

Other Department of Fish and Wildlife Acquisitions

Agency	Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)
Year Established	1939
Relevant Statute	Chapter 77.04 RCW
Program Goal	To preserve habitat for fish and wildlife and compatible recreation by acquiring key areas for public ownership
Agency Summary	The Department of Fish and Wildlife acquires land through a process called Lands 2020. Regional offices identify potential acquisitions and submit proposals to WDFW headquarters, which makes final determination about which potential acquisitions to pursue.
Existing Outcome Measures	<p>33 Wildlife Area Management Plans to address the status of wildlife species and their habitat, habitat restoration, public recreation, weed management, and other activities to meet the mission of preserving, protecting and perpetuating fish, wildlife and ecosystems. Plans are revised periodically to reflect current conditions and the progress of past activities, and to identify new management priorities and actions.</p> <p>A WDFW Habitat Conservation Plan is in development for Wildlife Areas to provide federal Endangered Species Act (ESA) assurances for management, operational and recreational activities occurring on state Wildlife Areas, and to thereby contribute to the conservation and recovery of approximately 60 species listed under the ESA.</p> <p>WDFW's Ecological Integrity Monitoring is a strategy to collect data about how human activities affect the chemical, physical, and biological integrity of ecological systems in order to make informed management decisions aimed at maintaining or protecting ecological integrity. Indicators for WA ecosystem types have been established, but baseline data has not been collected.</p>
Other benefits identified by agencies	<p>Community: social interaction, educational value</p> <p>Economy: economic contributions</p> <p>Environment: Species preservation, habitat connectivity, wildlife viewing, environmental stewardship</p> <p>Safety: trail maintenance, physical and mental health benefits</p>