
Minutes

Board of Natural Resources Meeting

July 5, 2017

Natural Resources Building, Olympia, Washington

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

The Honorable Hilary Franz, Washington State Commissioner of Public Lands

The Honorable Bill Peach, Commissioner, Clallam County

The Honorable Chris Reykdal, Superintendent of Public Instruction

JT Austin, Designee for the Honorable Jay Inslee, Washington State Governor – *via conference call*

Ron C. Mittelhammer, Dean, College of Agricultural, Human, and Natural Resource Sciences,
Washington State University – *via conference call*

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Elizabeth Van Volkenburgh, Interim Director, School of Environmental and Forest Sciences, University of
Washington

1 CALL TO ORDER

2 Chair Franz called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

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4 All Board members introduced themselves. Chair Franz noted there was a quorum for the
5 meeting.

6 7 SAFETY REVIEW

8 Ms. Kellogg gave a safety overview and instruction on evacuating the building in case of an
9 emergency.

10 11 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

12 Chair Franz called for approval of the minutes for the June 6, 2017 Regular Board of Natural
13 Resources Meeting.

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15 MOTION: Commissioner Peach moved to approve the minutes.

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17 SECOND: Superintendent Reykdal seconded the motion.

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19 ACTION: The motion was approved unanimously.

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1 Mr. Shay agreed that this was an abnormal 4th quarter in regards to prices and amount of volume
2 offered (lower volume). In the upcoming fiscal year, the Department plans to offer less volume
3 in the 4th quarter, by moving more volume into the more profitable 2nd and 3rd quarters. Mr. Shay
4 added that the 1st quarter of fiscal year 2018 is to have less volume than the previous fiscal year
5 by moving sales in to the more profitable 2nd and 3rd quarters. Mr. Shay also noted there have
6 been no discernible effects of the tariff on Canadian timber.

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8 Mr. Shay then presented proposed sales for August and September 2017 to the Board

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10 Mr. Shay asked the Board for questions. There were none.

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12 Mr. Shay asked for approval of the proposed sales as presented.

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14 MOTION: Commissioner Peach moved to approve the proposed sales.

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16 SECOND: Superintendent Reykdal seconded the motion.

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18 ACTION: The motion was approved unanimously.

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20 **PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR LAND TRANSACTION ACTION ITEMS**

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22 **LAND TRANSACTION (Action Item)**

23 **Amendment to Resolution 1500**

24 Michelle Burbidge, Conservation, Recreation and Transactions

25 Michelle Burbidge spoke to an amendment to Resolution 1500, approved in April 2017, due to
26 an administrative error.

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28 Ms. Burbidge asked for approval of Amendment 1500

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30 MOTION: Commissioner Peach moved to approve Amendment to Resolution 1500.

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32 SECOND: Superintendent Reykdal seconded the motion.

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34 ACTION: The motion was approved unanimously.

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36 **PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR CHAIR REPORT**

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38 **Randy Johnson, Clallam County Commissioner**, spoke about DNR arrearage. He shared
39 statistics, shared at a county forum, with the Board on how many are in poverty in Clallam
40 County. He asked the Board to keep in mind the impact to Clallam County while other counties
41 are better off.

42 **Ed Bowen, Clallam County Citizen**, spoke about arrearage and the impacts to junior taxing
43 districts, adding that veterans are dependent on the timber revenue and he asked the Board to
44 resolve the arrearage issue.

45 **Patricia Jones, OFCO Representative**, spoke about concerns with the mitigation of take for the
46 marbled murrelet and that it under-represents the take. She asked the Board to keep in mind their
47 conservation alternative.

1 Mr. Brodie began the presentation with a history of past Board presentation topics and where this
2 month fits into the timeline of choosing a preferred alternative. He spoke specifically about the
3 Board retreat in August, including the field tour and the components of that tour. He added that
4 day 2 would be about exploring the components of a preferred alternative at a half-day meeting,
5 and that the Board would then select the preferred alternative in September.

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7 Mr. Hayes then followed up on questions asked by the Board in June. First, he exhibited the
8 Story Map online tool to show members a feature that allows easy comparison between maps of
9 murrelet alternatives. Second, Mr. Hayes described the reasoning in using different survival rates
10 in the pseudo-PVA analysis and third, he shared a breakdown of murrelet survey effort by land
11 ownership noting that over half of the state's survey stations are on DNR-managed land.

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13 In relation to the pseudo-PVA analysis, Dean Mittelhammer asked to what extent do we feel that
14 DNR actions would move adult survivorship from .87 to .90, and on which DNR-managed lands
15 could we have an impact. Mr. Brodie replied that the DNR could have influence where there is
16 marine rich water.

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18 Chair Franz spoke about the risk on timing, asking what the level of impact is on the species
19 when the graphs for risk/enhancement scenarios fall below the baseline (focusing on years 10-
20 20). Mr. Brodie stated that staff will come back to the Board at the next meeting to answer that
21 question. He then shared concerns that modeled population impacts within that timeframe might
22 be too risky.

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24 The next set of slides showed tables with net present value (NPV) for each option combination.
25 Each trust and county were also evaluated for each sustainable harvest calculation component
26 (murrelet, arrearage, and riparian) by characterizing their maximum range of change to NPV. He
27 shared the percentage range of change for trusts and counties, highlighting trusts and counties
28 that are most influenced by specific components. The murrelet component had the greatest
29 impact, but it varied by trust and county. He then presented the area in production and
30 management costs in a similar format.

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32 Mr. Hayes began the next section on public comments by discussing the overarching themes
33 around each decision component: arrearage, riparian, and murrelet. Those largely dealt with
34 preferences for either more or less conservation or volume, as well as recreation and specific
35 geographic interests. Mr. Hayes reminded the Board of the criteria to consider in choosing a
36 preferred alternative.

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38 Discussion took place on long- and short-term impacts of the arrearage options, as there were
39 impacts to timber harvest flow, highlighting that variability of harvest volume within the
40 planning decade caused by arrearage may also have an impact on staffing.

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42 Mr. Hayes discussed the alternatives for marbled murrelets proposed in public comments. The
43 components that comprise each of the six alternatives were described, and then impact/mitigation
44 and murrelet specific conservation acres were shown for each against the DEIS alternatives.
45 Using LTFC acres and a regression of the DEIS options, 10-decade NPV was also projected for
46 each proposed alternative. In general, WDFW and EPA-E alternatives fell within the range of the
47 DEIS alternatives, while the others contained significantly more conservation.

Approved this 5th day of September 2017



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