

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

ENGROSSED SECOND SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6731

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LAKE WHATCOM LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT

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President of the Senate

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CLYDE BALLARD
Speaker of the
House of Representatives

FRANK CHOPP
Speaker of the
House of Representatives

Approved March 29, 2000

GARY LOCKE
Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Tony M. Cook, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **ENGROSSED SECOND SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6731** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

TONY M. COOK
Secretary

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State of Washington

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By Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Spanel and Gardner)

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1 AN ACT Relating to Lake Whatcom; and creating a new section.

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The Lake Whatcom landscape management pilot
4 project is created.

5 The department of natural resources shall develop a landscape plan
6 regarding state-owned forest lands in the Lake Whatcom watershed area.
7 Where appropriate, the department will consult with other major forest
8 landowners in the watershed and shall involve watershed residents in
9 management activities. The department shall consult with the Lake
10 Whatcom management committee on proposed timber harvest and road
11 management activities. The department shall establish an
12 interjurisdictional committee for the development of the landscape
13 plan, to review the site-specific activities and make recommendations.
14 The interjurisdictional committee shall include two members of the
15 public who have an interest in these activities. The landscape plan
16 shall address at least the following topics:

17 (1) Establishing riparian management zones along all streams, as
18 classified under chapter 4, Laws of 1999 sp. sess. The department
19 shall manage lands within such zones to protect water quality and

1 riparian habitat. The interjurisdictional committee may recommend to
2 the department restrictions upon timber harvest and yarding activities
3 on a case-by-case basis;

4 (2) Harvest and road construction upon potentially unstable slopes
5 shall be carefully regulated;

6 (3) On unstable slopes, new road construction shall be prohibited
7 and old road reconstruction shall be limited;

8 (4) A sustained yield model specific to the Lake Whatcom watershed
9 that encompasses the revised management standards and that is
10 consistent with the sustained yield established by the board of natural
11 resources shall be created and implemented;

12 (5) The department should build on the existing draft Lake Whatcom
13 landscape plan and incorporate both new information from the community
14 and new scientific information when available; and

15 (6) The development of a road management plan for the watershed.

16 The landscape plan shall be completed and implementation initiated
17 by June 30, 2001. Timber harvest and all road construction in the
18 watershed on state land shall be delayed until the plan is completed.

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