

**Historic Property** Georgia Pacific Building  
**Inventory Report for** 600 Capitol Way N, Olympia, WA 98501

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**LOCATION SECTION**

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**Historic Name:** Georgia Pacific Building **Field Site No.:** 3554  
**Common Name:** Department of Fish and Wildlife **OAHP No.:**  
**Property Address:** 600 Capitol Way N, Olympia, WA 98501  
**Comments:**

**County** **Township/Range/EW** **Section** **1/4 Sec** **1/4 1/4 Sec** **Quadrangle**  
T18R02W 14

**UTM Reference**

**Tax No./Parcel No.** **Plat/Block/Lot**  
91001500000

**Supplemental Map(s)** **Acreage**

**IDENTIFICATION SECTION**

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**Field Recorder:** Jennifer Kinney **Date Recorded:** 10/31/2013 **Survey Name:**

**Owner's Name:** **Owner Address:** **City/State/Zip:**  
STATE OF WA - GAME 600 Capitol Way N Olympia, WA 98501  
DEPT

**Classification:** Not Identified **Resource Status** **Comments**

**Within a District?** National Register

**Contributing?**

**National Register Nomination:**

**Local District:**

**National Register District/Thematic Nomination Name:**

**DESCRIPTION SECTION**

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**Historic Use:** Unknown

**Current Use:** Unknown

**Plan:** **No. of Stories:**

**Structural System:**

**Changes to plan:** **Changes to interior:**

**Changes to original cladding:** **Changes to other:**

**Changes to windows:** **Other (specify):**

**Cladding** **Foundation**

**Style** Modern - International Style **Form/Type**

**Roof Material** **Roof Type**

**NARRATIVE SECTION**

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<b>Study Unit</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>Date Of Construction:</b>
		<b>Architect:</b>
		<b>Builder:</b>
		<b>Engineer:</b>

**Property appears to meet criteria for the National Register of Historic Places:**

**Property is located in a historic district (National and/or local):**

**Property potentially contributes to a historic district (National and/or local):**

**Statement of Significance** The plywood industry was an essential part of Olympia's economy in the early to mid-20th century. Plywood was not only decorative, but used in construction of airplanes during the war. The two factories in this area, Olympia Veneer and Washington Veneer, thrived in the years leading up to World War II and afterwards. East coast based Georgia Pacific entered into the plywood business after World War II and bought the Washington Veneer Company to serve as its central manufacturing base. In 1952 the company decided to make Olympia its operational headquarters. Two years after the building was completed, the company decided to move its headquarters to Portland, and the building was sold to the Game Department (now Department of Fish and Wildlife). The state expanded the building, hiring the noted local firm of Wohleb and Wohleb to design the extension. The Port of Olympia later acquired the veneer manufacturing sites, and today the only remaining vestiges of this important industry are this building and a few smaller structures scattered throughout the port area.

**Description of Physical Appearance** The noted Seattle firm of Naramore, Bain, Brady & Johanson (NBBJ) designed this building to embrace the emerging post war modern aesthetic now known as mid-Century modern (and which made extensive use of plywood in furnishings and construction). The company chose to showcase its line of plywood products by creating interiors and exteriors featuring its line of decorative plywood veneers. Each office is decorated in a different kind of exotic plywood with built-in cabinetry, each identified by a plaque. The form is the International Style.

**Major Bibliographic References** National Register nomination

**PHOTOS**

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**View of taken**  
**Photography Neg. No. (Roll No./Frame No.):**  
**Comments:**