

3 **E2SSB 6731** - H COMM AMD **ADOPTED 3-1-00**
4 By Committee on Natural Resources

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6 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
7 following:

8 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The Lake Whatcom landscape management pilot
9 project is created.

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

22 (1) Establishing riparian management zones along all streams, as
23 classified under chapter 4, Laws of 1999 sp. sess. The department
24 shall manage lands within such zones to protect water quality and
25 riparian habitat. The interjurisdictional committee may recommend to
26 the department restrictions upon timber harvest and yarding activities
27 on a case-by-case basis;

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

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

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

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

4 (6) The development of a road management plan for the watershed.
5 The landscape plan shall be completed and implementation initiated
6 by June 30, 2001. Timber harvest and all road construction in the
7 watershed on state land shall be delayed until the plan is completed."

8 Correct the title.

EFFECT: The interjurisdictional committee is established for the purpose of assisting in the development of the landscape plan, and recommending restrictions upon timber harvest and yarding activities on a case-by-case basis. Requires that different standards apply to potentially unstable slopes and unstable slopes: The landscape plan must address the careful regulation of harvest and road construction on potentially unstable slopes, and new road construction must be prohibited and old road reconstruction must be limited on unstable slopes.

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