

Procedures for Considering Recreational Safety When Placing Large Wood in King County Rivers

King County Ordinance 16581, adopted by the Council on June 29, 2009, requires the adoption of a public rule addressing recreational safety when placing large wood in rivers. The rule applies to projects designed and constructed by the King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks (DNRP).

A copy of the proposed rule is available on the Department's Web site at www.kingcounty.gov/wlr.

Two documents are available for review:

- 1) The **Draft Public Rule** is the formal means by which DNRP adopts, by reference, a set of procedures to be followed to meet the intent of the ordinance.
- 2) The **Draft Department Procedures** details the specific steps to be taken by DNRP to consider public safety in the development of projects placing large wood in King County rivers commonly used for recreation. The proposed procedures were informed by input from the Large Wood Stakeholder Committee, a group of individuals and agency representatives invited by DNRP to share information and ideas about large wood use in rivers.

Key steps/elements of the procedures are:

- Conduct studies and gather information on recreational use in King County rivers, including consultation with the Sheriff's Office;
- Develop a Project List annually that shows proposed projects with large wood placement in rivers commonly used for recreation;
- Develop an email list of interested members of the public for dissemination of information about large wood projects – use this list to share information with, and seek input from the public;
- Host annual public meetings to present information on upcoming projects;
- Define the timeline for public comment during design of projects;
- Prepare 30%, 60%, and 100% designs that consider recreational uses and concerns;
- Document project work related to wood, public comment and responses;
- Conduct post-construction monitoring of projects;
- Conduct periodic inspection of large wood emplacements by a qualified third party provider.

Any interested person may submit written comments concerning the proposed public rule. Comments must be received by DNRP no later than **5:00 p.m. Friday, February 19, 2010.**

Mail comments to:

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Additionally, comments may be made in-person at two public hearings to be held:

Monday, January 25, 2010

10 am – Noon

[King County Library Service Center \(Admin. Bldg. Room 2A/B\)](#)

960 Newport Way NW

Issaquah, WA 98027

Thursday, January 28, 2010

6 – 8 p.m.

[Mercer View Community Center \(Room 3\)](#)

8236 SE 24th Street

Mercer Island, WA 98040

For questions about the draft public rule, contact Janne Kaje at 206-205-8309 or janne.kaje@kingcounty.gov.

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