

Legal Research Assignment:
Political Ecology of Land
Winter 2005

For this assignment students will work in small groups of 2 (one from each seminar) to research a number of major environmental and land use laws that are relevant to the themes of our program and that are important for professional work in the environmental field. (We will be covering the Growth Management Act and other planning enabling laws such as RCW 35.63 and 36.70, in the social science workshop.)

Each team will have several tasks:

- 1) Read the law, and amendments, in its entirety and
- 2) Prepare a two-three page summary of its content to be handed out in class (each team member hands out summary in own seminar).

The following are laws that we will study:

Federal level:

1. Endangered Species Act (1973)
2. National Environmental Policy Act (1969)
3. Clean Water Act (1977)
4. Wilderness Act (1964)
5. National Forest Management Act (1976)
6. Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (1991)
7. Water Resource Planning Act (1965)
8. Coastal Zone Management Act (1972)
9. National Historic Preservation Act (1966)
10. Wild and Scenic Rivers (1968)
11. Rivers and Harbors Act (1899)
12. Safe Drinking Water Act (1974)
13. Clean Air Act (1970)
14. Comprehensive Environmental Response and Liability Act (1980)

State level:

15. Washington State Shorelines Management Act (1971) and most recent DOE Guidelines (1999)
16. Washington State Environmental Policy Act (1971) and Guidelines
17. Salmon Recovery Act and Salmon Enhancement Act (1998)
18. Forest Practices Act (1974) and most recent guidelines (2001)
19. Watershed Planning and Management Act (1998)
20. Subdivision Act (1969)