
Minutes

Board of Natural Resources Meeting

March 3, 2020

Natural Resources Building, Olympia, Washington

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

The Honorable Hilary Franz, Washington State Commissioner of Public Lands

Jim Cahill, Designee for the Honorable Jay Inslee, Washington State Governor

Via Conference Call

The Honorable Bill Peach, Commissioner, Clallam County

The Honorable Chris Reykdal, Superintendent of Public Instruction

Absent

Dan Brown, Director, School of Environmental and Forest Sciences, University of Washington

André-Denis Wright, Dean, College of Agricultural, Human, and Natural Resource Sciences,
Washington State University

1 **CALL TO ORDER**

2 Chair Franz called the meeting to order at 9:06 AM.

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4 All Board members introduced themselves.

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6 **SAFETY REVIEW**

7 A safety overview and instruction was played on evacuating the building in case of an
8 emergency.

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10 **PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR GENERAL ITEMS OF INTEREST**

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12 Laura Cox, addressed the Board regarding her concerns of the timber sale near Wallace Falls.
13 She expressed that she hopes the Board can make a decision that will not compromise the
14 Wallace Falls experience or the local economies.

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16 William Cross, from Index, WA. Shared his wife's Susan comments. Ms. Cross expressed
17 concern regarding the Middle May timber sale, and the effects of our planet getting hotter. The
18 biodiversity of the forest belong to all.

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2 John Maher, spoke to the Board about the beauty of Wallace Falls and the recreational benefits
3 of this land.
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5 Rachel Chesley, from Gold Bar, WA voiced her opposition to Middle May timber sale. Ms.
6 Chesley shared that many people from the around state come to enjoy the beauty of the park. Her
7 concerns are also that the timber sale would remove access to the existing trails. This would also
8 reverse hours and dollars spent on improvements to the trail system.
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10 Sam Chesley, from Gold Bar, WA. Mr. Chesley expressed his opposition to the Middle May
11 timber sale. Mr. Chesley explain the map system that he put together after spending time in the
12 park and trail.
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14 Mike Nash, from Gold Bar, WA. Mr. Nash shared his opposition to the Middle May timber sale.
15 His concerns are for the economy, because this area relies on the tourism and outdoor recreation.
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17 **The Honorable Chris Reykdal, Superintendent of Public Instruction joined meeting via**
18 **conference call at 9:30.**
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20 **Chair Franz noted there was a quorum for the meeting.**
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22 Dave Letcher, shared his concerns regarding the Middle May timber sale. Mr. Letcher spoke
23 about working in the park and how they improved the visitor's experience on the trails. He
24 would like the Board to consider other options.
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26 Neil McWee, commented on the Middle May timber sale. Mr. McWee would like the Board to
27 take the time to think through this sale and to think of the impacts to the community.
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29 Leslie Holmes, Ms. Holmes shared her prospective on the Middle May timber sale. Her work is
30 with youth, and she explained how the children that come to the park learn so much, and if the
31 timber sale happens, children will not be engaged with the forest.
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33 Rhea Rainwater, from the valley in may Creek. She expressed her opposition to the
34 Middle May timber sale.
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36 Nikki Midyette, from Western Union, WA. Ms. Midyette shared her concerns about the Middle
37 May timber sale. She expressed concern about the use of chemical spray so close to her home
38 and the impacts that this would have on all the people that live in this area.
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40 Brian Nelson, from Gold Bar, WA. Mr. Nelson shared his experience as a trail runner and what
41 the effects timber sale will have on the recreational actives in Middle May.
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43 Peter Goldman, WFLC. Mr. Goldman shared his concerns about the Middle May timber sale and
44 the impact of clear cutting would have on the citizens. He would like the Board to think of
45 different approach to timber sales and to think of the impact to the community.
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1 Miguel Perez-Gibson, WEC. Mr. Perez-Gibson spoke about carbon climate policy and would
2 like the Board to consider adopting a policy for beneficiaries and the environment.
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5 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

6 Chair Franz called for approval of the minutes for the February 4th, 2020 Regular Board of
7 Natural Resources Meeting.
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9 MOTION: Jim Cahill moved to approve the minutes.
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11 SECOND: Commissioner Peach seconded the motion.
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13 ACTION: The motion carried unanimously.
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17 **PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR TIMBER SALE ACTION ITEMS**
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19 Matt Comisky, AFRC. Mr. Comisky commented on the hard work and dedication of the
20 Department of Natural Resources staff. Mr. Comisky also spoke about the multiple use mandate
21 and the impacts to the trust beneficiaries, and how to work together to make sure that both
22 recreation after forest management works.
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24 **TIMBER SALES (Action Item)**

25 **Proposed Timber Sales for April 2020 | 3 handouts, including the presentation**

26 Patrick Ferguson, Product Sales & Leasing Division
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28 The results of the February 2020 auctions were presented to the Board by Mr. Ferguson. The
29 Department offered 14 sales totaling 67.5 mmbf. All 14 sales sold totaling \$24.4 million for an
30 average of \$360 per mbf with 2.7 bidders per sale on average.

31 Mr. Ferguson noted that not all the volume was sold. 4 sorts were unsold; 2 of which will be
32 reoffered later this month and the other 2 will be rolled into other sold sorts.

33 Mr. Ferguson asked for questions. There were none.
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35 Mr. Ferguson then presented proposed sales to be offered in April 2020 to the Board.
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37 Commissioner Franz asked for questions. There were none.
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39 Mr. Ferguson asked for approval of the proposed sales as presented.
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41 MOTION: Commissioner Peach moved to approve the proposed sales.
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43 SECOND: Mr. Cahill seconded the motion.
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45 ACTION: The motion carried unanimously.

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2 **PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR BOAD of GEOGRAPHIC NAMES**

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6 **BOARD of GEOGRAPHIC NAMES (Action Items)**

7 Caleb Maki, Photogrammetry Supervisor, Engineering Division

8 Department of Natural Resources
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10 Wald Bach and Nason Bach
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12 Mr. Maki presented the two new names proposed for two small creek on the proponent's land.
13 The proponent chose the unique identifier "wald" (which means "stream" in German) because of
14 the features close proximity to Leavenworth. The use of a German identifier would be fitting in
15 keeping with the theme of the area.
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17 The Committee on Geographic Names received no comments opposed to the proposed new
18 names, and the Committee recommends the Board vote to approve "Wald Bach" and "Nason
19 Bach".
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21 MOTION: Mr. Cahill moved to approve the name changes.
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23 SECOND: Commissioner Peach seconded the motion.
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25 ACTION: The motion carried unanimously.
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27 Misty Creek and Misty Mountains
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29 Mr. Maki presented the new names proposed for features located in Clallam and Jefferson
30 Counties. The descriptive name "misty" was chosen by the proponent to reflect the mist and low
31 clouds that are often in the area.
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33 The Committee on Geographic Names received one comment from the US Forest Service, who
34 owns land that part of the mountain chain lies within, and the USFS does not support the
35 proposed name for the mountains.
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37 The Committee received a letter from the Jamestown S'Kallam Tribe opposed to both the names,
38 on the grounds that the proposed named lacks any cultural or local significance. The Committee
39 also received many letters of support from local residents along the creek. The Committee
40 recommends the Board vote to approve "Misty Creek" and "Misty Mountains".
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42 The Board requested that these two name changes be sent back to The Committee on Geographic
43 Names, for further input from the community and the Jamestown S'Kallam Tribe.
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45 MOTION: Mr. Cahill moved to not approve change.
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47 SECOND: Commissioner Peach seconded the motion.

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2 ACTION: The motion carried unanimously.
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4 Páatstel Creek
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6 Mr. Maki presented the new name proposed for change the current name of Squaw Creek. The
7 name “Páatstel Creek” is the Nooksack name for this creek, which was associated with a
8 historical Nooksack village located near the source of the creek.
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10 The Committee on Geographic Names received several letters from local residents opposed to
11 the new name.
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13 Whatcom County Commissioners and the Nooksack Tribe supports the proposed name. The
14 Committee recommends the Board vote to approve “Páatstel Creek”.
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16 MOTION: Mr. Cahil moved to approve the name change.
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18 SECOND: Commissioner Peach seconded the motion.
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20 ACTION: The motion carried unanimously
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22 At this time 10:10 am Chair Franz excused the public to begin the Executive Session.
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24 At 10:17 AM, Chair Franz reconvened the Board of Natural Resources.
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26 Meeting adjourned at 10:18 AM.

Approved this ____ day of _____, 2019

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Hilary S. Franz, Washington State Commissioner of Public Lands

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Attest:

Theresa McGuire, Board Coordinator