



CLALLAM COUNTY REVENUE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES OF March 17, 2025

MEETING OF THE REVENUE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RAC)

Chair Connie Beauvais called the special meeting to order at 2:30 p.m., March 17, 2025. Also present were Commissioner Johnson, Ben Pacheco, Gregory Bellamy, Sandra Lyons, Kyle Weakley, Steve Hopf, Scott Horton, Marty Brewer, Drew Rosanbalm, Dan Huff, Noah Glaude, John Nutter, and Michael Mingee. David Bingham, Diana Reaume, Janine Ledford, Regan Nickels, Steve Burke, Dave Gedlund, and Nerissa Davis were absent.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ACTION TAKEN: Johnson moved to adopt the agenda as modified, Brewer seconded, mc

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- February 24, 2025

ACTION TAKEN: Hopf moved to approve, Pacheco seconded, mc

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Ed Bowen, Clallam Bay, commented on federal lands
- Commissioner Johnson, commented on encumbered lands, Forests and Carbon Sequestration Proviso Draft (see attached)

BUSINESS ITEMS

a. SEPA presentation – Department of Natural Resources

David Hurn, Department of Natural Resources provided a presentation on SEPA. RAC Members held discussion.

b. Legal discussion regarding trust lands – Connie Beauvais/Commissioner Johnson

Commissioner Johnson provided an update on litigation regarding trust lands.

c. Clallam 2 Fire-Rescue PILT revenue sharing letter discussion

Huff briefed on the letter submitted by Clallam 2 Fire-Rescue PILT revenue. RAC Members held discussion. Commissioner Johnson will have the Prosecuting Attorney's Office review to see who is eligible for PILT revenue.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Wildfire projection (a) – Department of Natural Resources
- Tariffs
- Legislative proviso
- Legal discussion (b)
- Tours
- Title III funds

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Ed Bowen, Clallam Bay, commented on public comment, Cape Flattery School, PILT, Elwha proviso, forest

NEXT MEETING

- April 21, 2025 @ 3 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT - The meeting concluded at 4:20 p.m.

Public Comment
Commissioner
Johnson
3/17/25

Forests and Carbon Sequestration Proviso Draft

2/25/25

Total request: \$44 million (scale-able)

At \$44,000,000 funding level, the following split of funds achieves the purpose of the proviso:

- \$20,100,000 for encumbered counties
- \$13,400,000 for structurally complex (SC) forest conservation
- \$10,000,000 for increased thinning
- \$500,000 for DNR implementation

NEW SECTION to read as follows:

FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES Carbon Sequestration, Forests, and Encumbered Lands - The appropriation in this section is subject to the following conditions and limitations:

(1) The appropriation in this section is provided solely for the department to acquire working forestlands to be managed for increased carbon sequestration and carbon storage. Pursuant to subsection (2) of this section, it is the intent of the legislature that these lands serve as harvestable replacement land for structurally complex, carbon-dense forestlands designated for conservation and for existing encumbered state forestlands. Once purchased, the lands must be considered as part of the land bank created in RCW 79.19.020. The property must be purchased before the transfer of any existing trust land is fully executed.

(2) (a) If the department acquires land pursuant to subsection (1) of this section, it must use the lands acquired for the following purposes: (i) For the permanent conservation of structurally complex, carbon-dense forestland in westside counties, which may include but not be limited to Clallam, Thurston, Whatcom, Snohomish, Jefferson, and Pierce counties; and (ii) as replacement state forestlands to replace existing encumbered state forestlands in Clallam, Pacific, Skamania, and Wahkiakum counties.

(b) If the department acquires land pursuant to subsection (1) of this section, it must allocate the value of any land acquired as follows:

(i) Up to \$13,400,000 for the purposes specified in (a)(i) of this subsection (2); and (ii) up to \$21,100,000 for the purposes specified under (a)(ii) of this subsection (2).

(c) The department must designate any lands acquired related to (a)(ii) of this subsection (2) as state forest transfer lands.

(d) Before conserving any forestland pursuant to (a)(i) of this subsection (2), the department must receive letters of support from the legislative authority of the county in which the forestland is located and the approval of the conservation parcel boundaries by the board of natural resources. County concurrence and board approval pursuant to this process must be finalized prior to the transfer of the forestland pursuant to this section. If the department acquires any replacement lands pursuant to this section, it must ensure that any replacement of structurally complex, carbon-dense forested trust land pursuant to (a)(i) of this subsection (2) be of equal value to the land conserved and that replacement land is purchased before the transfer is fully executed.

(e) In the 2025-2027 biennium the legislative authority of a county seeking to participate in the conservation opportunity described in (a)(i) of this subsection 2 may request that the department distribute a portion of the current market value of the parcel as a one-time payment provided that the department must retain no less than \$12,000 per acre to invest in replacement land. Upon such a request in writing, and subject to prior approval by the board, the department shall distribute the requested portion of the market value as provided in RCW 79.64.110. Any amount distributed to a county as a one-time payment shall be reduced from the amount available to purchase replacement land for that county.

(f) In the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium, the department may designate the structurally complex, carbon-dense forested trust land identified in (a)(i) of this subsection (2) as a natural area preserve or a natural resource conservation area notwithstanding the requirements of chapter 79.70 and 79.71 RCW.

(3) \$10,000,000 of the appropriation is provided solely for the department to prepare commercial thinning timber sales for the purposes of restoring upland and habitat, increasing carbon storage and sequestration, and facilitating access to more timber volume than is possible under normal operating funding.

(4) The department may use up to \$500,000 of the total appropriation in this section for its administrative costs pursuant to this section.

Appropriation: Natural Climate Solutions Account—State.	
\$44,000,000	
Prior Biennia (Expenditures).	\$0
Future Biennia (Projected Costs).	\$0
TOTAL.	\$44,000,000

REVENUE ADVISORY COMMITTEE PUBLIC COMMENT SIGN-UP SHEET

General Public Comment – 2nd Session

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