORDERED AND DIRECTED that the Dabob Bay Natural Area be expanded to include approximately 3,943 additional acres in portions of Sections 9, 10, 15, 16, 21, and 22 in Township 26 North, Range 1 West, portions of Sections 10, 15, 22, 26 and 35 in Township 27 North, Range 1 West, and portions of Sections 33 and 34 in Township 28 North, Range 1 West, for a total boundary acreage of approximately 13,768 in portions of Sections 2, 3, 9, 10, 15, 16, 21, and 22 in Township 26 North, Range 1 West, a portion of Section 19 in Township 27 North, Range 1 East, portions of Sections 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 13, 15, 16, 17, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 32, 33, 34 and 35 in Township 27 North, Range 1 West, and portions of Sections 33 and 34 in Township 28 North, Range 1 West, in Jefferson County, Washington, as indicated on the attached boundary map dated August 2024.

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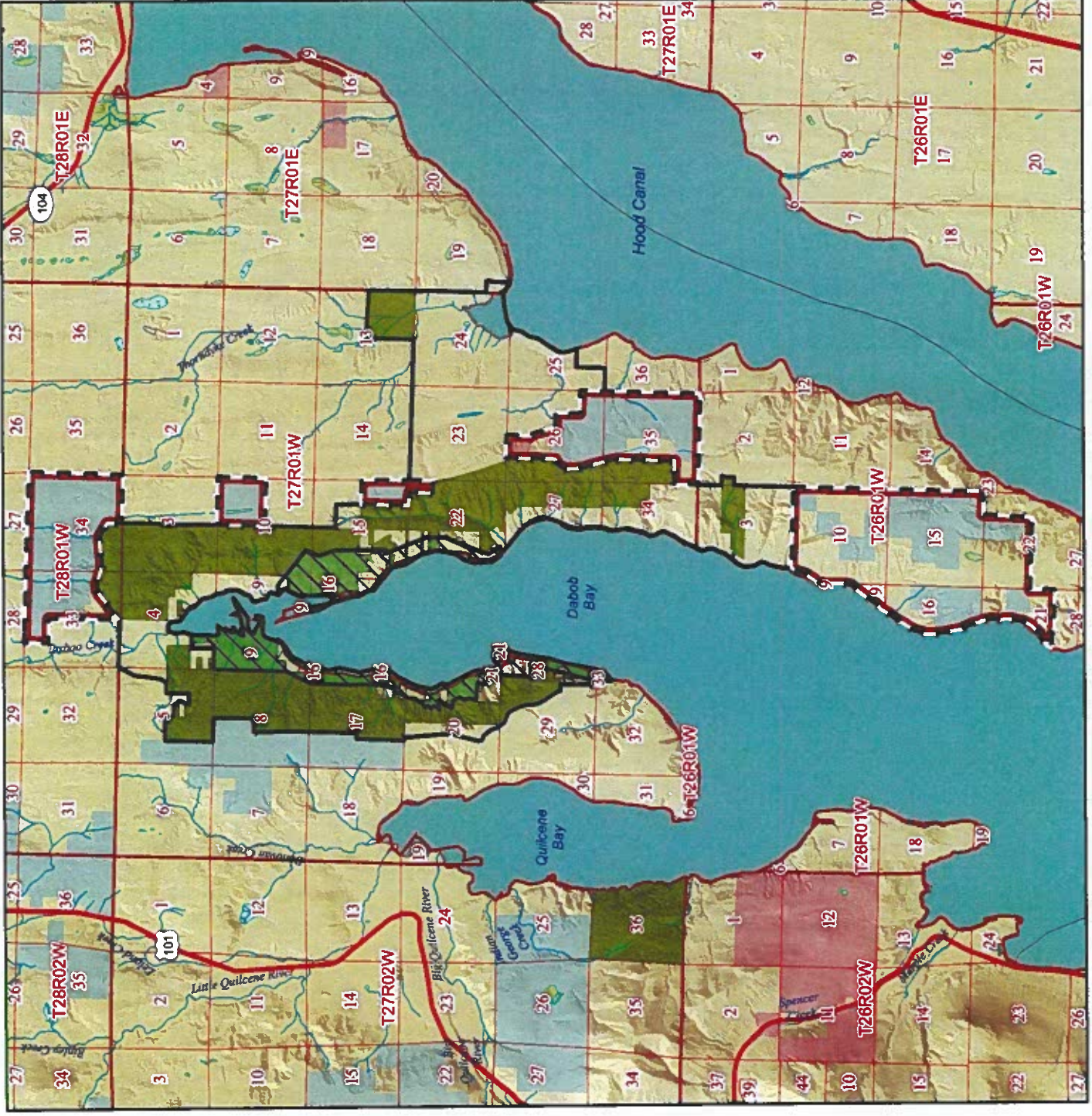
Dated this 23 day of September, 2024.

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MAP LEGEND

-  Natural Area Preserve (NAP)
-  Natural Resource Conservation Area (NRCA)
-  NAP Boundary
-  NRCA Boundary
-  State Lands (Trust Lands)
-  State Forest Lands (Trust Lands)
-  Proposed NRCA Expansion



Disclaimer: Extreme care was used during the compilation of this map to ensure accuracy. However, due to changes in ownership and the need to rely on outside information, the Department of Natural Resources cannot accept responsibility for errors or omissions, and, therefore, there are no warranties which accompany this material.

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