
Minutes

Board of Natural Resources Meeting

March 5, 2019

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*

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

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 9:00 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 February 5, 2019 Regular and February 15,
13 2019 Special Board of Natural Resources Meetings.

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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 carried unanimously.

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21 Director Brown arrived at 9:08.

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

2 Cheryl Haywood, Timberland Regional Library, spoke about rapid response teams related to
3 workforce development for the public when faced with job loss, and that TRL employees are part
4 of these teams. She stated that the employees have the tools to provide support to assist the
5 public within their needs.
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7 Linda Lorenz, citizen, Clark County, spoke about the Moulton Falls Trail/Michigan Trotter
8 timber harvest. She informed the Board of a recent landslide on the trail and shared concerns
9 with the upcoming timber harvest in the area. She requested that the Department either drop unit
10 1 of the harvest or transfer unit 1 to Clark County.
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12 Miguel Perez-Gibson, WEC, spoke about legislation regarding the marbled murrelet and thanked
13 Department staff for their work on educating the Legislature.
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15 **PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR TIMBER SALE ACTION ITEMS**

16 Russ Pfeiffer-Hoyt, Chair of WSSDA TLAC and WFAC member, spoke about the Virginia
17 Ridge timber sale. He spoke about wildfire risk and the forest health in the area, noting that the
18 efforts in the section cover about 1% of the acres that need to be treated.
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20 Matt Comisky, Washington Manager, AFRC, spoke about Virginia Ridge and the risks for fire in
21 the area. He noted the removal of 800,000 board feet of timber from the original harvest. He
22 reminded the Board of the duty for undivided loyalty, and questioned certain aspects of the sale.
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24 Miguel Perez-Gibson, WEC, spoke about Virginia Ridge and the need to address forest health
25 issues and the risk for wildfire. It is important to relay information surrounding timber harvest in
26 regards to forest health and educate the public. He also spoke about the challenges to put up sales
27 in the regions when working around marble murrelet habitat, and shared concerns with getting
28 the timber volume and keeping the SEPA process intact.
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30 **TIMBER SALES (Action Item)**

31 **Proposed Timber Sales for April 2019 | 3 handouts, including the presentation**

32 Koshare Eagle, Assistant Division Manager, Product Sales & Leasing Division
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34 Ms. Eagle presented the results of the February 2019 auctions to the Board. The Department
35 offered 16 sales totaling 62.5 mmbf. Of those, 13 sales sold totaling \$16.5 million for an average
36 of \$355 per mbf with 2.02 bidders per sale on average. Ms. Eagle noted that two sorts from two
37 separate sort sales would be reoffered later in the week. The remaining unsold sales will be
38 reevaluated and sold later.
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40 Ms. Eagle asked the Board for questions regarding the February 2019 auction results.
41 Commissioner Peach asked if there are any regional sales planned. Ms. Eagle advised there
42 would be more on this topic in next month's timber sales presentation.
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44 Commissioner Peach asked if the appraisal process and timeframe is an issue with market
45 analysis and no-bid sales. Ms. Eagle shared that her staff is currently looking at the appraisal
46 process. Currently the time from appraisal to sale, including presenting proposed sales and the
47 required advertising time, is 75 days. They are looking at ways to reduce that timeframe.

1 Superintendent Reykdal asked what sort of analysis goes into the appraisal process to account for
2 market changes. Ms. Eagle explained that lumber and log markets, current and future, are taken
3 into consideration during the appraisal process. The prices mills are paying for delivered logs
4 and prices that the Department receives from stumpage sales are considered as well. Ms. Eagle
5 also noted that seasonally it would be typical to get higher prices in the recent winter months, but
6 the current market is not reflective of that trend.

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8 Superintendent Reykdal asked for clarification that the data going into the appraisal analysis is
9 not projected future value. Ms. Eagle shared that the hard data is current, and a number of
10 sources contribute to projected values.

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12 Ms. Eagle then presented information on proposed sale Virginia Ridge. The harvest would
13 generate revenue for the common school trust and increase forest health while maintaining
14 aesthetics. Ms. Eagle recognized the staff, beneficiaries, and stakeholders for their time and
15 effort in outreach and making the sale moving forward possible.

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17 Ms. Eagle presented information on proposed sale Willey Ridge VRH & VDT, which would
18 generate revenue for common school trust in Clallam County and capitol buildings trust. Ms.
19 Eagle noted that some acreage overlaps with Alternatives G & F from the RDEIS, but is fully
20 compliant with current policies and procedures.

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22 Commissioner Franz noted that Virginia Ridge is a forest health treatment and that the
23 Department is working to continue to scale up the forest health program.

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25 Ms. Eagle then presented the proposed sales to be offered in upcoming auctions to the Board.
26 Ms. Eagle separated the proposal into stumpage sales and delivered log sales, of which two were
27 proposed and would have Requests for Quotes put out by the regions in order to hire a harvester.

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29 Commissioner Franz asked the Board for questions regarding the proposed sales. There was
30 none.

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

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34 SECOND: Director Brown seconded the motion.

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36 ACTION: The motion carried unanimously.

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38 **PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR CHAIR REPORT**

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40 Miguel Perez-Gibson, WEC, provided context on the category, areas of existing conservation,
41 which is 567,000 acres, though sometimes in an area of no touch or set aside. He also believes
42 that certain areas are riparian management. He noted that other categories, NRCA and NAP, are
43 not part of the trust land. He stated that science should be the metric we use to meet our
44 obligation.

1 **CHAIR REPORT**

2 **RDEIS Comments Summary for the Marbled Murrelet Long-term Conservation Strategy**
3 **and Sustainable Harvest Calculation**

4 Andy Hayes, Forest Resources Division Manager
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6 Mr. Hayes provided a summary of public comments received during the extended public
7 comment period. He reviewed the public meetings and locations, and noted the extension of the
8 comment period for 30 days, ending in December 2018. This combined NEPA/SEPA comment
9 period allowed the public to review and comment on the Revised Draft Environmental Impact
10 Statement for the marbled murrelet long-term conservation strategy and the proposed HCP
11 amendment submitted by DNR to the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS).
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13 He then stated that approximately 4,300 comments were received, noting the different bodies of
14 commenters. He reviewed the alternatives and acres per alternative. He reviewed the major
15 themes from commenters and concerns voiced through comment. He then briefly reminded the
16 Board on the alternatives and shared the main themes of comments received.
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18 Mr. Hayes reminded the Board on next steps and that DNR staff is currently working with
19 USFWS in response to comments received. DNR staff is also working on preparing the final EIS
20 and HCP Amendment. He shared that USFWS is working on the ESA Section 10 findings,
21 NEPA record of opinion, and biological opinion. He added that in the fall, USFWS should issue
22 the incidental take permit, after which point the Board may adopt a resolution to accept the HCP
23 amendment. Once the Board adopts the resolution, the Department will implement the
24 agreement.
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26 Commissioner Peach asked about sharing information in the future and shared that he is
27 interested in environmental justice impacts. Mr. Hayes replied that we are in the process of
28 responding to comments, and the Board will be kept informed on staff's progress.
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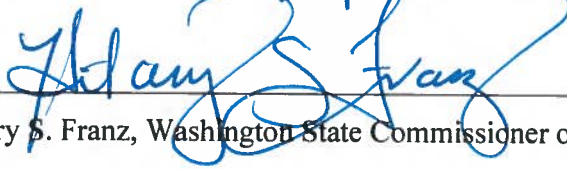
30 Director Brown noted his interest in distributional social impacts, not just geographically.
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32 Mr. Brodie acknowledged the requests and stated that we plan to provide better detail next month
33 and that environmental justice and some financial analysis on junior tax districts will both be
34 integrated into the final EIS analysis.
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36 Mr. Brodie mentioned the recently developed Board schedule for the rest of the year, noting a
37 planned presentation on region sales next month, and an update on Forest Health in May. He also
38 reminded the Board of the Retreat planned for June.
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41 Meeting adjourned at 9:56 AM.

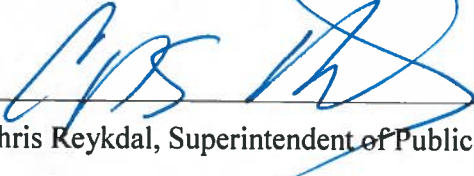
Approved this 2nd day of April, 2019



Hilary S. Franz, Washington State Commissioner of Public Lands

Absent

JT Austin, Designee for Governor Jay Inslee



Chris Reykdal, Superintendent of Public Instruction

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Bill Beach, Commissioner, Clallam County

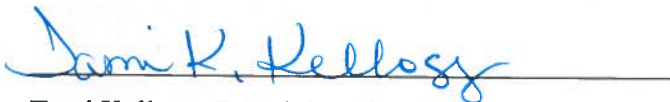


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Attest:



Tami Kellogg, Board Coordinator

