

HB 2084-S - DIGEST

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Finds that the board of natural resources has set expectations as to how the department of natural resources will implement the sustainable yield harvest plan adopted in 2004 pursuant to RCW 79.10.320. These expectations include the following: (1) Completion of evaluations of the cumulative effects on the harvest plan on a landscape basis;

(2) Completion of actions to address forest health issues;

(3) Aggressive implementation of scientific research and monitoring related to the habitat conservation program, including the rapid implementation of the long-term recovery plan for the marbled murrelet;

(4) The development of management strategies that include consideration of additional ecosystem issues, such as water quality, through the identification and protection of unstable slopes;

(5) Active conversion of riparian areas from predominantly hardwood composition to a mixture of conifer and hardwood species, which is intended to result in enhanced habitat for wildlife and fish.

Requires the department of natural resources to submit a report to the appropriate committees of the legislature outlining the success of the department in meeting the expectations of the board of natural resources outlined in this act.

Provides that as part of the report required by this act, the department of natural resources must detail any barriers to completing the expectations of the board of natural resources that arise because of funding inadequacies.