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A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

February 29 marks another cut-off date. All bills must be out of the policy committees in the opposite house. Monday, March 3, is the cut-off for the transportation and fiscal committees. The Senate released their version of the budget this week. We had concerns with some elements of the budget but have resolved those issues. We will closely monitor the budget discussions as the conference budget is negotiated. At this point, all of our concerns and issues with bills that remain alive have been addressed. We will stay engaged in the discussions of these bills as we move toward the floor cut-off, which will be Friday, March 7. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Debora Munguia

Director of Governmental Relations

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NEXT WEEK'S CALENDAR—MARCH 3-MARCH 7, 2008

Date	Bill #	Bill Description	Committee	Time	Location
2/29	ES6580	Climate change impacts	Local govt.	4:30 PM	HHR E
3/5		Interim planning work session	Ag & Nat. Resources	8:00 AM	HHR B
3/7		Interim planning work session	Ecology & Parks	9:00 AM	HHR E

HHR: House Hearing Room; SHR: Senate Hearing Room

GET TO KNOW YOUR NATURAL RESOURCE LEGISLATORS

Each week, *Legislative Highlights* will feature different legislators from the Senate Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation and the House Agriculture & Natural Resources committees.

SENATOR PHIL ROCKEFELLER, MAJORITY ASSISTANT FLOOR LEADER

Senator Phil Rockefeller is a democrat representing the 23rd district in Kitsap County, which encompasses Kingston, Poulsbo, Keyport and portions of Bremerton, Silverdale, Hansville and Bainbridge Island.



Along with being a member of the Senate Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation Committee, he is also the majority assistant floor leader, chairman of the Senate Water, Energy & Telecommunications Committee, and a member of the Senate Ways & Means Committee. His biggest priority this session and next is responding to the challenges of climate change. Some of his natural resource priorities include ensuring the long-term health of forests, restoring Puget Sound to healthy conditions by 2020 and reducing greenhouse gas emissions per state goals. He also wants to acknowledge the carbon sequestration potential of forests and integrate them into any cap & trade system, and to prepare for and adapt to realities of climate change and in forestry. He is also interested in how best to maintain commercially valuable timberlands and tree species in the face of warmer, drier, higher fire-risk conditions, and greater pest-risk conditions.



“Keeping Washington’s working forests on the ground is fundamentally important to the economy of our state and to me,” said Senator Rockefeller. “I am committed to the Forests & Fish Act and to the adaptive management process.”

Sen. Rockefeller received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Yale University and his Juris Doctorate from Harvard Law School. Before joining the Washington State Legislature, he worked for the U.S. Department of Education, was an education aide to Gov. John Spellman and was a legislative assistant in the U.S. House of Representatives.

REPRESENTATIVE DAN KRISTIENSEN, REPUBLICAN CAUCUS CHAIRMAN

Representative Dan Kristiansen is the House Republican Caucus Chair. He serves the 39th



legislative district which stretches from south of Monroe to the Canadian border and includes parts of King, Snohomish, Skagit and Whatcom counties. This is one of the largest natural resource districts in the State.

His 2009 natural resource legislative priority is making sure that there is a vibrant timber economy. “I also want to make sure we’ve got a good, sustainable forest out there for the economy to tap into because that is very important. My wife’s family has been in the lumber industry for almost 40 years and I’m very concerned that we don’t over-regulate these folks,” Kristiansen said. Before joining the Legislature, he was in building for 20 years, where he used timber products, and then he was in the wholesale building materials industry. “A little known secret is that almost 30% of the economy is in and around the building industry, starting with timber, turning it into lumber, getting it out there on the ground and actually having it used, and the selling of the product. It’s a huge industry.”



Along with the Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee, he also sits on Ecology & Parks, Rules and Transportation. This is his sixth year in the Legislature. Rep. Kristiansen is a Snohomish County native and graduated from Shoreline Community College.

REPRESENTATIVE STEVE HAILEY, ASSISTANT MINORITY WHIP

Representative Steve Hailey is the Assistant Minority Whip. He is a Republican from the 9th district, serving Adams, Asotin, Garfield and Whitman counties, and north Franklin and south Spokane counties.

Along with being a legislator, Rep. Hailey owns a farm in Franklin County. The 2,500-acre Hailey ranch is a fourth generation, family-held, diversified farm corporation, comprised of cattle, dryland grain and irrigated crops.



"Forests are a super-important agricultural crop. As a farmer I understand the similarities between the management practices used in production of agriculture and those required in the state's working forests," said Hailey. "Private forest landowners face a lot of challenges, and I have a lot of respect for their hard work in responsibly managing this vital renewable resource."

Rep. Hailey also served in the U.S. Army as a helicopter pilot. During the late 1960s, Hailey flew Special Operations Group missions in Vietnam. He was awarded numerous commendations for bravery under fire, including the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal with Combat "V" and 28 Oak Leaf Clusters, and Bronze Star. Hailey has also been named to the Veterans' and Military Affairs Committee.

During the week of January 14, the first week of the 2008 Legislative Session, Rep. Hailey was diagnosed with colon cancer. He started his chemotherapy regimen shortly thereafter. Despite weight loss, fatigue, and other side effects of the disease and the treatment regimen,



Hailey has managed to spend time every day doing legislative work by phone, through conference calls and e-mail. He says he is feeling “reasonably well,” and has been heartened by the outpouring of concern from well-wishers in the 9th District and throughout the state.

BILL TRACKING

This bill tracking report shows the bills that are still alive and moving.

Bill No.	Status	Description
S2219	S, Ways & Means	Small forest landowners
ES2468	S, Nat. Resources, Ocean & Rec	Community and urban forestry
S2472	S, Nat. Resources, Ocean & Rec	Recreational opportunities
E2S2624	S, Govt Operations & Elections	Human remains
2678	S, Rules 2	Timber industry tax
S2779	S, Nat. Resources, Ocean & Rec	Huckleberries
E2S2815	S, Ways & Means	Greenhouse gas emissions
E2S2844	S, Nat. Resources, Ocean & Rec	Urban forestry
S2893	S, Rules 2	Forest practices board
2909	S, Rules 2	Forest product resources
S3120	S, Ways & Means	Construction tax exemption
3307	H, Finance	Excise tax exemptions for log haulers
S5318	H, Ag & Natural Resources	Yukon to Yellowstone ecosystems
6251	H, Finance	Forest land conservation
ES6308	H, Ecology & Parks	Preparing for & adapting to climate change
ES6580	H, Local Government.	Climate change impacts
S6805	H, Ag & Natural Resources	Conservation markets

H: House; S: Senate