

**JEFFERSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

AGENDA REQUEST

TO: Board of County Commissioners
Mark McCauley, County Administrator

FROM: Heidi Eisenhour, Commissioner

DATE: May 27, 2022

SUBJECT: Dabob Bay DNR Natural Area Expansion proposal support

STATEMENT OF ISSUE:

As part of the Dabob Bay Natural Area managed by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) in SE Jefferson County, there was a boundary expansion in 2016. Since that time DNR has been working towards set aside of DNR managed lands within the boundary. DNR is undertaking extensive work including analysis of potential impacts and outreach to Junior Tax Districts as a result of these two transactions. As part of this outreach to vet this expansion with stakeholders in Jefferson County, we received a detailed presentation on this proposal on November 6, 2023. After receiving that presentation, Jefferson County via the BOCC sent a letter of support for the proposed expansion. DNR will make a presentation on the final proposed boundary and any other updates on this project during agenda item.

ANALYSIS:

Jefferson County has been an active supporter of past Dabob Bay Natural Area expansion efforts. Fundamentally, this and previous transactions – once productive timberland is purchased in Jefferson County to replaced conserved areas – will make DNR Timber Trust lands more productive for beneficiaries in Jefferson County.

The Department of Natural Resources, Board of Nature Resources voted to proceed with pursuing an expanded boundary on December 5th, 2024. Today's presentation will fill us in on work done since that meeting and next steps.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

RECOMMENDATION:

Hear presentation, discuss, ask questions, consider supporting current proposal.

REVIEWED BY:


Mark McCauley, County Administrator

5/23/24
Date