



# WASHINGTON FOREST PROTECTION ASSOCIATION

## 2008 LEGISLATIVE HIGHLIGHTS

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### A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

With the end of session approaching next week, most of the legislative activity will involve floor sessions and budget negotiations. There will be a joint House work session with the Agricultural & Natural Resources Committee, and the Community, Economic Development & Trade Committee, to look at the contribution of working forests to the state and local economies. Mark Doumit (WFPA), Bob Meier (Rayonier) and Michelle Connor (Cascade Land Conservancy) will be the presenters. For details on the date, time and location of the work session, please see next week's calendar section of the *Legislative Highlights* report. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

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### CLIMATE CHANGE LEGISLATION UPDATE

On Wednesday, March 5, the Governor’s climate change bill (HB 2815) passed out of the Senate with no amendments, and will soon be on its way to the Governor for her signature.

WFPA staff and members worked intensely on this bill with legislators and the State in order to secure language in the bill that directs the state to develop recommendations to the Legislature regarding how the forest industry may voluntarily participate in an offset or credit program in a regional cap and trade system, while ensuring that the industry is not put at a competitive disadvantage in any system that is developed. The recommendations will address commercial working forests, forest products, including accounting for using wood in more applications that substitute for fossil-intensive products such as concrete and steel, lands set aside for conservation purposes, and reforestation projects.

To WFPA’s knowledge, this is the first-of-its-kind legislation in the country. WFPA will sit on an interim work group that will develop the recommendations to the Legislature.

### NEXT WEEK’S CALENDAR—MARCH 10-MARCH 14, 2008

<b>Date</b>	<b>Bill #</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Committee</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
3/11	Work session	The Contributions of Working Forests to State and Local Economies	Joint Ag & Nat. Res./ House Comm & Econ Dvlpmt & Trade	8:00 AM	HHR B
3/13		Tentative last day of the 2008 Legislature			
3/14		Last publication of 2008 <i>Legislative Highlights</i>			

*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 VAL STEVENS



Republican state Senator Val Stevens of Arlington is a member of the Senate Natural Resources, Ocean and Recreation Committee. She is also the Ranking Republican on the Human Services and Corrections Committee and a member of the powerful Rules Committee. She has served the 39<sup>th</sup> Legislative District since she was elected to the House of Representatives in 1992 and joined the Senate in 1996. Her district includes part of rural King, Snohomish, Skagit and Whatcom counties. As a member of the National Board of Directors of the American Legislative Exchange Council, Sen. Stevens is committed to free markets, limited government and individual liberty.

“One of my top priorities on the Natural Resources Committee is ensuring the continued opportunity for the growing and milling of lumber in Washington State,” Stevens said. “We must have this healthy, renewable resource available for both domestic and foreign export. I’m also eager to access our Department of Natural Resources lands for recreational purposes.”

After 16 years in the Legislature, listening to her constituents concerns and actively doing something to help them is what keeps her going. She feels the responsibility to protect their freedoms and liberty and to limit the size and scope of government.

“I have a special message to private forest landowners,” Stevens said. “I support fewer regulations and allowing you the freedom and ability to manage your resources creatively. As any farmer knows, we must balance the scientific improvements in forestry with the need to conserve and replenish the land.”



## REPRESENTATIVE JOHN MC COY

Representative John McCoy is a democrat from the 38<sup>th</sup> district serving Snohomish County including Everett, Marysville, and Tulalip. He was elected to the Washington State Legislature in 2002. Before that McCoy served in the United States Air Force for 20 years, retiring in 1981 with extensive training in computer operations and programming. He then went on to work as a computer technician in the White House from 1982-1985.

He is a member of the Tulalip Tribe, he serves on the Native American advisory boards for the National and Snohomish County Boys and Girls clubs, and is on the advisory board for Cascade Land Conservancy. He is also the Chairman of the National Caucus of Native American State Legislators. Outside of the Legislature, Rep. McCoy is the General Manager of the Quil Ceda Village Business Park.



Rep. McCoy's top natural resource priorities are water and trees. "Working forests are extremely important to all of us. Not only do they provide shelter and food for all living beings, they recycle the atmosphere so we have clean air to breathe," said McCoy. "Also, all stakeholders need to work together to come to reasonable water solutions so we all have plenty to drink, irrigate and for salmon."

Along with serving on the Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee, he also is the Chair of Technology, Energy & Communications and sits on the Human Services Committee.



## BILL TRACKING

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

<u>Bill No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Status</u>
<a href="#">S2472</a>	Seeking to improve recreational opportunities on state-owned lands managed by the department of natural resources. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Blake	S, Passed 3rd
<a href="#">E2S2624</a>	Concerning human remains. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBST.)	McCoy	S, 2nd Reading +
<a href="#">2678</a>	Restoring the preferential timber industry business and occupation tax rate to the manufacture of environmentally responsible surface material products from recycled paper.	Kessler	S, Rules 2
<a href="#">S2779</a>	Requiring a specialized forest products permit to sell raw or unprocessed huckleberries. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBST.)	Orcutt	S, Passed 3rd
<a href="#">E2S2815</a>	Providing a framework for reducing greenhouse gas emissions in the Washington economy. (AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 2/19/2008)	Dunshee	S, Pres Signed +
<a href="#">ES2818</a>	Concerning the duties of the department of ecology's office of waste reduction and sustainable production. (AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 2/19/2008)	Campbell	S, 2nd Reading +
<a href="#">E2S2844</a>	Regarding urban forestry. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBST.)	Kagi	S, Passed 3rd +
<a href="#">S2893</a>	Modifying the composition of the forest practices board. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	VanDeWege	S, Passed 3rd
<a href="#">2909</a>	Extending the study of the state's specialized forest product resources.	Orcutt	S, 2nd Reading
<a href="#">S3120</a>	Requiring a study on tax incentives to encourage green building. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Rolfes	S, 2nd Reading +
<a href="#">ES6308</a>	Preparing for and adapting to climate change. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Rockefeller	H, 2nd Reading +
<a href="#">ES6580</a>	Addressing the impacts of climate change through the growth management act. (AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 2/19/2008)	Marr	H, Passed 3rd +
<a href="#">S6805</a>	Promoting farm and forest land preservation and restoration through conservation markets. (DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)	Haugen	H, Passed 3rd
<a href="#">6950</a>	Providing a limited waiver or suspension of statutory obligations during officially declared emergencies.	Brown	H, Passed 3rd

H: House; S: Senate