
SENATE BILL 6731

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By Senators Spanel and Gardner

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Resources, Parks & Recreation.

Referred to Committee on Natural

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, in cooperation and
6 consultation with local citizens who have knowledge of the issues,
7 shall develop a management plan regarding state-owned forest lands in
8 the Lake Whatcom watershed area. The management plan shall address at
9 least the following topics:

10 (1) Procedures for coordinating management activities with other
11 major forest land owners in the watershed and involving watershed
12 residents in management activities;

13 (2) Establishing riparian management zones along all type five
14 streams, as classified under chapter 5, Laws of 1999 sp. sess. The
15 department shall manage lands within such zones to protect water
16 quality and riparian habitat, and include restrictions upon timber
17 harvest and yarding activities;

1 (3) Harvest and road construction upon unstable slopes should be
2 carefully regulated, including limiting new road construction on
3 unstable slopes and providing windthrow buffers during harvest; and

4 (4) Creating and implementing a sustainable yield model specific to
5 the Lake Whatcom watershed that encompasses the revised management
6 standards.

7 The management plan shall be completed and implementation initiated
8 by June 30, 2001.

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