



Strategic Planning Public Involvement

DNR seeks public input on its Draft Strategic Plan

The Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is completing an effort to develop a strategic plan that identifies and prioritizes the agency’s activities for the next five years. During the past year, the department has experienced many challenges, causing us to look at things from a different perspective and now leading us to recognize the value of this strategic planning endeavor.

A few months ago, DNR shared draft language and requested comments from staff, partners and stakeholders. The public input gathered was critically important to how the mission, vision and goals evolved into a draft plan. Once again, we are seeking input and inviting comment on the draft plan.

The Draft Strategic Plan will be released on January 25 and contains the following Draft Goals:

- Manage state lands to a higher standard of sustainability.
- Improve forest practices rules and strengthen implementation and compliance.
- Preserve forest cover and protect working forests and agriculture lands from conversion to development.
- Clean up and restore Puget Sound.
- Develop renewable energy resources on State Lands and address the challenges of climate change.
- Ensure that DNR is well-managed and supportive of its employees.

The Draft Strategic Plan will be posted on our website (www.dnr.wa.gov). A series of public meetings will begin in early February (see Public Meeting Dates below). DNR will also issue a survey to gather comments on the draft plan. All comments should be received by February 19 in order for us to issue the final plan by mid-March.

This is an important opportunity for the public to help shape our priorities on Puget Sound recovery, green energy and climate change, forest practices and conservation.

Public Meeting Dates

Date	City	Location	Time
Monday, February 1	Seattle	Seattle Public Library – Greenlake Branch	6:00 – 7:30 PM
Tuesday, February 2	Bellingham	Bellingham Public Library – Central Branch	6:00 – 7:30 PM
Wednesday, February 3	Spokane	Spokane Public Library – Downtown	6:00 – 7:30 PM
Thursday, February 4	Tacoma	Foss Waterfront Museum	6:30 – 8:00 PM
Tuesday, February 9	Port Angeles	PA Senior Community Center	6:30 – 8:00 PM
Wednesday, February 10	Longview	Cowlitz PUD	6:30 – 8:00 PM
Thursday, February 11	Ellensburg	Hal Holms Community Center	6:30 – 8:00 PM