
Minutes

Board of Natural Resources Meeting

April 7, 2015

Natural Resources Building, Olympia, Washington

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

The Honorable Peter Goldmark, Washington State Commissioner of Public Lands

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

The Honorable Jim McEntire, Commissioner, Clallam County

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

The Honorable Randy Dorn, Superintendent of Public Instruction

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

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

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, with Ms. Austin
4 participating via conference call.

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6 SAFETY REVIEW

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

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10 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

11 Chair Goldmark called for approval of the minutes for the March 10, 2015 Regular Board of
12 Natural Resources Meeting.

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14 MOTION: Commissioner McEntire moved to approve the minutes.

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16 SECOND: Director DeLuca seconded the motion.

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18 ACTION: The motion was approved unanimously.

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20 PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR TIMBER SALE ACTION ITEMS

1 Ed Martin, representing Columbia Vista Corporation, stated that he is concerned about the FY15
2 timber sale program. Mr. Martin asked how DNR plans to sell the remaining timber volume of
3 101 MBF in June, and what actions are being taken to ensure DNR meets the targeted volume.
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5 **TIMBER SALES (Action Items)**

6 **Proposed Timber Sales for May 2015| 3 handouts, including the presentation**

7 Tom Shay, Product Sales & Leasing Division
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9 Mr. Shay presented the results of the March auctions to the Board. The Department offered 12
10 sales totaling 60.1 MMBF in March. Of these, 11 sales sold totaling \$22.6 million for an
11 average of \$403 per MBF.
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13 Mr. Shay noted that interest in March timber sales was lower than previous months with only 2.1
14 bidders per sale.
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16 Mr. Shay then presented the proposed May 2015 sales to the Board.
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18 Mr. Shay asked for approval of the proposed May 2015 sales.
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20 MOTION: Director Deluca moved to approve the proposed May 2015 sales.
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22 SECOND: Commissioner McEntire seconded the motion.
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24 ACTION: The motion was approved unanimously.
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26 Director Deluca inquired about the total volume for fiscal year 2015 and whether or not the DNR
27 would be looking at more arrearage.
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29 Mr. Shay responded that the last projections presented to the Commissioner were for 496
30 MMBF. He noted that this number does not include Forest Improvement Treatment (FIT)
31 volumes of 20 MMBF. Mr. Shay remarked that new forest practices rules require more intensive
32 screening for potential unstable slopes which is causing some delay in timber sales coming
33 forward.
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35 Chair Goldmark asked Mr. Shay for a definitive volume projection for fiscal year 2015. Mr.
36 Shay replied that, including FIT volume, planned volume is approximately 520 MMBF.
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38 **PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR LAND TRANSACTION ACTION ITEMS**

39 Bret Forrester, Wildlife Lands Manager representing the Tacoma Public Utilities, expressed his
40 appreciation for the Pleasant Valley trust land transfer. Mr. Forrester stated the land transfer fits
41 perfectly as they currently have approximately 3,500 acres of wildlife mitigation lands associated
42 with their Nisqually River hydroelectric project. He added that the lands are managed for
43 wildlife habitat and are open for recreational usage.
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45 Ron Nilson, citizen of Washington, opposed the Pleasant Valley Trust Land Transfer to Tacoma.
46 Mr. Nilson believes that DNR should continue to maintain ownership as it has generated lots of
47 timber value, money to the state, and jobs for the locals. He expressed his concerns if the land is

1 transferred to the city of Tacoma, and proposed that DNR give the land to the U.S. Forest
2 Services instead.

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4 Matt Comisky, Washington Manager for American Forest Resource Council (AFRC), expressed
5 concerns over DNR's Trust Land Transfer program. Mr. Comisky stated that the first concern is
6 the lack of public comment and review prior to approval by the legislature, and the lack of
7 replacement lands acquired under the program. Mr. Comisky urged the Board to evaluate the
8 program to examine its long term impact on the trusts and the future of forest land management
9 in Washington.

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11 **LAND TRANSACTION (Action Items)**

12 **Klickitat Canyon Inter-Trust Exchange No. 86-090670; Resolution 1443**

13 Bob Winslow, Conservation, Recreation, and Transactions Division

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15 Mr. Winslow presented the Klickitat Canyon Inter-Trust Exchange to the Board. The property is
16 located in Klickitat and Yakima counties. Parcel A is located northeast of Glenwood and west of
17 the Klickitat River and is 286 acres in size. Parcel A would change from Scientific School Trust
18 to Common School Trust in the exchange, the trees are primarily ponderosa pine, and the soil
19 site classes are PP Site Class 3, 4 and 5. Parcel B is 195 acres in size and located north of
20 Glenwood. Parcel B would change from Common School Trust to Scientific School Trust in the
21 exchange, the trees are Douglas fir and ponderosa pine, and the soil site classes are DF Site
22 Classes 1 and 2.

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24 Mr. Winslow stated that Parcel A's appraised total value was \$585,000 which is comprised of
25 \$345,000 of timber value and \$240,000 of land value. Parcel B is equivalent in value to Parcel A
26 with a total value of \$591,000 which is comprised of \$428,000 of timber value and \$163,000 of
27 land value. Parcel B has less timber volume than Parcel A but the higher stumpage price for
28 Douglas fir makes this timber more valuable.

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30 Mr. Winslow spoke about the public hearing held in Goldendale where there were no testimonies
31 given, but DNR received letters of support for the exchange and transfer during the hearing
32 comment period from the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife and from the
33 Yakama Indian Nation Fisheries.

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35 Mr. Winslow recommended approval of Resolution 1443.

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37 MOTION: Director DeLuca moved to approve Resolution 1443.

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39 SECOND: Commissioner McEntire seconded the motion.

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41 ACTION: The motion was approved unanimously.

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43 **Klickitat Canyon Trust Land Transfer No. 02-090360; Resolution 1444**

44 Bob Winslow, Conservation, Recreation, and Transactions Division

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46 Mr. Winslow than presented the Klickitat Canyon Trust Land Transfer (TLT). The property is
47 located in Klickitat and Yakima Counties about 3 miles northeast of Glenwood, Washington.

1 The property is 819.38 acres in size and through the Klickitat Canyon Inter-Trust Exchange the
2 entire property is now designated as Common School Trust. The property will be transferred
3 into and expand the 1,516 acre Klickitat Canyon Natural Resources Conservation Area managed
4 by DNR.

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6 Mr. Winslow shared that the property contains many rare plants and animals including the
7 following: Rosy owl clover - state endangered plant; dwarf rush – state threatened plant;
8 lowland toothcup – state threatened plant; oblong blue curl – state candidate review plant;
9 Pulsifer’s monkey flower –state sensitive plant; long haired mariposa lily – state sensitive plant;
10 greater sandhill crane – state endangered species; flammulated owl – state candidate species;
11 Racer snake – state monitored species

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13 Mr. Winslow stated the overall property value is \$2,105,000 which includes \$1,420,000 of
14 timber value and \$685,000 of land value. The timber value will be distributed to the Common
15 School Construction Account. The land value will be transferred to the Real Property
16 Replacement Account.

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18 Mr. Winslow recommended approval of Resolution 1444.

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20 MOTION: Commissioner McEntire moved to approve Resolution 1444.

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22 SECOND: Director DeLuca seconded the motion.

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24 ACTION: The motion was approved unanimously.

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26 **Pleasant Valley Inter-Trust Exchange No. 86-090670; Resolution 1445**

27 Bob Winslow, Conservation, Recreation, and Transactions Division

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29 Mr. Winslow presented the Pleasant Valley Inter-Trust Exchange. The property is located in
30 Thurston County. Parcel A is located southwest of Elbe and south of Alder Lake and is 389
31 acres in size. Parcel A would change from State Forest Land Trust to Common School Trust in
32 the exchange and the trees are 35-40 years in age with many acres not harvestable due to
33 wetlands and riparian areas. Parcel A is located on site class 2 and 3 DF soils with impassable
34 road access due to washouts along the USFS maintained 74 road. Mr. Winslow explained that
35 Parcel B is located on the southeast side of Capitol State Forest and is 374 acres in size on high
36 site class 2 DF soils. Parcel B would change from Common School Trust to State Forest Land
37 Trust in the exchange and the trees are 25-30 years in age. Parcel B has more operable acres
38 than Parcel A.

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40 Mr. Winslow stated that Parcel A was valued under two slightly different scenarios and DNR
41 staff recommended using the property value totaling \$1,725,000 which is comprised of
42 \$1,425,000 of timber value and \$300,000 of land value. Parcel B is equivalent in value to Parcel
43 A with a total value of \$1,735,000 which is comprised of \$1,447,000 of forest reproduction value
44 and \$288,000 of land value.

1 Mr. Winslow stated that at the public hearing Ron Nilson of Mineral spoke against the
2 exchange/transfer, and Roberta Nilson provided written testimony opposed to the
3 exchange/transfer.

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5 Mr. Winslow recommended approval of Resolution 1445.

6 Superintendent Dorn asked if there were any restrictions on harvesting timber on the land and
7 Mr. Winslow relied no.

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9 MOTION: Commissioner McEntire moved to approve Resolution 1445.

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11 SECOND: Director DeLuca seconded the motion.

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13 ACTION: The motion was approved unanimously.

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15 **Pleasant Valley Trust Land Transfer No. 02-090342; Resolution 1446**

16 Bob Winslow, Conservation, Recreation, and Transactions Division

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18 Mr. Winslow presented the Pleasant Valley Trust Land Transfer (TLT). The property is located
19 in Thurston County about 3 miles southwest of Elbe, Washington. The property is 547 acres in
20 size and through the Pleasant Valley Inter-Trust Exchange the entire property is now designated
21 as Common School Trust. Mr. Winslow stated that the property will be transferred to the City of
22 Tacoma Public Utilities with a deed restriction limiting future uses of the property to wildlife
23 habitat, recreation or open space purposes. The transferred property will continue to be DNR
24 HCP Permit Lands for the remaining term of the DNR's HCP, and have wildlife habitat
25 restrictions.

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27 Mr. Winslow stated the City of Tacoma owns and manages adjacent property including over
28 3,000 acres in the Alder Lake Reservoir, dispersed walk-in recreation and the Alder Lake
29 Campground north of the lake, and over 2,500 acres of Nisqually project wildlife habitat lands.
30 DNR appraised the property under two slightly different appraisal assumptions and DNR staff
31 recommend transferring the property at the overall property value of \$4,680,000 which is
32 comprised of \$4,256,000 of timber value and \$424,000 of land value. The timber value will be
33 distributed to the Common School Construction Account. The land value will be transferred to
34 the Real Property Replacement Account.

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36 Mr. Winslow recommended approval of Resolution 1446.

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38 Director DeLuca asked if there are any future plans to purchase additional lands within the
39 general area. Kyle Blum, Deputy Supervisor for State Uplands, answered that at this time there
40 is no specific intent for any of these TLTs to target lands in the geological area. Mr. Blum
41 explained that the value of the land will go into the real properties replacement account and will
42 be targeted statewide for the highest return on an investment.

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44 MOTION: Commissioner McEntire moved to approve Resolution 1446.

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46 SECOND: Director DeLuca seconded the motion.

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2 ACTION: The motion was approved unanimously.
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4 **Queets East Acquisition No. 08-089163; Resolution 1447**

5 Jed Herman, Manager, Conservation, Recreation and Transactions Division
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7 Mr. Herman presented the Queets East Acquisition to the Board. He stated that the Department
8 will purchase 1,720 acres of real property owned by The Nature Conservancy for \$5,200,000.
9 The property is located in Jefferson County, north of the Quinault Indian Reservation. It adjoins
10 the Olympic Experimental State Forest and will be designated to the Common School Trust.
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12 This acquisition will provide additional productive, working forestland. Much of it will be
13 harvestable within 10 to 20 years.
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15 Mr. Herman recommended approval of Resolution 1447.
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17 MOTION: Director DeLuca moved to approve Resolution 1447.
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19 SECOND: Commissioner McEntire seconded the motion.
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21 ACTION: The motion was approved unanimously.
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23 **Patterson Creek Direct Transfer No. 02-088891; Resolution 1448**

24 David Gordon, Manager, Conservation, Recreation and Transactions Division
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26 Mr. Gordon presented the Patterson Creek Direct Transfer to the Board. The Patterson Creek
27 property is located in King County north of Issaquah and east of the City of Sammamish,
28 Washington. The property is 122.56 acres in size and is designated Common School Trust. The
29 property will be transferred to King County as a direct transfer for inclusion into King County's
30 Patterson Creek Park Natural Area.
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32 The property is surrounded by private residences and an appraisal established its value to be
33 \$3,025,000. The funds will be used to purchase replacement property desirable for the Common
34 School Trust.
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36 Mr. Gordon recommended approval of Resolution 1448.
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38 MOTION: Commissioner McEntire moved to approve Resolution 1448.
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40 SECOND: Director DeLuca seconded the motion.
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42 ACTION: The motion was approved unanimously.
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44 **PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR SURVEY MAP RECORDING FEE INCREASE - WAC**
45 **HEARING**

46 No comments.
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1 **SURVEY MAP RECORDING FEE INCREASE - WAC HEARING**

2 Pat Beehler, Assistant Division Manager, Land Survey Manager

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4 Mr. Beehler reminded the Board of the survey map recording fee increase process that was
5 started back in January 2015 to authorize a WAC amendment. The Board started the CR101,
6 and is now in the process of the CR102 which requires a public hearing for the public to
7 comment on the survey fee increase. The fee increase from \$46 to \$64 will allow for an
8 additional position to work on the current backlog of current recordings.

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10 Superintendent Dorn asked when the last time the fee was increased, and Mr. Beehler replied
11 that it was increased in 2002 from \$26 to \$46. Mr. Beehler stated that we were caught up until
12 the recession and layoffs that occurred in 2007-2008.

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14 Chair Goldmark opened a public hearing on the proposed survey map recording fee increase at
15 10 AM.

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17 No comments were received.

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19 Chair Goldmark closed the public hearing at 10:02 AM.

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21 **PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR CHAIR REPORT**

22 Steve Rodgers, County Commissioner representing Pacific County, introduced himself and
23 expressed his appreciation for the work that DNR and the Board are doing for Pacific County.

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25 Russ Pfeiffer-Hoyt, Chair of the Washington State School Directors' Association Trust Land
26 Task Force, stated that he looks forward to the Board addressing a climate change policy in the
27 future. Mr. Pfeiffer-Hoyt believes that it is unlikely that a climate change policy would
28 significantly impact the sustainable harvest calculation (SHC). He expressed that DNR staff are
29 doing a good job with the current work and urged the Board to keep the work focused on
30 completing the SHC, long-term conservation strategy and solving the arrearage issue.

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32 Kevin Schmelzlen, with the Marbled Murrelet Survival Project, stated that he hopes DNR and
33 the Board take immediate action once Mr. Zach Peery's analysis is finished. He hopes DNR
34 instructs Mr. Peery to consider variables in his analysis that are based on the realities of global
35 climate change. Even though the conservation community supports DNR's decision to get a
36 respected scientist to determine the biological impacts of the Department's forest management
37 on the marbled murrelets, DNR must not delay any further.

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39 Lois Ward, member of the Sierra Club, encouraged the Board to make decisions to protect old-
40 growth forest on behalf of the marbled murrelets and all other endangered species.

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42 Karen Lewis, citizen, spoke on behalf of the marbled murrelets. Ms. Lewis stated that the bird
43 does not have a monetary value, but it does have a spiritual and environmental value.

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45 Jon Pincelli, citizen, stated that he has not heard back from any of DNR staff regarding his
46 concerns about an upcoming timber sale which boarder lines protected marbled murrelet habitat.

1 **CHAIR REPORT**

2 **Marbled Murrelet and Sustainable Harvest Calculation Update**

3 Kyle Blum, Deputy Supervisor for State Uplands

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5 Mr. Blum provided an update on future presentations leading to the approval of the Sustainable
6 Harvest Calculation purpose and need statement.

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8 Mr. Blum also provided an update on the Marbled Murrelet biological implications work with
9 Professor Peery. Mr. Blum clarified that this work will help us understand the current baseline
10 habitat condition of the marbled murrelet and how the proposed alternatives compare with the
11 baseline habitat condition. The work will provide a relative and comparative tool that will help
12 us understand how our habitat effects translate into overall population effects.

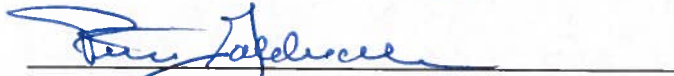
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14 **PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR GENERAL ITEMS OF INTEREST**

15 Jason Li, representing Grayzone Seafood & Trade LCC, stated his concerns regarding the
16 Geoduck Diver Safety Program. Mr. Li believes that the currently proposed rules do not
17 promote the highest level of safety for divers. He urged the Board to use the Suquamish Tribe's
18 diver program requirements as a template for DNR.

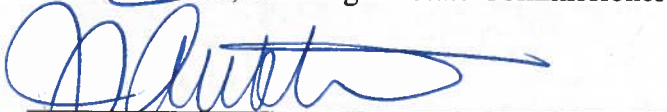
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20 Shirley Wang and Shirley Toh, representing the Grayzone Seafood & Trade LCC, stated their
21 concerns regarding the Geoduck Diver Safety Program. Ms. Wang questioned the purpose of the
22 bill and the increase on harvest price from \$1.75 to \$3.00 per pound.

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24 Meeting adjourned at 10:33 AM

Approved this 5th day of May, 2015



Peter Goldmark, Washington State Commissioner of Public Lands

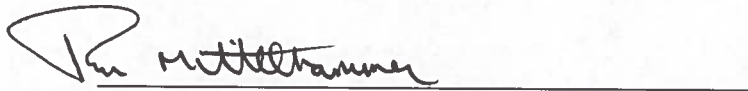

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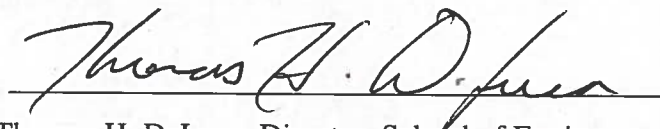
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Attest:



Sarah Vansot, Board Coordinator

