June 29th, 2022

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

The Honorable Sarah Bannister
Secretary of the Senate
312 Legislative Building
Olympia, WA 98504

Dear Chief Clerk Dean and Secretary Bannister:

Please accept the enclosed report, submitted on behalf of Department of Natural Resources (department), as directed by the Legislature in the Sec. 310 (25) of the 2021-2023 Operating Budget (ESSB 5092, Chapter 334, Laws of 2021). The bill as passed directed the department, as the agency responsible for implementing Washington State’s section 10 permit under the Endangered Species Act and ensuring maintenance of Clean Water Act assurances granted by the Department of Ecology, to report to the Legislature on the status of two Forest Practices Board (board) activities. Those activities include the permanent water typing rulemaking and protection of type N streams rulemaking with associated board manual developments. The report is due June 30th, 2022.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at 360-486-3469 or Brian.Considine@dnr.wa.gov

Sincerely,

Brian Considine
Legislative Director
Office of the Commissioner of Public Lands

Enclosure: Legislative Report - Forest Practices Board Stream-Related Rulemaking and Board Manual Development

cc:
Members of the Senate Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources & Parks Committee
Members of the House Rural Development, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee