

CHAPTER 224  
[House Bill No. 477]  
NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT--  
FISCAL PRACTICES

AN ACT Relating to natural resource management; amending section 3b added to chapter 154, Laws of 1923 by section 3, chapter 288, Laws of 1927 as last amended by section 1, chapter 110, Laws of 1969 and RCW 76.12.030; and amending section 4, chapter 178, Laws of 1961 as amended by section 2, chapter 63, Laws of 1967 ex. sess. and RCW 79.64.040.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

Section 1. Section 3b added to chapter 154, Laws of 1923 by section 3, chapter 288, Laws of 1927 as last amended by section 1, chapter 110, Laws of 1969 and RCW 76.12.030 are each amended to read as follows:

If any land acquired by a county through foreclosure of tax liens, or otherwise, comes within the classification of land described in RCW 76.12.020 and can be used as state forest land and if the board deems such land necessary for the purposes of this chapter, the county shall, upon demand by the board, deed such land to the board and the land shall become a part of the state forest lands, and upon such deed being made the commissioner of public lands shall be notified and enter and note it upon the records of his office.

Such land shall be held in trust and administered and protected by the board as other state forest lands. Any moneys derived from the lease of such land or from the sale of forest products, oils, gases, coal, minerals, or fossils therefrom, shall be distributed as follows:

(1) The expense incurred by the state for administration, reforestation, and protection, not to exceed ~~((ten))~~ twenty-five percent, which rate of percentage shall be determined by the board of natural resources, shall be returned to the forest development account in the state general fund.

(2) ~~((Ten percent thereof shall be placed in the forest development account in the state general fund-~~

~~{3}))~~ Any balance remaining shall be paid to the county in which the land is located to be paid, distributed, and prorated, except as hereinafter provided, to the various funds in the same manner as general taxes are paid and distributed during the year of payment: PROVIDED, That any such balance remaining paid to a county of the seventh, eighth, or ninth class shall first be applied to the reduction of any indebtedness existing in the current expense fund of such county during the year of payment.

Sec. 2. Section 4, chapter 178, Laws of 1961 as amended by

section 2, chapter 63, Laws of 1967 ex. sess. and RCW 79.64.040 are each amended to read as follows:

The board shall determine the amount deemed necessary in order to achieve the purposes of this chapter and shall provide by rule for the deduction of this amount from the gross proceeds of all leases, sales, contracts, licenses, permits, easements, and rights of way issued by the department and affecting public lands. The deductions authorized under this section shall in no event exceed (~~twenty~~) twenty-five percent of the total sum received by the department in connection with any one transaction pertaining to public lands other than second class tide and shore lands and the beds of navigable waters, and fifty percent of the total gross proceeds received by the department pertaining to second class tide and shore lands and the beds of navigable waters.

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CHAPTER 225

[Engrossed House Bill No. 394]

WATER RESOURCES ACT OF 1971

AN ACT Relating to water; providing for a state plan for water resource management; and creating new sections.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

NEW SECTION. Section 1. The legislature finds that proper utilization of the water resources of this state is necessary to the promotion of public health and the economic well-being of the state and the preservation of its natural resources and aesthetic values. The legislature further finds that the availability of waters of the state is being evaluated by interests who desire to remove portions thereof from the state in a manner inconsistent with the public interest of people of the state. It is the purpose of this chapter to set forth fundamentals of water resource policy for the state to insure that waters of the state are protected and fully utilized for the greatest benefit to the people of the state of Washington and, in relation thereto, to provide direction to the department of ecology and other state agencies and officials, in carrying out water and related resources programs.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. Utilization and management of the waters of the state shall be guided by the following general declaration of fundamentals: