
Minutes

Board of Natural Resources Meeting

December 6, 2016
Natural Resources Building, Olympia, Washington

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

The Honorable Peter Goldmark, Washington State Commissioner of Public Lands

The Honorable Bill Peach, Commissioner, Clallam County

The Honorable Randy Dorn, Superintendent of Public Instruction – *via conference call*

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

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

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

1 CALL TO ORDER

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

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4 All Board members introduced themselves. Chair Goldmark noted there was a quorum for the
5 meeting with Dean Mittelhammer and Superintendent Dorn participating via phone.

6 SAFETY REVIEW

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

10 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

11 Chair Goldmark called for approval of the minutes for the November 1, 2016 Regular Board of
12 Natural Resources Meeting and the October 17, 2016 Special Board of Natural Resources
13 Meeting.

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16 MOTION: Director DeLuca moved to approve the minutes.

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18 SECOND: Ms. Austin seconded the motion.

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20 ACTION: The motion was approved unanimously.

21 PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR GENERAL ITEMS OF INTEREST

22 Arianne Jaco, representing the Washington Environmental Council, thanked Chair Goldmark and
23 other departing Board members for their work and thoughtfulness on environmental concerns.
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2 Ann Forest Burns, Vice President for AFRC, thanked Director DeLuca for his years of service.
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4 **PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR TIMBER SALE ACTION ITEMS**

5 Kendra Smith, representing Skagit County, thanked the Board and DNR staff for putting the
6 timber sales up that are so important to their county.
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8 **TIMBER SALES (Action Item)**

9 **Proposed Timber Sales for January 2017 | 3 handouts, including the presentation**

10 Tom Shay, Product Sales & Leasing Division
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12 Mr. Shay presented the results of the November auctions to the Board. The Department offered
13 16 sales totaling 74.3 mmbf in November. Of those, 15 sales sold totaling \$23.9 million for an
14 average of \$344 per mbf with just under 3 bidders per sale on average.
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16 Mr. Shay noted the one sale which did not receive bids is being looked at and will be re-offered
17 in January.
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19 Director DeLuca asked for more information of the sale receiving no bids.
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21 Mr. Shay discussed the two primary issues communicated to the Department regarding the sale;
22 difficult and long yarding corridors in some units and potential sale volume issues, as in less
23 volume, than originally estimated.
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25 Commissioner Peach mentioned the high number of bidders per sale and good prices.
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27 Mr. Shay expanded on this point noting prices are going up each month and there continues to be
28 good purchaser participation. There is also high quality sales which have been appraised at even
29 higher prices coming in January.
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31 Mr. Shay then presented proposed sales to be offered in January and asked for approval of the
32 proposed sales as presented.
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34 MOTION: Director DeLuca moved to approve the proposed sales.
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36 SECOND: Commissioner Peach seconded the motion.
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38 ACTION: The motion was approved unanimously.
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40 Chair Goldmark adjourned the Board of Natural Resources Meeting and convened the Board on
41 Geographic Names.
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43 **PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES (ACTION ITEMS)**

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46 **BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES (ACTION ITEMS)**

47 Caleb Maki, Executive Secretary, Board on Geographic Names
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1 Mr. Maki presented the following name proposal, recommended by the Committee on
2 Geographic Names, for consideration to the Board on Geographic Names noting that Mack
3 Creek is to rescind an early Board decision:
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5 **Name Proposal: Mack Creek, Beare Hill, Brookfield Point, Harlows Creek**
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7 MOTION: Director DeLuca moved to approve.
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9 SECOND: Commissioner Peach seconded the motion.
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11 ACTION: The motion was approved unanimously.
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13 Chair Goldmark adjourned the Board on Geographic Names and reconvened the Board of
14 Natural Resources.
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16 **PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR LAND TRANSACTION ACTION ITEMS**

17 Ian Sinks, representing Columbia Land Trust, spoke in support of the Klickitat Canyon
18 Community Forest Purchase.
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20 **LAND TRANSACTION (Action Items)**

21 **Klickitat Canyon Community Forest Acquisition, Resolution 1491**

22 Dave Gordon, Recreation, and Transactions Division

23 Julie Armbruster, Conservation, Recreation, and Transactions Division
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25 Mr. Gordon and Ms. Armbruster presented the Klickitat Canyon Community Forest Acquisition
26 to the Board. The property is in Klickitat County and is 2405 acres. Mr. Gordon explained the
27 purpose of creating a community forest. This project is funded primarily through a federal Forest
28 Legacy program grant that is intended to protect environmentally significant forest properties
29 from conversion to other uses. The original intent of the grant was to put a conservation
30 easement on the property; however, the Seller, John Hancock Life Insurance, preferred to sell the
31 property to the Department.
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33 Based on local community and County Commissioner requests, the Department agreed to
34 designate the property as community forest, which requires Board approval, regardless of the
35 fund source. Community forests are intended to be managed in a manner consistent with
36 community values and according to a management plan created with the aid of a local advisory
37 committee. The purchase price is \$4 million dollars, with \$3,904,000 provided by the grant and
38 \$96,000 provided by Columbia Land Trust. The Department will enter into a long-term
39 agreement with Columbia Land Trust to facilitate development of the management plan and to
40 carry out its implementation. Revenue produced by the property will go toward reimbursing
41 management costs and accomplishing the management objectives.
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43 Ms. Armbruster asked for approval of Resolution 1491.
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45 MOTION: Director DeLuca moved to approve Resolution 1491.
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47 SECOND: Commissioner Peach seconded the motion.

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2 ACTION: The motion was approved unanimously.
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4 **STATE OF THE STATE LANDS REPORT FY 2016 | 1 Handout**

5 Angus Brodie, Interim Deputy Supervisor for State Uplands

6 Darin Cramer, Product Sales and Leasing Division Manager
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8 Mr. Brodie and Mr. Cramer provided the annual update on the state of the state lands report,
9 which include aspects of forest management, leasing program, and transactions. Mr. Brodie
10 stated the purpose of the presentation, “the Department will employ a structured program to
11 monitor implementation of the policies in the Policy for Sustainable Forests, and will report
12 annually to the Board of Natural Resources on implementation”. Mr. Brodie reviewed how the
13 Department invests in forest stands, shipping 5.4 million seedlings for reforesting state trust
14 lands. The woods-run has been hard to collect in the last fiscal year due to the climatic
15 conditions, but a better production is expected for fiscal year 17. Approximately 17,000 acres
16 planted for forest establishment and for forest stands trending: 23,000 acres treated for weeds,
17 10,000 acres pre-commercial thinning, and 6,000 acres commercially thinned.
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19 Mr. Brodie spoke about the Research and Technology Investment, noting that remote sensed
20 forest inventory acquired 500,000 acres of LiDAR and measured 1,100 field plots with 98
21 percent of all DNR-managed forest lands. For Research and Monitoring, he spoke about the two
22 aspects around management of Silviculture and that habitat conservation plan, stating that the
23 Department is making a big effort on young stand performance (3-7 year performance), to make
24 sure we are meeting the standards that have been projected in the sustainable harvest calculation.
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26 He also touched on the extensive fire research in eastern Washington and reforestation after fires.
27 Tracking the data and the effectiveness of regeneration is another major component, along with
28 implementation and effectiveness monitoring. Lastly, he spoke about the validation monitoring
29 on the Olympic Experimental State Forest.
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31 Mr. Cramer gave an overview of timber volume sold for the last 12-13 years and spoke about the
32 total timber and leasing and revenue earned in FY16, adding that there may be a slight increase
33 in FY17. He went over the RMAP projects and presented a graph detailing the number of
34 projects completed per year.
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36 Mr. Cramer then provided the Board with trust land investments results to date, and concluded
37 with the transaction highlights in fiscal year 2016.
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39 **PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR CHAIR REPORT**

40 Commissioner Dan Cothren, representing Wahkiakum County, spoke about his concerns about
41 the marbled murrelet alternatives and the financial hardships his county will face.
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43 Commissioner Connie Beauvais, representing the Port of Port Angeles, spoke about her concerns
44 about arrearage. Commissioner Beauvais asked the Board to maximize trust revenues and to
45 offer the unharvested timber.
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1 Carol Johnson, Executive Director of the North Olympic Timber Action Committee, asked the
2 Board to consider selecting a sustainable harvest calculation that would include the 702 MBF
3 arrearage from Clallam County.

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5 Art Wang, representing Tahoma Audubon, thanked the Board for their transparency throughout
6 the process.

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8 Jim McEntire, representing Port Angeles Business Association, thanked the departing Board
9 members for their work. Mr. McEntire spoke about making comments to the draft EISs and
10 encouraged the Board to keep upmost the fiduciary responsibility to the trust beneficiaries.

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12 Matt Comisky, Washington Manager for AFRC, thanked Director DeLuca for his efforts on the
13 Board. Mr. Comisky went out to thank the rest of the Board members and DNR staff on getting
14 the draft EISs out and spoke about the importance of the numbers in the documents.

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16 Kendra Smith, representing Skagit County, thanked the Board for their work.

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18 **CHAIR REPORT**

19 **Marbled Murrelet Long-term Conservation Strategy and Sustainable Harvest Calculation**
20 Angus Brodie, Interim Deputy Supervisor for State Uplands

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22 Mr. Brodie presented the description of the Trust Mandate to the Board and noted three
23 evaluation criteria that USFWS will evaluate in assessing alternatives for the Marbled Murrelet
24 Long-term Conservation Strategy (MMLTCS).

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26 Mr. Brodie remarked that the draft EIS's for both projects are available publicly now for
27 comment. This will be a 90 day public comment period through at least March 9, 2017, extended
28 due to a delay in the MMLTCS DEIS posting to the Federal Register. There will be four public
29 meetings in which information for the MMLTCS and Sustainable Harvest Calculation (SHC)
30 will be presented including a webinar.

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32 The review of the five sustainable harvest alternatives will address the three policy questions;
33 MMLTCS, arrearage, and riparian harvest levels. The review of the six MMLTCS alternatives;
34 types of marbled murrelet conservation and acres of long-term forest cover will also be covered.

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36 Mr. Brodie provided the projected volumes for the sustainable harvest alternatives.

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38 Chair Goldmark asked if the calculations include variables beyond our control or anticipate,
39 including e.g.; climate. Is there any variability allowed for in these calculations? Angus
40 responded that the variability or sensitivity has not been included yet, however the modeling
41 team is examining what are the factors that might lead to the variability of the projections. These
42 factors are evaluated by tweaking the model through changing a variable, e.g.; discount rates,
43 yields, prices etc., and generate variability around the projections and their sensitivity.

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45 Commissioner Peach commented that he appreciates the detailed information at the county level;
46 that it is very important and he has received positive feedback regarding that.

- 1 Chair Goldmark thanked Angus for the presentation and expressed his appreciation of the work
- 2 the team have done to provide a wealth of information to the Board.
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- 4 Chair Goldmark concluded by thanking Director DeLuca for his years of service on the Board
- 5 and presented him with a plaque.
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- 7 Meeting adjourned at 10:45 AM.

Approved this 3rd day of January, 2017



Peter Goldmark, Washington State Commissioner of Public Lands

via conference call


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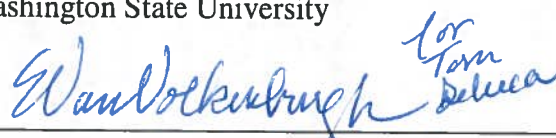
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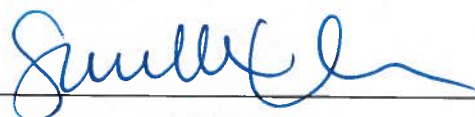


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