

Meeting Date: May 14, 2009

Agenda Item No. 15.a

Agenda Item: Region 1 – Pearl Island donation

Approved by: Jeff Gould

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Background:

This 7 acres property is located in the middle of Lake Pend Oreille. It consists primarily of forest and shrub wildlife habitats and is a high density goose nesting area. The island is being donated to the Department on behalf of the estate of Lorraine Haecker, whose wishes were that the island be preserved for wildlife habitat by the Department. The island is accessible only by boat and is completely undeveloped. The property will be put under the management umbrella of the Pend Oreille Wildlife management area. Initial appraisal costs were incurred as a part of this property donation and it is estimated it will cost an additional \$500 per year in operating and \$0 in FILT payments. This property was previously presented to the Commission during Executive Session in January of 2009.

Statutory Authority and/or Policy issues:

Land acquisition in accordance with Commission and Department land acquisition policy.

Public Involvement Process:

County commissioners will be notified and asked for their input. The public will be informed and contacted for their input regarding management of the property.

Staff Recommendation:

The Lands Committee recommends proceeding with acceptance of the donation of the property to the Department.