

SENATE BILL REPORT

HJM 4010

As Reported by Senate Committee On:
Natural Resources & Parks, March 21, 2017

Brief Description: Requesting that the Blanchard State Forest be renamed the "Harriet A. Spanel-Blanchard State Forest."

Sponsors: Representatives Morris and Lytton.

Brief History: Passed House: 3/07/17, 92-5.

Committee Activity: Natural Resources & Parks: 3/21/17, 3/21/17 [DP].

Brief Summary of Joint Memorial

- Requests that the Board of Natural Resources rename the Blanchard State Forest as the Harriet A. Spanel-Blanchard State Forest.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES & PARKS

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Pearson, Chair; Hawkins, Vice Chair; Van De Wege, Ranking Minority Member; Fortunato and McCoy.

Staff: Curt Gavigan (786-7437)

Background: Board of Natural Resources (Board). The Board is composed of six members: the Governor or a designee; the Superintendent of Public Instruction; the Commissioner of Public Lands; leads from the University of Washington and Washington State University forestry and natural resources programs; and a county representative. The Board has several different roles, including:

- approving the sale of valuable materials from upland trust lands, which include timber sales;
- authorizing upland trust land transactions, such as sales or exchanges;
- serving as the Board of Geographic Names; and
- serving as the constitutionally created Harbor Line Commission, which establishes and relocates harbor lines to define boundaries for commerce and navigation in navigable waters.

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Board on Geographic Names Process. When serving as the Board on Geographic Names, the Board is charged with establishing the official names for lakes, mountains, streams, and other geographic features within the state except when a name is specified by law. The Board receives assistance and considers recommendations from the Committee on Geographic Names.

Blanchard State Forest. The Blanchard State Forest is approximately 4500 acres and is located along the boundary between Skagit and Whatcom counties. The forest was acquired by the state after a fire in 1925, and is managed for multiple uses including timber harvest, leases, and recreation.

Summary of Joint Memorial: The Joint Memorial requests that the Board of Natural Resources rename the Blanchard State Forest as the Harriet A. Spanel-Blanchard State Forest, subject to the Legislature approving funding for the name change.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Creates Committee/Commission/Task Force that includes Legislative members: No.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony: PRO: This bill is a way to honor an individual who provided so many years of service to the state.

Persons Testifying: PRO: Representative Jeff Morris, Prime Sponsor; Tom Davis.

Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying: No one.