

4TH ANNUAL STATE LAND
ACQUISITION
COORDINATING FORUM

Habitat and Recreation Lands Coordinating Group

Lands Group Background – SSB5236

- ❑ Established in 2007
- ❑ Several tasks for improving visibility and coordination of state land acquisitions
- ❑ WDFW, DNR, State Parks are required. Other stakeholders by invitation. RCO provides staff support.
- ❑ Quarterly meetings
- ❑ Annual progress reports to the Office of Financial Management
- ❑ Recommendations to the Legislature - December 2011
- ❑ Scheduled to sunset - July 2012

Lands Group Members

Office of Senator Parlette
Okanogan County
Washington Park and Recreation Association
The Nature Conservancy
Trust for Public Land
Washington Forest Practices Association
Pacific Coast Joint Venture
Department of Fish and Wildlife
Department of Natural Resources
State Parks and Recreation Commission
Recreation and Conservation Office
Department of Ecology
State Conservation Commission
Puget Sound Partnership
Department of Transportation

Lands Group Background

Improving visibility

- Citizens and local governments want to know
 - ▣ Which purchasers are planning to buy land in my region?
 - ▣ What land is planned for purchase?
 - ▣ Why is the land being purchased?
 - ▣ How can I get involved in the planning process?

Lands Group Background

Improving interagency coordination

- State lawmakers want to know
 - ▣ Are state agencies acquiring habitat and recreation lands for a strategic reason and not just as opportunities arise?
 - ▣ Are state agencies talking to each other?
 - ▣ Are agencies duplicating one another's roles, or do the habitat and recreation land programs within different agencies have distinct purposes that complement one another?

Lands Group Background

Statutory duties

- Review agency land acquisition and disposal plans to help ensure statewide coordination
- Publish a forecast of land acquisition and disposal plans
- Convene an annual forum for agencies to coordinate near-term acquisition and disposal plans
- Develop recommendations for interagency GIS-based documentation
- Develop an approach for standardizing acquisition recordkeeping and for centralizing acquisition data
- Develop an approach for monitoring the success of acquisitions
- Develop an approach for coordinating federally-funded acquisitions

Lands Group - 2012

- SB 6385
 - Extends the Lands Group to July 31, 2017
 - If resources are limited, the priorities are
 - Annual acquisition coordinating forum
 - Biennial forecast of acquisition plans
 - Biennial acquisition performance monitoring report

Lands Group Progress

Vehicle for Visibility and Coordination

- Annual State Land Acquisition Coordinating Forum

 - Share ideas on proposals for state habitat and recreation land purchases and disposals

- State Land Acquisition Forecast

 - Provides information about the state land purchases and disposals that are being planned around the state

- State Land Acquisition Performance Monitoring Report

 - Shows whether state agencies achieved their initial acquisition project objectives

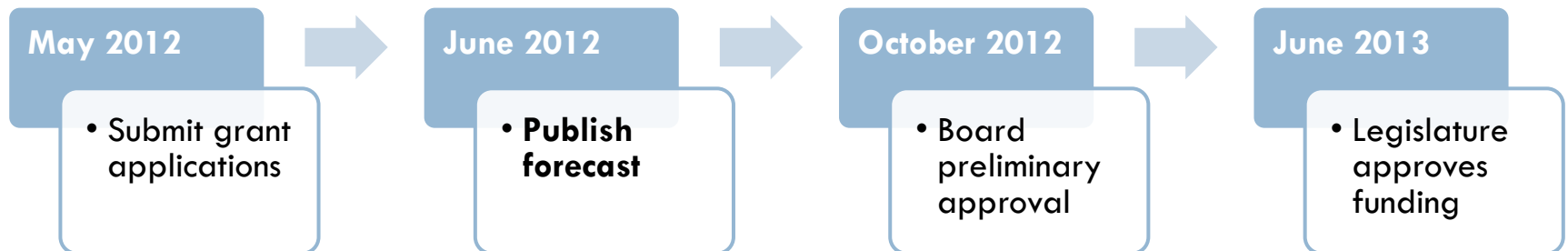
Annual Coordinating Forum

- Develop and convene an annual forum for agencies to coordinate their near-term acquisition and disposal plans
 - Even year – agencies present projects they plan to submit for future funding requests and show how the projects advance statewide strategies
 - Odd year – agencies present projects that have been approved for funding and projects tentatively planned for future funding requests



Acquisition Forecast

- Produce interagency, statewide biennial forecast of habitat and recreation land acquisition and disposal plans
- Establish procedures for publishing biennial forecast on web sites or other centralized, easily accessible formats



Performance Monitoring Report

- Develop an approach for monitoring the success of acquisitions
 - ▣ Key Question - Did state agencies purchase lands according to their initial plans?
 - ▣ Compare completed projects with their initial proposals
 - ▣ Publish biennially
 - ▣ First Performance Monitoring Report – December 2011

Next Steps

- 2nd Acquisition Forecast – June 2012
- Progress Report to OFM – December 2012
- 5th Annual Coordinating Forum – August 2013
- 2nd Performance Monitoring Report – December 2013

Today's Forum

□ Goals

▣ Visibility

- Make planned state acquisition projects more visible to citizens, local governments, and others
- Show how the projects advance statewide strategies

▣ Coordination

- Help agencies communicate about acquisition plans to streamline work and reduce duplication

□ Open discussion – please ask questions and share ideas

Lands Group

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