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December 29, 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 Small Forest Land Owners (SFLO) Carbon Work Group, submitted by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), on behalf of the SFLO work group, as directed by the <u>Climate Commitment Act</u> in RCW <u>70A.65.190</u>. The bill directed DNR to contract with an eligible entity to establish and implement the goals of the work group, which include identifying possible carbon market opportunities including the provision of offset credits and other incentive-based greenhouse gas reduction programs that Washington landowners may be able to access. DNR must submit, on behalf of the workgroup, the report to the legislature by December 31, 2022.

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

Sincerely,

Brian Considine

Legislative Director

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Office of the Commissioner of Public Lands

Enclosure: Small Forest Land Owners (SFLO) Carbon Work Group

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Members of the Senate Environment, Energy, & Technology Committee

Members of the House Environment & Energy Committee

Members of the Senate Ways and Means Committee

Members of the House Appropriations Committee