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December 1st, 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 legislative report on the Kelp and Eelgrass Engagement Plan, submitted on behalf of Department of Natural Resources (DNR), as directed in 2SSB 5619 (C 230 L 22). The bill as passed directed DNR to create a statewide Kelp Forest and Eelgrass Meadow Health and Conservation Plan that endeavors to conserve and restore at least 10,000 acres of native kelp forests and eelgrass meadows by the year 2040. As part of developing that plan, the bill required DNR to submit the agency's community engagement plan and development schedule of the conservation plan to the appropriate legislative committees and the Office of Financial Management by December 1, 2022.

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

Sincerely,

Brian Considine
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Office of the Commissioner of Public Lands

Enclosure: Legislative Report – Kelp and Eelgrass Engagement Plan

cc:

Members of the Senate Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources, and Parks Committee
Members of the House Rural Development, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee
Members of the Senate Ways and Means Committee
Members of the House Appropriations Committee
Office of Financial Management