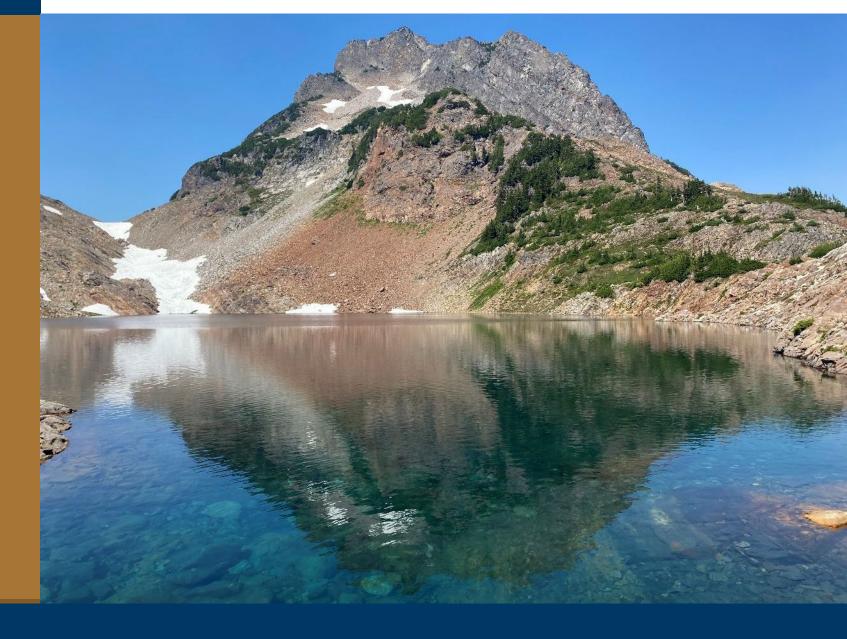


TRUST LAND TRANSFER ADVISORY COMMITTEE CRITERIA

Presentation to the Board of Natural Resources

July 2, 2024



TRUST LAND **TRANSFER PROGRAM HISTORY** A Special **Program** for Special **Places**

- Trust Land Transfer Program is designed to replace economically underperforming DNR-managed lands that provide other public benefits
- Program has conserved more than 125,000 acres since its creation, primarily within State Parks, local parks, and DNR Natural Areas
- Legislature began funding appropriations in 1989, codified program in 2023 session

TRUST LAND TRANSFER PROCESS Application Guidelines and Timelines

- Applications accepted until September 2023
- Proposals evaluated to determine whether they are in best interests of trusts
- Applications require approval from receiving agency to demonstrate capability to manage parcels in future
- Applications then presented to Trust Land Transfer Advisory Committee

TRUST LAND **TRANSFER ADVISORY** COMMITTEE **Evaluation** and Ranking of Applications

- Committee of 12 volunteers appointed by Commissioner of Public Lands will meet this summer to evaluate applications
- Proposals to be ranked on priority basis based on community support, ecological values, economic values, public benefit, and tribal support
- Ranked list to be submitted to Board of Natural Resources and, if approved, submitted as a decision package to the Legislature for next session

TRUST LAND **TRANSFER ADVISORY** COMMITTEE **Evaluation** and Ranking of Applications, continued

- RCW 79.17.310, part of the 2023 bill that codified the TLT program, states that DNR "may submit parcels to an advisory committee that shall evaluate and prioritize nominated parcels according to criteria approved by the board, including social, ecological, economic, and other values."
- Work group developed draft criteria in 2022, using them for pilot project

PROPOSED SCORING CRITERIA FOR TRUST LAND TRANSFERS

Prioritization criteria let committee members compare unique applications and prioritize them for possible funding

Proposals are ranked on a 0-to-5 scale, and criteria are weighted with multipliers to reach a final score to generate a ranked list to provide to the Board of Natural Resources.

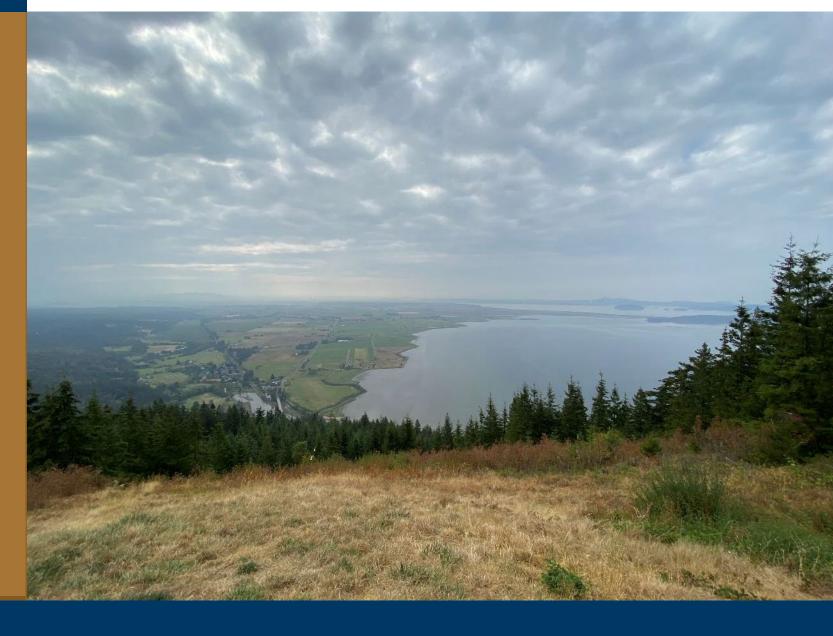
Each committee member scores the applications on his or her own and submits the scorings to DNR to compile.

- Community Support: 2x multiplier
- Ecological Values: 3x multiplier
- Economic Values: 1x multiplier
- Public Benefits: 3x multiplier
- Tribal Support: 3x multiplier

TRUST LAND **TRANSFER ADVISORY** COMMITTEE Ranking **Criteria: Community** Support

- Is there widespread community support for this transfer?
- Is there known opposition to this transfer? If so, how has that been addressed?
- What level of community outreach has been completed by applicant and/or recipient?
- Have there been specific efforts to reach overburdened communities or underserved and vulnerable populations?

The Blanchard Trust Land Transfer (2019) drew community support, conserving the popular Samish **Overlook and Oyster Dome** recreation sites.

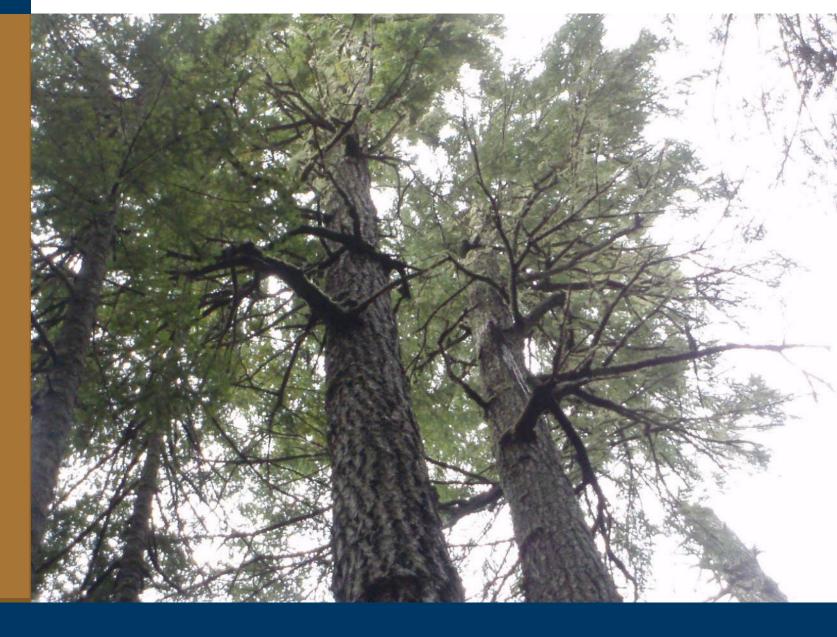




TRUST LAND **TRANSFER ADVISORY** COMMITTEE Ranking **Criteria: Ecological** Value

- What is the quality of the habitat, and what endangered, threatened, or sensitive species are present?
- Will the proposal create larger contiguous blocks of conservation that are more effective and easier to manage?
- Is the receiving agency suited to manage the parcel for conservation appropriate for the plants and wildlife present there?

The Kitsap Forest **NAP Trust Land Transfer (1998)** permanently conserved 529 acres of oldgrowth Douglas fir and western hemlock forests.



TRUST LAND **TRANSFER ADVISORY** COMMITTEE Ranking **Criteria: Economic Values**

- Will this proposal attract more visitors to the area?
- Will it provide protection for shorelines above aquatic resources?
- Will it affect agriculture or forestry operations nearby, or will it affect development plans?
- Will it affect the delivery of public services, such as communications towers or utility corridors?

Trust Land Transfers in 1991, 1998, 2000, and 2004 conserved 3,916 acres of the **West Tiger Mountain NRCA in** King County, including the parasailing paradise of Poo Poo Point.





TRUST LAND TRANSFER ADVISORY COMMITTEE Ranking Criteria: Public Benefits

- What current public benefits does the parcel currently provide, and how would the proposal affect those benefits?
- Public benefits include recreation, parks and open space, distinctive geographic features, scientific research, outdoor education opportunities, and historical sites
- Are there plans in place that support the need for new public opportunities at the parcel?

Seven Trust Land Transfers from 1990 to 2014 were used to create and expand the Mount Si NRCA, conserving lands around Mount Si, Little Si, Mount Teneriffe, and **Green Mountain.**





TRUST LAND **TRANSFER ADVISORY** COMMITTEE Ranking **Criteria: Tribal Support**

- DNR and receiving agency will contact affected Tribes regarding proposals
- Any proposal that receives opposition from at least one Tribe will score no points in this category

TRUST LAND TRANSFER ADVISORY COMMITTEE Next Steps

- Applicants have opportunity to make brief presentations to committee
- Committee members will independently evaluate applications and submit them to DNR
- Final meeting will review the prioritization process results
- Results to be presented at September 2024 Board of Natural Resources meeting to allow time to write budget request for 2025 legislative session

TRUST LAND TRANSFER ADVISORY COMMITTEE Request for Approval of Criteria

The Department requests that the Board of Natural Resources approve Resolution No. 1666 to adopt the evaluation criteria developed by the Trust Land Transfer Working Group to meet the requirements of RCW 79.17.310

