

4. LAND TRANSACTION

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Fish and Wildlife Commission Presentation Summary Sheet

Meeting date:

4/8/2022

Agenda item:

4. Land Transaction

Presenter(s):

Karen Edwards – Real Estate Manager

Background summary:

Item 1: Proposed Acquisition of 94(+/-) acres in Grays Harbor County – Scatter Creek Wildlife Area, Davis Creek Unit

This proposal, in the Davis Creek Unit of the Scatter Creek Wildlife Area, is to acquire a 94(+/-) acre property of riparian and floodplain habitat along the Chehalis River. The riparian and floodplain habitats at this site are mixed with remnant Oak Woodland and historic prairie. Creating connectivity between the Capitol State Forest and the Lower Chehalis State Forest, the property supports waterfowl, elk, beaver, salmonids plus Species of Greatest Conservation Need (SGCN) listed band tailed pigeon and wood ducks. The endemic Olympic Mudminnow has also been found less than a half mile from the property. Opportunities for future restoration include reforesting the riparian corridor and placing large woody debris within the Chehalis River mainstem and off channel habitats. The site also contains opportunity for recreation including waterfowl hunting, wildlife viewing, bird watching and hiking.

Approved through Lands 20/20 in 2020, the appraised value of the property is \$565,000. This proposed acquisition will be funded through a Chehalis Basin Aquatic Species Restoration Plan and Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program – Riparian Protection grants.

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommend approval of this land transaction.

Policy issue(s) and expected outcome:

Protecting critical fish and wildlife habitat and providing recreational opportunities.

Fiscal impacts of agency implementation:

Operations and Maintenance costs.

Action requested and/or proposed next steps:

Approval of land transaction as presented.

Draft motion language:

Motion: I move to approve the land transaction as presented by staff.

Is there a "second"?

If so, then motion maker discusses basis for motion; other Commissioners discuss views on motion; amendments, if any, proposed and addressed.

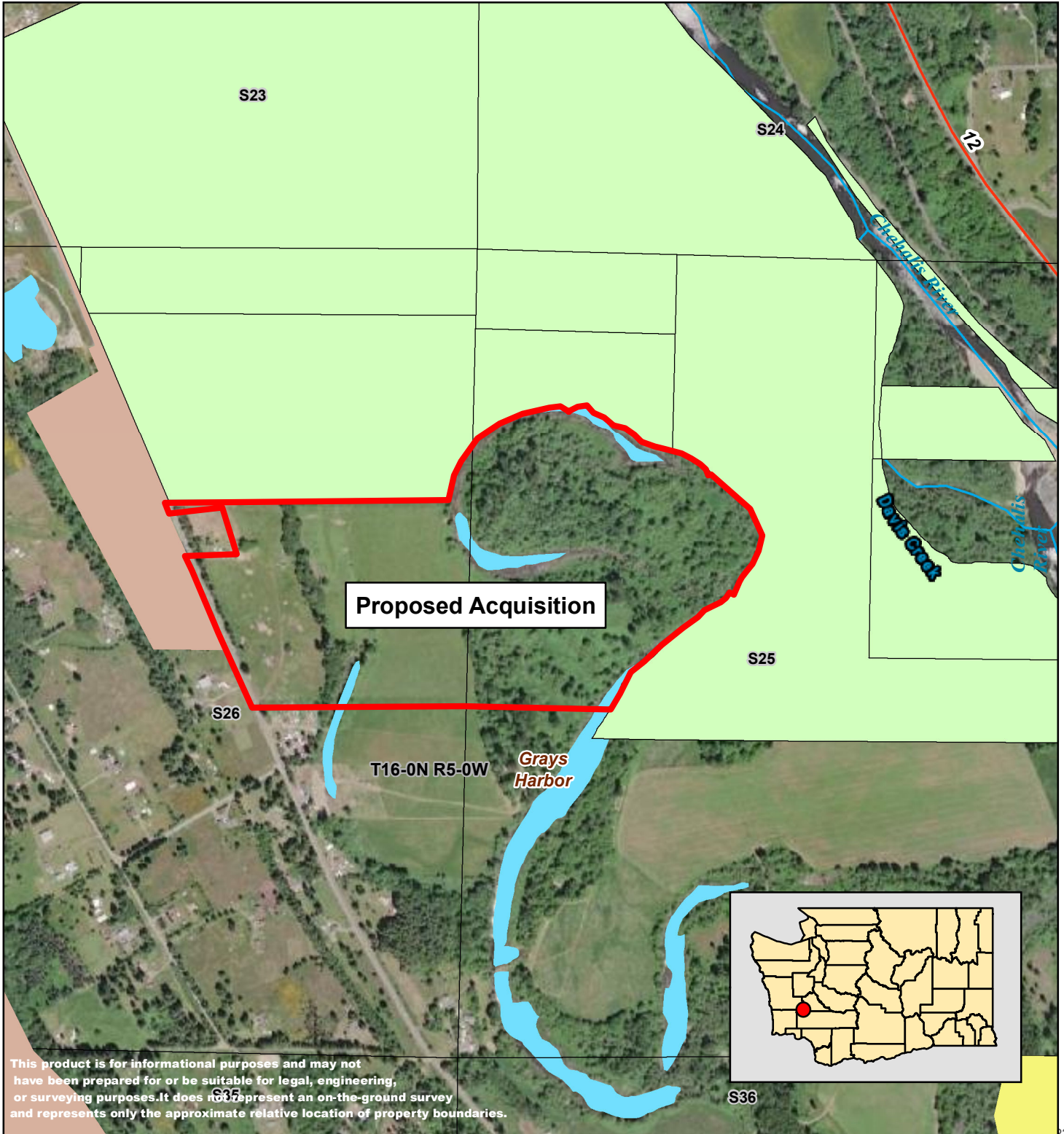
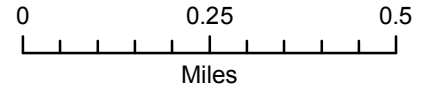
Post decision communications plan:

WDFW will distribute a press release informing the public of this action.

**ITEM 1: PROPOSED ACQUISITION, SCATTER CREEK WLA, DAVIS CREEK UNIT
GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY**

**LEGAL: SECTIONS 25 & 26 TOWNSHIP 16N, RANGE 5W, W.M.
SECTION 32, TOWNSHIP 16N, RANGE 5W, W.M.**

ACRES: 94 (+/-)



Proposed Acquisition

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