

# Dryden Pit Property – Budget Proviso Sale

July 1, 2013 Report to the Legislature

## **ESHB 2190, Supplemental Transportation Budget, Section 213 (3) states:**

“By July 1, 2011, and annually thereafter until the entire Dryden pit property has been transferred, the department shall submit a status report regarding the transaction to the chairs of the legislative transportation committees.”

Following is the July 1, 2013 status report for the Dryden pit property addressing the transfer of the Dryden Pit site from the Washington State Department of Transportation to the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife.

### **Background:**

The 2009 Legislature directed (ESSB 5352, Section 215 (3)) the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) to convey the Dryden Pit site (IC 2-04-00103) owned by the department to the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW). The 2010 Legislature slightly modified the language (ESSB 6381, Section 215(2)), but basically reaffirmed that direction.

The 2011 Legislature again reaffirmed its intent (ESHB 1175, Section 213 (4) and Section 809 (2)) for WSDOT to sell this site to WDFW.

The 2012 Legislature again reaffirmed its intent (ESHB 2190, Section 213 (3)) for WSDOT to sell this site to WDFW at fair market value.

Based on the department’s appraisal of the Dryden Pit Site in an “as is” condition the 2012 Legislature set aside \$251,000 for WDFW to purchase the site as part of the State Operating Budget in ESB 5127 (Section 517).

### **Accomplishments over the past year:**

- In July 2012 the departments Real Estate Services Office prepared a quit claim deed and transmitted it to WDFW Real Estate Services.
- When WDFW requested “Title Insurance” the title company identified a concern that has taken time to resolve resulting in an additional “quit claim deed” needing to be acquired from an adjoining property owner.

### **Current Status:**

- A revised/amended “Title Policy” has been issued and is under review by WDFW.
- Once WDFW is satisfied, completion of the sale should proceed.

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