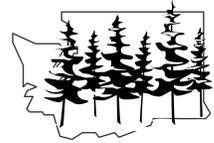


A Note To Small Harvesters



Enclosed is your current quarter Forest Excise Tax Returns with Reporting Instructions on the reverse side of each page. Following are some points to remember about Small Harvester Qualifications, Tax Reporting forms, No Activity Reporting, and Harvester Assistance. An additional insert with step by step instructions is included in this mailing. If you have any further questions, please call our Toll Free Number at (800) 548-8829 (Monday through Friday, 8:00am to 5:00pm).

Small Harvester Qualifications

- Harvesters who harvest a volume not exceeding two million board feet from private and public lands (including chipwood and small logs) in a calendar year qualify as a Small Harvester and may use the small harvester detail pages.
- Small harvesters have the option to calculate the tax based on the total log selling price minus the harvesting costs, or use the Department's published Stumpage Value Tables. The Detail Page of the reporting forms must be completed and attached to the Summary Page.
- If you do not qualify or choose to use the standard reporting method, call (800) 548-8829 for Stumpage Value Tables, Reporting Instructions, and Standard Tax Return forms; or
- You may access our Internet home page at <http://dor.wa.gov> for further information by clicking on *Forest Tax* or *Timber Tax* under *Tax topics*.

Business and Occupation (B&O) Tax

- Timber harvesting is considered a business activity under Washington law. Persons who harvest timber owe Business and Occupation tax if the gross receipts from sale of logs (including the loggers share) during the year is more than \$100,000.00. For more information and to register, call (800) 548-8829.
- Timber harvesters who do not qualify for the exemption are responsible for filing a Master Application if they are not already registered.

Transferring Ownership of Permits

- If you have transferred a Forest Practice Application (FPA) to another taxpayer, please attach the approved DNR transfer form.

Harvester Assistance

- Harvester assistance locations are listed on the reverse side of this document or dial our toll free number at (800) 548-8829.
- If any permits are omitted from the pre-printed summary page, please enter the permit number and legal description on a blank line on the summary page. Use a separate detail page for each permit number. If no permit was taken out, enter the county name and include the section, township, and range.

Salmon "EARR" Credit

- Under a law implemented in January of 2000, forest excise taxpayers will be allowed a credit (referred to as the *salmon "EARR" credit* in the tax forms and instructions) provided the Department of Natural Resources approves the credit for enhanced aquatic resources requirements as indicated on the Forest Practices Application (FPA). The Forest Excise Tax returns will reflect the credit approval associated with each FPA or contract number by indicating yes, no, or not applicable (N/A). Please see instructions for both the Summary and Detail pages for more information.

No Activity Reporting

- It is important to note that even though you do not harvest in a quarter, you are required to file a tax return to avoid delinquency. Just write "No Harvest" on your tax return form and return it to us; or
- You may report "No Harvest" using an interactive voice recognition toll-free number established to telephonically report "No Harvest". If you are calling from Washington, Oregon, or Idaho, dial (800) 547-9815. You may access this system seven days a week, 24 hours a day. To use this system, you must: (1) be reporting "No Harvest" for Private Land ONLY; and (2) not be closing a permit. When calling this system, you will be asked for your Tax Reporting Account Number, quarter, and year you are reporting "No Harvest" for, and your telephone number. Your Tax Reporting Account Number is the 9-digit number printed above your name on the front of the tax return. The first 3 digits are 800.

FOR HELP WITH TAX RETURNS

**Call these district offices to make an appointment with a professional forester
or you can also call 1-800-548-8829.**

District Office	Phone Number	County
Everett 11627 Airport Rd, Suite B Everett WA 98204-8714	(425) 356-2768	Island, San Juan, Skagit, Snohomish, Whatcom
Olympia Capital Plaza Building 1025 Union Ave. SE Suite 102 Olympia WA 98501	(360) 570-3203 or (800) 548-8829	Chelan, Clallam, Grays Harbor, Kittitas, Lewis, Pacific, Thurston, Wahkiakum
Spokane 4407 N Division Street Suite 300 Spokane WA 99207-1685	(509) 482-3811 or (509) 483-5646 for Colville area assistance.	Adams, Asotin, , Benton, Columbia, Douglas, Ferry, Franklin, , Garfield, Lincoln, Okanogan, Pend Oreille, Spokane, Stevens, Walla Walla, Whitman
Tacoma Home Street Bank 3315 S 23 rd Street Suite 300 Tacoma WA 98405-1605	(253) 593-5287 (Primary) (253) 593-5288 (Secondary)	Clallam, Jefferson, King, Kitsap, Mason, Pierce
Vancouver 8008 NE Fourth Plain Blvd Suite 320 Vancouver WA 98662-7251	(360) 260-6273 Please call for an appointment.	Clark, Cowlitz, Klickitat, Skamania, Yakima

For tax assistance, visit <http://dor.wa.gov> or call (800) 647-7706. To inquire about the availability of this document in an alternate format for the visually impaired, please call (360) 486-2342. Teletype (TTY) users may call (800) 451-7985. For Stumpage Value Tables and other information, click *Forest Tax or Timber Tax under Tax Topics*.