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2008 LEGISLATIVE HIGHLIGHTS

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A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

There are a record number of bills being introduced this session and the pace is intense. As predicted, climate change is playing a huge role during the 2008 legislative session and so are the December storm events that took place in southwest Washington. If you have any questions about the list of bills we are tracking, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Debora Munguia
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CLIMATE CHANGE

WFPA and members are working closely with the Governor and her office, as well as the Department of Ecology and the environmental community to ensure that forestry’s important role in the climate change solution is recognized and valued.

DECEMBER STORM UPDATE

The December 2007 storm was the topic of numerous legislative hearings and workgroups this week. The Governor, Commissioner of Public Lands, and legislators are focused on giving aid to victims of the storm. WFPA is working closely with the Governor and Commissioner on the storm recovery team and our members are actively involved in recovery efforts to help victims.

NEXT WEEK’S CALENDAR—JANUARY 28-FEBRUARY 1, 2008

Bill No.	Bill Description	Time	Location
Monday, Jan. 28			
6549	Sustainable environment	1:30 pm	SHR 1
2468	Community and urban forestry	3:30 pm	HHR A
Tuesday, Jan. 29			
2815	Green collar jobs	10:00 am	HHR E
2844	Urban Forestry	10:00 am	HHR E
6326	Timber industry tax	3:30 pm	SHR 4
Wednesday, Jan. 30			
2706	Sellers of land notice	8:00 am	HHR B
6233	Working forest land base	8:00 am	SHR 2
6469	Urban forestry	8:00 am	SHR 2
6679	Forestry carbon offset	8:00 am	SHR 2
2678	Timber industry tax	1:30 pm	HHR C
Thursday, Jan. 31			
2779	Huckleberries	10:00 am	HHR B
2893	Forest practices board	10:00 am	HHR B
2908	Small forest landowners	10:00 am	HHR B
2909	Forest product resources	10:00 am	HHR B
2910	Forest products task force	10:00 am	HHR B



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 and Natural Resources committees.

SENATOR BRIAN HATFIELD, VICE CHAIR



Senator Brian Hatfield is a democrat representing the 19th district, which serves Pacific, Wahkiakum, and parts of Grays Harbor and Cowlitz counties. This is the seat that was previously held by WFPA Executive Director, Mark Doumit. Hatfield is vice chairman of the Senate Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation committee, along with vice chair of the Agriculture & Rural Economic Development, and a member of the Water, Energy & Telecommunications, and Ways & Means committees.

Before being appointed to the Washington State Senate in 2006, Hatfield was the Liaison for legislative and community relations to Lieutenant Governor Brad Owen and then he was in the House of Representatives from 1994-2004. He received his Bachelor's Degree from Washington State University. He enjoys canoeing, camping, and participating in, and viewing, all types of team sports -- especially his kids' games and WSU Cougar football. He also sings and plays drums on his church's worship team.

REPRESENTATIVE LIZ LOOMIS

Liz Loomis is one of the new legislators in Olympia this session. She has been selected to fill the vacant House seat, a position that was previously held by Speaker Pro Tem John Lovick. Loomis, a democrat, represents the 44th District, which covers Everett, Mill Creek, Lake Stevens and Snohomish, where she lives. Before becoming a member of the House of Representatives, she was the Mayor of Snohomish and prior to that she was a member of the Snohomish City Council.



Along with being a member of the Agriculture and Natural Resources committee, she also serves on the Transportation and Insurance, Financial Services, & Consumer Protection committees.

“I think that I will do what I can and keep the values of my community in tact with these committees,” said Loomis, who also operated a public affairs firm working with local businesses.

“Obviously, agriculture is a significant part of Snohomish County and we want to make sure that the farmers are heard just as loudly as anybody else.”

She graduated from George Washington University with a B.A. in International Affairs.



REPRESENTATIVE DAN NEWHOUSE

Representative Dan Newhouse is the Republican Floor Leader for the House of Representatives. He serves the 15th district, which includes parts of Clark, Klickitat, Skamania and Yakima counties. He is in his third term, and also sits on the Capital Budget committee as the Assistant Ranking Minority Member, the Select Committee on Environmental Health as the Ranking Minority Member, and on the Rules Committee.



Newhouse is a farmer who lives in the Sunnyside area of eastern Washington. He is also a former president of the Washington Farm Bureau. He lives on the family farm with his wife and two children. He is a graduate from Washington State University with a Bachelor’s Degree in Agricultural Economics. He is also a graduate of the Agriculture and Forestry Leadership Program. “As a lifelong farmer it is a natural fit for me to sit on the House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee,” Newhouse said. “I understand the challenges facing the forest industry since farming shares many of the same challenges. It is important to help both industries wherever I can.”