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# Minutes

## Board of Natural Resources Meeting

October 7, 2014

Natural Resources Building, Olympia, Washington

### BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

The Honorable Peter Goldmark, Washington State Commissioner of Public Lands

The Honorable F. Lee Grose, Commissioner, Lewis County

Thomas H. DeLuca, Director, School of Environmental and Forest Sciences, University of Washington

Ron C. Mittelhammer, Interim Dean, College of Agricultural, Human, and Natural Resource Sciences,  
Washington State University

The Honorable Randy Dorn, Superintendent of Public Instruction

### BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

JT Austin, Designee for the Honorable Jay Inslee, Washington State Governor

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#### 1 CALL TO ORDER

2 Chair Goldmark called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. All Board members introduced  
3 themselves. Chair Goldmark noted there was a quorum for the meeting.

#### 5 SAFETY REVIEW

6 Ms. Vansot gave a safety overview and instruction on evacuating the building in case of an  
7 emergency.

#### 9 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

10 Chair Goldmark called for approval of the minutes for the September 2, 2014 Regular Board of  
11 Natural Resources Meeting.

13 MOTION: Director DeLuca moved to approve the minutes.

15 SECOND: Dean Mittelhammer seconded the motion.

17 ACTION: The motion was approved unanimously.

#### 19 PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR TIMBER SALE ACTION ITEMS

20 No comments.

#### 22 TIMBER SALES (Action Item)

1 **Proposed Timber Sales for November 2014| 3 Handouts**

2 Tom Shay, Acting Assistant Division Manager, Product Sales & Leasing Division

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4 Mr. Shay presented the results of the September auctions to the Board. The Department offered  
5 four sales totaling 14.8 MMBF in September. All four sales sold totaling \$3.1 million for an  
6 average of \$210 per MBF.

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8 Mr. Shay noted the low per MBF value is related to the two sales located in Eastern Washington  
9 where log values are typically lower.

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11 Mr. Shay asked for approval of the proposed November sales.

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13 MOTION: Commissioner Grose moved to approve the proposed November 2014 sales.

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15 SECOND: Dean Mittelhammer seconded the motion.

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17 ACTION: The motion was approved unanimously.

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19 **PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR COMMUNITY FOREST TRUST PROGRAM ACTION**  
20 **ITEMS**

21 Heather Adams representing Kitsap County Board of Commissioners, and Scott Pascoe  
22 representing the Great Peninsula Conservancy spoke about the significance of this proposal to  
23 their community and stated their support for the Kitsap County Community Forest Trust  
24 nomination.

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26 **COMMUNITY FOREST TRUST PROGRAM**

27 **Kitsap County Community Forest Trust**

28 Andy Hayes, Acting Assistant Division Manager, Leasing and Business Management

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30 Mr. Hayes presented to the Board the Department's 2015-17 capital budget proposal for the  
31 Community Forest Trust program, which is required by statute. He stated that the purpose of the  
32 presentation was to gain input from the Board on the Department's proposal prior to submitting  
33 it to the legislature on November 1, 2014.

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35 Mr. Hayes provided a brief overview of the purpose of the Community Forest Trust program, the  
36 process, and the Board's responsibilities. He then briefed the Board on the North Kitsap  
37 Community Forest proposal, which includes 484 acres of commercial forestland currently owned  
38 by Pope Resources. The request to the legislature will be for \$3.4 million to complete this  
39 project; the local community's match represents a commitment of \$450,000-\$500,000.

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41 Mr. Hayes highlighted the significant working landscape, wildlife, and recreational benefits  
42 identified by the local community. This project is sponsored by Kitsap County, in partnership  
43 with the Great Peninsula Conservancy.

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45 Commissioner Grose inquired about the timber harvest on the property. Mr. Pascoe answered  
46 that 25 acres is merchantable timber with an average age class of 34-35 years.

1 Director DeLuca asked if Mr. Pascoe could elaborate on the nature of the 484 acres. Mr. Pascoe  
2 stated that the merchantable timber is approximately over 60-65 years of age and includes one  
3 stand that is predominately alder, with the other stand being western red cedar, hemlock, and  
4 Douglas fir. Mr. Pascoe added that the younger stands are closer to 20-25 years of age.

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6 Dean Mittelhammer asked about the forest management plan and how it is seen evolving. Mr.  
7 Pascoe answered that they would look at a more intensive regime near term within the next 30  
8 year period, and then transition into something that is closer to the county forest stewardship  
9 program. He expressed that the county is supportive of raising the revenue that is required under  
10 the program and that the forest management plan will be altered, if needed, to meet the  
11 requirements of the program.

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13 Superintendent Dorn asked if the state will see the money come back to the state to purchase  
14 other lands. Mr. Hayes stated that the expectation established by the legislator is for the state to  
15 help local partners and communities acquire the properties, and that in the long-term the  
16 properties will support themselves, at minimum.

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18 Chair Goldmark added that at the core of the program is the state's goal to maintain forest  
19 coverage in the state of Washington, and the principle of the program is to protect forest from  
20 threat of conversion. Chair Goldmark stated that although the economical investment may not  
21 come back in dollars, it will come back in other forms.

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23 All Board members approved the North Kitsap Community Forest Trust proposal.

## 24 **PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR CHAIR REPORT**

25 No comments.

## 26 **CHAIR REPORT**

### 27 **Western Washington Sustainable Harvest Calculation**

28 Kyle Blum, Deputy Supervisor for State Uplands

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30 Mr. Blum stated that he would be giving a short informative update on the Sustainable Harvest  
31 Calculation (SHC), and providing a sense for what to expect during upcoming Board meetings.

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33 Mr. Blum shared that at the next 2-3 meetings the Department will be coming forward with  
34 information to start the scoping process for the SHC. This includes the examination of a Need,  
35 Purpose, and Objectives as the framework of the scope, and provides the Board an opportunity to  
36 weigh in on that framework.

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38 The Department will attempt to synchronize the SHC with the Marbled Murrelet Long-Term  
39 Conservation Strategy (MMTLCS), and is envisioning having Draft Environmental Impact  
40 Statements (DEIS) available to the public at the same time for both. Mr. Blum recognized that  
41 there are a considerable number of steps between now and the release of a DEIS, and the  
42 Department will be adjusting the timeline if one project can move along at a considerably faster  
43 pace than the other one.

1 Commissioner Grose asked for a timeline from now through the end of the year. Mr. Blum stated  
2 that the Department will be working to complete the scoping for the Sustainable Harvest  
3 Calculation during the next 2-3 meetings.

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5 Dean Mittelhammer stated that he sees these projects as being interrelated and supports the  
6 attempt to synchronize the MMLTCS with the SHC.

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

9 Lois Ward, citizen, encouraged the Board to continue the Long-Term Conservation Strategy on  
10 behalf of the Marbled Murrelets, and expressed that action should take place sooner rather than  
11 later.

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13 Rod Fleck, City Attorney/Planner for the City of Forks, asked that the Board and the Department  
14 undertake an objective review of the timber sales process to determine what is compromising the  
15 Department's ability to bring forward timber sales. He asked that the review assess why it is  
16 taking longer for sales to go to Board for review and approval. Mr. Fleck added that the review  
17 should also include why timber sales are not being brought forward in areas where the  
18 Department has a legal obligation to offer the volume for sale. It is Mr. Fleck's belief that a  
19 review of the timber sales process will help all of us understand what factors are contributing to  
20 the situation. He asked that it be done quickly, so they can factor this information into their  
21 community's strategy to regain as many jobs possible.

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23 Meeting adjourned at 9:49 AM



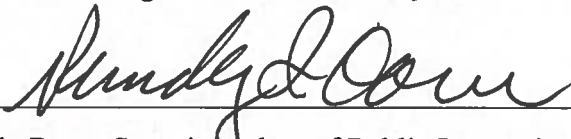
Approved this 4<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2014



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Attest:



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