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# 2023 LEGISLATIVE SESSION WRAP-UP



***THANK YOU TO  
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WHO WORKED  
HARD TO MAKE  
THE 2023 SESSION  
SUCCESSFUL.***

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## LEGISLATIVE WINS

### **SHB 1460 | Trust Land Transfer Revitalization**

\$17.33 million in funding and DNR is authorized to create and manage a trust land transfer program that transfers economically under-performing state lands to other purposes and acquires replacement property to provide sustainable revenue to trust beneficiaries.

### **SSB 5433 | Removal of Derelict Aquatic Structures and Restoration of Aquatic Lands**

\$10.8 million in funding and established a program where DNR can remove and restore derelict aquatic structures, including removal of the: Triton-America Pier (Anacortes) • Dickman Mill (Tacoma) • Former High Tides Seafood Pier (Neah Bay) • Ray’s Boathouse Pier (Ballard). Plus, an additional \$1 million is provided for removal of tires from Puget Sound.

### **2SHB 1578 | Cascading Impacts of Wildfire**

\$5 million in funding to expand DNR's Wildfire Ready Neighbors Program to Western Washington, integrate additional smoke readiness and wildfire readiness resources into this program.

Also, creates a model for state-level burned area emergency response and stabilization teams supporting implementation of hazard mitigation and post-fire treatments for public safety and resource protection; launches a post-wildfire debris flow program; and develops public safety evacuation strategies.

## HIGHLIGHTS



**3 Agency Request Bills Passed & 17 of 19 Priorities accomplished**



**\$210M in new operating budget investments**



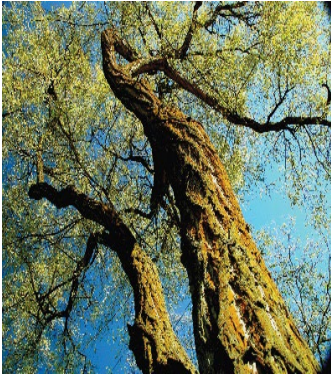
**\$151.79M in Climate Commitment Act Investments**



**\$939.9M Operating Budget**

**\$352.4M Capital Budget**

**\$2.2M Transportation Budget**



### 2023 DNR-Related Bills

- **Wildfire Utility Planning (HB 1032)**
- **Limited Law Enforcement Training & Oversight (HB 1132)**
- **Climate Resilience Strategy (HB 1170)**
- **Aviation Assurance Funding (HB 1498)**
- **Derelict Vessel Notices (HB 1753)**
- **Safe Harbor Agreements (SB 5390)**

### **Carbon Sequestration Forests**

#### **\$83 million – Natural Climate Solutions Account**

\$83 million funding to purchase of property to be managed for increased carbon sequestration and carbon storage through sustainable harvests and as replacement trust lands for existing encumbered forested state trust lands.

### **Protect Public Lands and Tribal Rights**

#### **\$3.89 million General Fund – State (GF-S)**

Funding to hire law enforcement officers to allow DNR to better protect our public lands and cultural resources. Also, provides additional resources to help the agency develop a sustainable recreation plan, establishes a first foods pilot program with Tribes, and provides on-going data collection tools that are used to assess impacts of visitation to our public lands.

### **Geoduck Taskforce**

#### **\$790K General Fund – State (GF-S) & MOTCA**

Funding for a Geoduck Task Force (orig. HB 1297 & SB 5410), consisting mostly of state agencies and Tribes, to address issues specific to geoduck management between the state and Tribal governments, including enhancement and harvest expansion opportunities, improvements to conditions for future generations and ensure the state is upholding Tribal Treaty Rights to geoduck harvesting.

### **Community Forest Management: Teanaway and Klickitat**

#### **\$2 million – General Fund-State (GF-S)**

Funding to meet the on-going maintenance and operation needs for these important community treasures. DNR can fully implement the management plans for both community forests ensuring healthy forests that reduce fire threats and provide critical forest and aquatic habitats for local fish, including salmon. Funding also allows for sustainable recreation and economic opportunities for the local communities.

### **Urban Forestry**

#### **\$5.99 million – Natural Climate Solutions Account**

Funding for additional community grants that provide necessary assistance for increasing our statewide urban tree canopy. We will also develop a statewide Tree Equity Map, update work on model tree ordinances, conduct a tree canopy analysis, and utilize youth corps conservation crews to plant trees in communities where they will provide the greatest benefit.

### **Workforce Development**

#### **\$2.3 million – General Fund-State (GF-S)**

Funding for the agency's workforce "Root to Canopy Framework" that implements targeted investments in critical Natural Resources and Forest Health education and training-to-career workforce pathways.

### **DNR Webster Nursery Expansion**

#### **\$7.4 million State Building Construction Account (SBCA)**

Funding to construct a new seed plant, and to plan and design new greenhouses and outdoor grow pads to construct in the 25-27 biennium. Investments will expand seed collection capacity by 50%, and increase seedling production by 50%, to meet reforestation demands. We must grow more trees if we are to plant more trees.

### **Watershed Resilience Action Plan (WRAP)**

#### **\$2.86 million – Natural Climate Solutions Account**

Funding needed to meet Snohomish watershed WRAP deliverables, including kelp and eelgrass stewardship; a large woody debris program; aquatic restoration grants; culvert removal; and begin planning for pilot projects in three additional target watersheds for systems-level efforts to benefit salmon recovery.