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The Honorable Bernard Dean  
Chief Clerk of the House  
338B Legislative Building  
Olympia, WA 98504

The Honorable Brad Hendrickson  
Secretary of the Senate  
312 Legislative Building  
Olympia, WA 98504

Dear Chief Clerk Dean and Secretary Hendrickson:

I am writing today to give notice that the final report mandated by 2019 Substitute Senate Bill 5305, due to the Legislature by December 1, 2020, will be delayed due to COVID-19 related impacts to our internal and external workflows. The bill, in compliance with RCW 43.01.036, directed the Department of Natural Resources (“Department”) to report on the results of tasks identified in subsections (1) and (2) of the bill, and identification of legislation, if any, necessary to implement the recommendations of the task force. The Department is committed to submitting the report to the Legislature on or before February 1, 2021.

The Department appreciates the opportunity to present this information to the Legislature and apologizes for the delay in submitting the report.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at 360-764-0013 or [amanda.jahshan@dnr.wa.gov](mailto:amanda.jahshan@dnr.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

Amanda Jahshan  
Legislative Director

CC:

Members of the Senate Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources & Parks Committee  
Members of the House Rural Development, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee  
Members of the Senate Ways & Means Committee  
Members of the House Appropriations Committee  
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