



MEETING AGENDA

CLALLAM COUNTY REVENUE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**223 East 4th Street, Room 160
Port Angeles, Washington
March 16, 2026 – 2:30 p.m.**

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- I. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL**
- II. APPROVAL/MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA**
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE MEETINGS ON: February 9 and March 2, 2026**
- IV. PUBLIC COMMENT (total of 20 minutes)**
- V. BUSINESS ITEMS**
 - a. Timber sales – current and future - DNR**
 - b. Fiduciary responsibilities and revenue issues discussion**
 - c. Trust land transfer – applications and process**
- VI. FUTURES AGENDA ITEMS**
- VII. PUBLIC COMMENT (total of 20 minutes)**
- VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE**
- IX. ADJOURNMENT**



CLALLAM COUNTY REVENUE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 9, 2026

MEETING OF THE REVENUE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RAC)

Chair Connie Beauvais called the meeting to order at 2:32 p.m., February 9, 2026. Also present were Commissioner Johnson, David Bingham, Karen Casey (alternate), Diana Reaume, Regan Nickels, Darryl Wolfe, Sandra Lyons, Ryan Amiot (alternate), Dan Peacock (alternate), Gregory Bellamy, Drew Rosanbalm, Michael Mingee, Dan Huff, and Scott Horton. Janine Leford, Michelle Olsen, Noah Glaude, Lynne Kastner, Dave Gedlund, and Nerissa Davis were absent.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ACTION TAKEN: Johnson moved to approve, Mingee seconded, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- November 10, 2025

ACTION TAKEN: Johnson moved to approve, Horton seconded, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Ed Bowen, Clallam Bay, commented on trust land transfer.
- John Worthington, Sequim, commented on the legislator, forests.
- Kelly Johnson, Port Angeles, commented on trust land transfer, revenue, getting information out to the public.
- James Taylor, Port Angeles, commented on getting the message out to the public, revenue.
- Dr. Sarah Huling, District III, commented on fiduciary responsibilities and revenue issues affecting Clallam County and the taxing districts.

BUSINESS ITEMS

a. DNR Report

- Current Timber Sales
- Upcoming Scheduled Harvests
- Status of Paused Sales

Drew Rosanbalm, Department of Natural Resources provided an update on current timber sales, upcoming harvests and paused sales (see attached). RAC Members held discussion.

b. Legislative Session Updates – Matt Comisky AFRC

Matt Comisky, AFRC provided an update on the legislative session. RAC Members held discussion.

c. "Telling the Good Stories" of Clallam County's Junior Taxing Districts

Beauvais commented that the Board of Natural Resources meeting is now randomly drawing names for those who can provide public comment. She was able to get her name draw and she drove down for 2 months in a row. It was suggested to her by BNR that she speak on behalf of the RAC group. She asked for permission if she can speak on behalf of the group instead of as a single person. RAC Members discussed and thought it would be a good idea to check with all board members.

Beauvais commented that she and Kelly Johnson talked about providing education to the public on timber trust lands and revenue.

Commissioner Johnson commented carbon, tourism, and trust land transfer.

RAC Members held discussion.

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FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Request from Dr. Sarah Huling - fiduciary responsibilities and revenue issues affecting Clallam County and the taxing districts
- Trust land transfer

PUBLIC COMMENT

- James Taylor, Port Angeles, commented that the PABA has been trying to get timber revenue information out to the public
- Ed Bowen, Clallam Bay, commented on Board of Natural Resources, DNR report attached to the minutes, Cape Flattery School District representation, taxes, timber sales
- John Worthington, Sequim, commented on economic development
- Sarah Huling, District III, commented on telling our story

NEXT MEETING — March 16, 2026, at 2:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT - The meeting concluded at 4:25 p.m.

DRAFT

DNR
Item 9
RAC
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Current sold timber sales

- **POWER PLANT ADJUSTED**
- **BLOW DRY SALVAGE**
- **PICTURE MORA**
- **LIZARD BREATH**
- **LYRE LYRE**
- **GUNDER THUNDER**
- **RIDGE RUN**
- **DOC HOLLIDAY**
- ELLENS ROCK
- **PARCHED**
- **TREE WELL**
- **DUNGENESS AND DRAGONS**
- DRIFTWOOD DELIGHT
- **DOCK PEPPER**
- BLUE VIEW
- BEAVER HILL
- **PLACE STATION**
- SOOEY
- ROCKY ROAD
 - **Bold = expiring 10/31/26**

Upcoming scheduled harvest

FY 26 SALES

- TYEE WEST
- TIGER STRIPES
- KICK IN THE PANTS
- PEDERING OUT
- RUBBLE
- OH WELL
- ELK MILL

FY 27 SALES

- ICEFIELD
- BIG WOODS
- MILL TIME

- OASIS VDT
- FISH HOOK
- BAKERS DOZEN

Status of paused sales

ALL PAUSED SALES ARE MOVING FORWARD WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THOSE LISTED BELOW AS THEY ARE IN THE ELWHA PROVISIO.

- Alley Cat
- Bread and Butter

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Trust Land Transfer

BEST INTEREST OF THE TRUSTS ANALYSES COMPLETE FOR 2027-29 BIENNIUM

DNR has evaluated all applications received for the 2027-29 biennium, and those found to be in the best interest of the trust beneficiaries have been provided for public review and Tribal consultation. Letters will be accepted through April 15, 2026, at dnrtiltprogram@dnr.wa.gov. Learn more on the [Proposed and Current Transfers webpage](#).



A SPECIAL PROGRAM FOR SPECIAL PLACES

DNR manages [state trust lands](#) to produce revenue for trust beneficiaries through timber harvest, agriculture, and other activities. Revenue pays for essential public services such as schools, roads, hospitals, and libraries.

However, some of these lands have limited potential to generate income in the reasonably foreseeable future due to physical, legal, access, or other constraints. Many of these lands also have high ecological values and public benefits such as opportunities for hiking, horseback riding, bird watching, or fishing.

Established in 1989, the Trust Land Transfer (TLT) program enables DNR to **keep these special places in public ownership** while also **improving the financial performance of the state trust lands portfolio**. Through TLT, DNR:

- Transfers economically underperforming lands with high ecological values and public benefits to a **receiving agency**. Many transferred parcels become parks, open space, nature preserves, or similar designations.
- Purchases real property replacement lands that can be managed for timber production or leased for agriculture, grazing, or other uses to generate long-term, sustainable revenue for trust beneficiaries.



The TLT program is funded through the Washington State Legislature. DNR has created a **high-level overview** that describes how the TLT program works.

Visit the following pages to understand the steps of the program: **Selecting a Parcel for Transfer**, **Selecting a Receiving Agency**, **Preparing an Application**, **Eligibility Determination**, **Prioritization**, the **Advisory Committee**, and **Transfer and Replacement**. Visit the **Proposed and Current Transfers** and **Success Stories** pages to learn more about proposed, current, and past transfers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Four 2025-27 Applications Funded by Legislature

The Board of Natural Resources approved the ranked list of applications provided by the Trust Land Transfer Advisory Committee during its September 2024 meeting. The Legislature fully funded the Beckler 6, Okanogan G, and South Lake Ozette applications during its 2025 session and partially funded the Yakama Tract C North application.

The **2025-27 Trust Land Transfer Booklet** includes brief descriptions of the Trust Land Transfer process, as well as maps and descriptions of each of the eight TLT applications that DNR submitted to the Legislature for funding for the upcoming biennium.

TLT Program Manual Updated

DNR has updated the **Trust Land Transfer Program Manual and application** for the 2027-29 biennium to incorporate feedback from staff and Advisory Committee members to create a better application process for future years. The most significant change is encouraging applicants to reach out to Tribes before submitting their application to foster more meaningful collaboration between Tribes and prospective receiving agencies as proposals are designed.

Parcels Funded for Transfer in the 2023-25 Biennium

As part of the revitalization effort, DNR and the second TLT work group conducted a pilot project in August 2022 to test some of the improvements to the TLT program. After the pilot project, DNR submitted a list of 10 proposed parcels to the Washington State Legislature, and eight funded transfers have been approved by the Board of Natural Resources: Eglon, Devils Lake, Upper Dry Gulch, Chapman Lake, West Tiger Mountain, Blakely Island, Rustlers Gulch, and Moses Lake Dunes.

Funding set aside for the other two transfers was made available to the Department starting January 1, 2025, and DNR intends to complete those transfers. Refer to the [Proposed and Current Transfers](#) page for more information.

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[DNR Natural Area Program](#)

[Substitute House Bill \(SHB\) 1460](#)

FILES

[Program Manual](#)

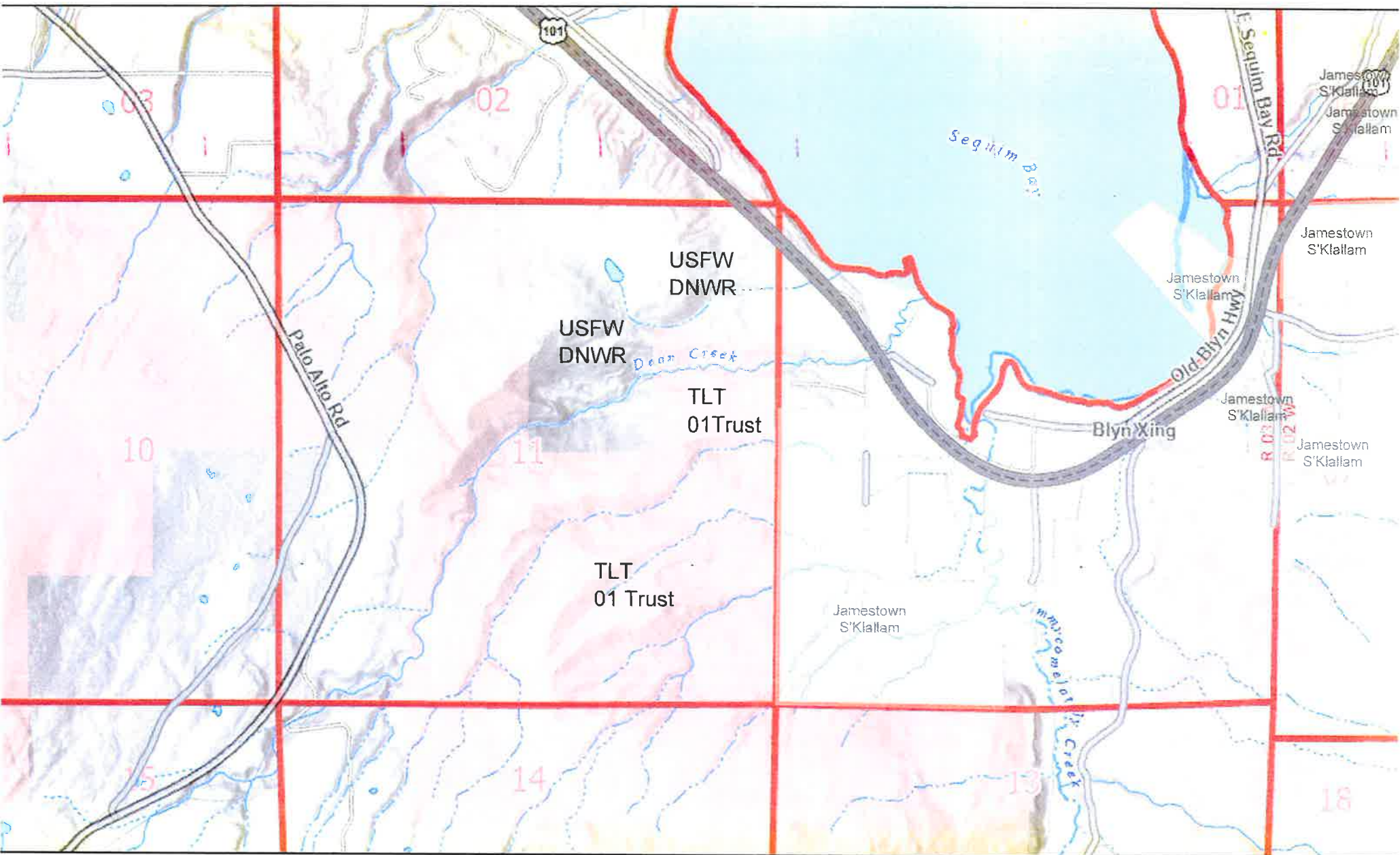
[Parcel Application](#)

[Prioritization Criteria Summary](#)

[Revitalization Summary](#)

[TLT Process Overview](#)

[2021 Report to the Legislature](#)



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Property ID: 16081

Legal Description: SE EXC EASE LINE SURV V84 P3

Geographic ID: 0329113400000000

Type: Real

Location

Address: PALO ALTO RD

SEQUIM, WA 98382

Neighborhood: Palo Alto Res Map ID: 125

Neighborhood CD: 1201000

Owner

Name: STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPT OF NATURAL RESOURCES Owner ID: 57918

Mailing Address: PO BOX 47016

OLYMPIA, WA 98504-7016



Property ID: 16071

Geographic ID: 0329111400000000 (Parcel Number)

Legal Description:

SENE AND NW AND E2SW EXC CO RD R/W AND EXC EASES BPA EASE
SURV V76 P49 PUD EASE SURV V83 P30

Type: Real

Tax Area: 0201 - 323 PORT ST CNTY RDS FD3EMS L H2 SQP&R

Location

Address: PALO ALTO RD

SEQUIM, WA 98382

Neighborhood: Palo Alto Res Map ID: 125

Neighborhood CD: 1201000

Owner

Name: STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Owner ID: 57918

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Adjacent Property of USFS Dungeness Wildlife Refuge

Property ID: 16067

Legal Description: NENE EXC R/WS AND EXC EASE;SUR V71 P65 SUR V76 P29

Geographic ID: 0329111100000000

Type: Real

Tax Area: 0201 - 323 PORT ST CNTY RDS FD3EMS L H2 SQP&R

Location

Address: 270074 HWY 101

SEQUIM, WA 98382 Mapsco:

Neighborhood: Palo Alto Res Map ID: 127

Neighborhood CD: 1201000

Owner

Name: UNITED STATES OF AMERICA Owner ID: 57272

Mailing Address: 400 15TH ST SW

ATTN: GSA REGION 10 PROP MGT

AUBURN, WA 98001



Adjacent Property USFW Dungeness Wildlife Refuge

Property ID: 16070 Legal Description: W2NE SUR V71 P65
Geographic ID: 0329111200000000
Type: Real
Tax Area: 0201 - 323 PORT ST CNTY RDS FD3EMS L H2 SQP&R
Address: HWY 101
SEQUIM, WA 98382
Neighborhood: Palo Alto Res Map ID: 127
Neighborhood CD: 1201000
Owner
Name: UNITED STATES OF AMERICA Owner ID: 57272
Mailing Address: 400 15TH ST SW
ATTN: GSA REGION 10 PROP MGT
AUBURN, WA 98001



CLALLAM COUNTY REVENUE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES OF MARCH 2, 2026

MEETING OF THE REVENUE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RAC)

Chair Connie Beauvais called the meeting to order at 12 p.m., March 2, 2026. Also present were Commissioner Johnson, David Bingham, Diana Reaume, Regan Nickels, Sandra Lyons, Gregory Bellamy, Michael Mingee, Dan Huff, Lynne Kastner, Noah Glaude and Thomas Rosmond (Alternate). Janine Leford, Michelle Olsen, Scott Horton, Ryan Amiot, Drew Rosanbalm, Dave Gedlund, and Nerissa Davis were absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Ed Bowen, Clallam Bay, commented on trust land transfer, Board of Natural Resources agenda change for timber sales

BUSINESS ITEMS

- **Consideration of Five Corner Letter Regarding Clallam County Trust Lands**

Beauvais provided an updated on the letter. RAC Members held discussion regarding edits to the letter and who will sign. Beauvais will sign on behalf of the members. She plans to deliver the letter to the Board of Natural Resources Meeting on March 3, 2026 (attached is a copy of the approved letter).

ACTION TAKEN: Huff moved to approve, Bellamy, seconded, mo (Commissioner Johnson abstain)

Beauvais read a press release into the record.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Jim Buck, Joyce, commented on the Clallam County trust lands letter
- Ed Bowen, Clallam Bay, commented on the Clallam County trust lands letter
- Commissioner Johnson, Port Angeles, commented on timber sales at the Board of Natural Resources Meeting

NEXT MEETING — March 16, 2026, at 2:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT - The meeting concluded at 12:35 p.m.



Clallam County Revenue Advisory Committee

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March 2, 2026

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Subject: It's Time for the Legislature to Exert Its Role as Trustee of County Forest Board Transfer Lands

The Clallam County Board of Commissioners formed the Revenue Advisory Committee (RAC) on February 20, 2024 under Resolution 15, 2024. The purpose of the RAC is to:

"....confer with the County on issues related to state timber management, fiduciary responsibilities, trends, public engagement with State and Federal forest management agencies, issues impacting timber management and revenues which benefit the community, and such other related matters as the Board of County Commissioners directs."

The RAC is comprised of elected commission representatives or designee from each Clallam County taxing district and non-voting DNR representatives. Due to the fiscal and economic challenges created by the failure of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to offer the requisite volume of timber for sale, the RAC feels compelled to urge the Legislature, as the trustee of these trust lands, to intervene.

1. Background:

In 1935, in response to Counties taking ownership of thousands of acres of timberlands due to failure to pay property taxes, the Legislature enacted legislation (Section 3-b, Chapter 126, Session Laws of 1935) authorizing the state to demand such lands be transferred to the state to be managed in trust for the beneficiary counties and their junior taxing districts. The state felt it was better equipped to reforest and manage the land for the benefit of the counties and their junior taxing districts. Although this letter will focus on the 94,500 acres of Clallam County forest land transferred to the state, it's important to note that there are about 600,000 total acres of similarly positioned forest lands in twenty-one counties across the state.

Beginning in 1936, Clallam County deeded 94,500 acres of timberland to be managed in trust by the State of Washington. The authorizing legislation, and the deeds, created an irrevocable trust between Clallam County and the State of Washington. The deeds are very clear on this point,

"The commissioners of Clallam County herewith deed, free from encumbrances to the State Forest Board, in accordance with the provisions of section 3-b chapter 126, Session Laws of 1935 the following described lands acquired by Clallam County through foreclosure of tax liens. Such lands shall be held in trust and administered and protected under the provisions of Chapter 154, Session Laws of 1923. ... Any monies derived from the lease of such lands or from the sale of forest products ... shall be distributed as follows..."

The terms of the trust, which remain in place today, provide for reforestation, management of timber resources and the distribution of revenue to the County.

2. The state legislature is the trustee, and the Washington Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is the trust administrator.

Under the law, the Legislature serves as trustee, and the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) acts as trust administrator of the county transfer lands. The Legislature authorized the formation of the Board of Natural Resources (BNR), made up of trust beneficiaries, to provide policy oversight and guidance to the trust administrator (DNR).

3. As the trustee, the Legislature has a Common Law Fiduciary Duty to Ensure County Transfer Lands are managed for the Benefit of Clallam County and its Junior Taxing Districts

As trustee, the Legislature must abide by common law principles, which have been re-affirmed in two unanimous Washington State Supreme Court Decisions (*Skamania vs Washington State (1984)* and *Conservation Northwest vs. Franz (2022)*:

- Act with undivided loyalty to the trust beneficiaries.
- Act with prudence in sustainably managing the counties' trust lands to generate revenues.
- Act with a duty of loyalty to the beneficiaries, within the boundaries of the Habitat Conservation Plan, Forest Practices Act and Sustainable Harvest Plan, by managing lands solely for the county's benefit, excluding competing state or public interests no matter how laudable.
- Act with a duty of transparency.

While the Legislature can change management rules, it cannot negate the essential purpose of the trust to sustainably manage county forest lands to generate revenue for counties.

4. Recent actions by your trust administrator and the Board of Natural Resources compel the Legislature to exert its authority as trustee to ensure adherence to common law trust principles.

Over the past year, the DNR withheld eight timber sales with an appraised value of \$7.9 million, with a likely sale value of up to \$12 million. The revenue from these sales would have been distributed to manage trust lands and to Clallam County and its junior taxing districts:

Clallam County

Crescent School District #313

Cape Flattery School District #401

Quillayute Valley School District #402

Port Angeles School District #121

Sequim School District #323

North Olympic Library System

Olympic Medical Center #2

Forks Community Hospital #1

Port of Port Angeles

Quillayute Valley Park & Recreation District

William Shore Memorial Pool District

Clallam Fire District #1

Clallam Fire District #2

Clallam Fire District #3

Clallam Fire District #4

Clallam Fire District #5

Clallam Fire District #6

All these sales complied with DNR's federally approved Habitat Conservation Plan, with the Forest Practices Act and with DNR policies for protection of old growth timber and riparian areas. The decision to withhold these sales was an administrative decision by the DNR.

Moreover, state law requires that "arrearage" volume (volume not offered for sale per the decadal sustainable harvest plan) be offered in subsequent periods. Clallam County has tens of millions of board feet of arrearage volume that has not been offered for sale.

The administrative decision to withhold timber sales from the market, coupled with the failure to offer arrearage volume for sale has deprived Clallam County, and its junior taxing districts of tens of millions of dollars. The only recourse will be to cut services to Clallam County residents or ask those residents to pay higher taxes to offset the loss of trust land revenues.

As trustee, the Legislature is responsible for ensuring the trust is managed in accordance with the deed and common law trust obligations that require it to act prudently and with undivided loyalty to the trust beneficiaries, to the exclusion of all other interests no matter how laudable. Failure to supervise the trust administrator is tacit approval of DNR actions.

5. The Legislature must exercise its discretion, and obligation, as trustee to ensure that the trust administrator is managing these lands with undivided loyalty to the beneficiaries.

The RAC urges the Legislature to consider the following actions:

- Become educated about their common law obligations to the trust beneficiaries of these lands.
- Seek historical data from the DNR on revenue generated for Clallam County trust beneficiaries for the past two decades.
- Seek a projection from DNR on future revenue to Clallam County trust beneficiaries, and an analysis of the factors that will influence the amount of revenue including phasing in arrearage volume.
- Carefully monitor the actions of those appointed to represent trust beneficiaries at DNR and on the Board of Natural Resources to ensure that appointees are abiding by their fiduciary obligations.
- Appoint a committee to meet with the Clallam County and junior taxing district officials to discuss their concerns.

Clallam County residents depend on the long-term integrity of this trust to support essential services, economic stability, and sustainable forest management. We urge you, the trustees, to review the administration of these trust lands and make sure the management is consistent with your trustee responsibilities.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,



**Connie Beauvais Chair on behalf of the
Clallam County Revenue Advisory Committee**

cc: Senator Mike Chapman
Senator Shelly Short
Representative Steve Tharinger
Representative Adam Bernbaum
Representative Kristine Reeves
Representative Tom Dent

RAC Meeting

DNR Presentation

March 16, 2026

DNR Presentation added on 3-12-26 after
agenda packet was posted



TRUST LAND TRANSFER PROGRAM

Presentation
to Clallam County
RAC

March 16, 2026



WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF
NATURAL RESOURCES

dnr.wa.gov

TRUST LAND TRANSFER PROGRAM HISTORY

A Special Program for Special Places

- Trust Land Transfer Program is designed to replace economically underperforming DNR-managed lands that provide other public benefits
- Program has conserved more than 130,000 acres since its creation, primarily within State Parks, local parks, and DNR Natural Areas
- Legislature began funding appropriations in 1989, codified program in 2023 session



TRUST LAND TRANSFER PROCESS

Application Guidelines and Timelines

- **Applications where accepted until September 30, 2025**
- **Proposals then evaluated to determine whether they are in best interests of trusts**
- **Applications require approval from receiving agency to demonstrate capability to manage parcels in future**
- **Viable applicants then present to Trust Land Transfer Advisory Committee**



TRUST LAND TRANSFER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Evaluation and Ranking of Applications

- **Committee of 12 volunteers appointed by Commissioner of Public Lands will meet next summer to evaluate applications**
- **Proposals to be ranked on priority basis based on community support, ecological values, economic values, public benefit, and tribal support**
- **Ranked list to be submitted to Board of Natural Resources and, if approved, submitted as a decision package to the Legislature for next full session**



SCORING CRITERIA FOR TRUST LAND TRANSFERS

Prioritization criteria let committee members compare unique applications and prioritize them for possible funding

Proposals are ranked on a 0-to-5 scale, and criteria are weighted with multipliers to reach a final score to generate a ranked list to provide to the Board of Natural Resources.

Each committee member scores the applications on his or her own and submits the scores to DNR to compile.

- **Community Support:** 2x multiplier
- **Ecological Values:** 3x multiplier
- **Economic Values:** 1x multiplier
- **Public Benefits:** 3x multiplier
- **Tribal Support:** 3x multiplier



TRUST LAND TRANSFER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Ranking Criteria: Community Support

- **Is there widespread community support for this transfer?**
- **Is there known opposition to this transfer? If so, how has that been addressed?**
- **What level of community outreach has been completed by applicant and/or recipient?**
- **Have there been specific efforts to reach overburdened communities or underserved and vulnerable populations?**



**The series of Trust
Land Transfers
that created the
Dabob Bay
Natural Area in
Jefferson County
have seen
substantial
community
support.**



TRUST LAND TRANSFER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Ranking Criteria: Ecological Value

- What is the quality of the habitat, and what endangered, threatened, or sensitive species are present?
- Will the proposal create larger contiguous blocks of conservation that are more effective and easier to manage?
- Is the receiving agency suited to manage the parcel for conservation appropriate for the plants and wildlife present there?



**The Kitsap Forest
NAP Trust Land
Transfer (1998)
permanently
conserved 529
acres of old-
growth Douglas
fir and western
hemlock forests.**



TRUST LAND TRANSFER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Ranking Criteria: Economic Values

- Will this proposal attract more visitors to the area?
- Will it provide protection for shorelines above aquatic resources?
- Will it affect agriculture or forestry operations nearby, or will it affect development plans?
- Will it affect the delivery of public services, such as communications towers or utility corridors?



**Trust Land Transfers
in 1991, 1998, 2000,
and 2004 conserved
3,916 acres of the
West Tiger
Mountain NRCA
in King County,
including the
paragliding
paradise of Poo Poo
Point.**



TRUST LAND TRANSFER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Ranking Criteria: Public Benefits

- What current public benefits does the parcel provide, and how would the proposal affect those benefits?
- Public benefits include recreation, parks and open space, distinctive geographic features, scientific research, outdoor education opportunities, and historical sites
- Are there plans in place that support the need for new public opportunities at the parcel?



Seven Trust Land Transfers from 1990 to 2014 were used to create and expand the Mount Si NRCA, conserving lands around Mount Si, Little Si, Mount Teneriffe, and Green Mountain.



TRUST LAND TRANSFER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Ranking Criteria: Tribal Support

- **DNR and receiving agency will contact Tribes regarding proposals**
- **Concerns regarding applications must be initially noted by April 1, 2026, allowing time for applicants to possibly resolve any issues raised**
- **Any proposal that receives opposition from at least one Tribe will score no points in this category**



**The Beckler 6
Trust Land
Transfer will give
a 676-acre parcel
near Skykomish to
the Tulalip Tribes
for conservation
and traditional
cultural use.**



TRUST LAND TRANSFER PROGRAM

Next Steps

- Community support letters will be accepted until April 1, 2026
- Committee members will independently evaluate applications and submit rankings to DNR
- TLT applications for the 2027-2029 biennium are out for public comment at this time. The comment period closes April 15th. Comments can be posted at dnr.wa.gov/land-transactions/trust-land-transfer
- Results to be presented at September 2026 Board of Natural Resources meeting to allow time to write budget request for 2027 legislative session
- Questions? Contact Kenny Ocker at kenny.ocker@dnr.wa.gov or 360-810-1217



OTHER TYPES OF LAND TRANSACTIONS

Acquisitions	Divestitures
Purchase RCW 46.30.215 RCW 79.22.020	Direct Transfer RCW 79.17.200 RCW 79.22.060 (1)(a)(b), (2)(a)(b)
Transfer/Purchase RCW 79.70.040 RCW 79.71.040	Direct Sale RCW 79.11.340 RCW 7.10.030
Gift/Conveyance RCW 79.10.040-050	Reconveyance RCW 79.22.300-310
Escheat lands RCW 11.08.210-220	Public Auction RCW 79.11
State Forestland Replacement RCW 79.22.060(1)(c), 2(c),4(b)	Exchange RCW 79.17



