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# Minutes

## Board of Natural Resources Meeting

August 18, 2017

JA Wendt Elementary School, Cathlamet, 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

Elizabeth Van Volkenburgh, Interim 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

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### 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 Mr. Bergvall gave a safety overview and instruction on evacuating the building in case of an  
9 emergency.

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11 Board members shared their reflections of the August 17<sup>th</sup> tour, noting the significance of  
12 selecting a viable solution and the goal of knowing their choice by the end of the meeting.

### 13 14 CHAIR REPORT

15 **Marbled Murrelet Long-term Conservation Strategy and Sustainable Harvest Calculation |**

### 16 **1 Handout**

17 Angus Brodie, Deputy Supervisor for State Uplands

18 Andy Hayes, Division Manager Forest Resources

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20 Mr. Brodie reviewed slides 24-25 and discussed multiple approaches to both reduce the amount  
21 of impact, and increase the amount of mitigation. To lower the amount of impact, an alternative  
22 needs to protect current habitat. That can be done by protecting occupied sites and habitat. To

1 increase the amount of mitigation, an alternative needs to grow new or better habitat. That can be  
2 done within occupied site buffers, in isolated patches of habitat, or within conservation areas.  
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4 Mr. Brodie then referenced slides 33-35 considering the population viability analysis graphs  
5 from Dr. Zach Peery's work. These show Dr. Peery's projection of population trends over the  
6 next 50 years. The difference between short- and long-term impacts was discussed, with an  
7 emphasis on which conservation approaches could reduce short-term impacts to the population.  
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9 Chair Franz adjourned the meeting to gather lunch, and then reconvened the meeting at 12:15.  
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11 Mr. Brodie then reviewed slide 36, which showed key landscapes that have been identified for  
12 their potential importance to marbled murrelets. These are the North Puget, Straits, OESF, and  
13 SW Washington geographic regions.  
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15 The Board directed staff to bring them three scenarios that would facilitate further Board  
16 discussion on a preferred alternative. Those scenarios included, (1) an occupied sites only  
17 approach that also meters the release of all marbled murrelet habitat over the five planning  
18 decades; (2) an approach that protects occupied sites with buffers, meters the release of habitat in  
19 strategic locations, emphasizes conservation in strategic locations, attempts to provide mitigation  
20 to equal the impacts of take, and provides additional mitigation to offset the risks due to  
21 uncertainties in data and chronic natural disturbance on the landscape; and (3) an approach that  
22 acknowledges the impacts to individual county beneficiaries by making adjustments to lessen  
23 that impact. The Board asked staff to bring them information on this analysis to their September  
24 meeting.  
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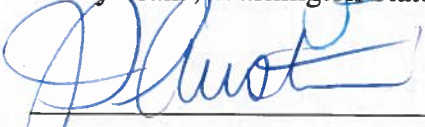
26 The group discussed arrearage options. The Board expressed interest in having the trusts that had  
27 experienced a deficit in harvest volume in the last planning period see that volume recovered.  
28 They believed that could best be accomplished through the option of harvesting 702 MMBF over  
29 ten years, within the sustainable harvest units that were in deficit. That led to a conversation  
30 regarding the statutory requirements regarding the manner in which the Board decides on an  
31 arrearage option. The Board asked staff to return in September with that information. The Board  
32 also asked for more information about the operational feasibility of the Department  
33 implementing an arrearage harvest of 702 MMBF over 10 years.  
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35 Discussion on riparian harvest reflected heavily on the previous day's field tour. The Board  
36 explored both the options of 1% over 10 years, and not including the riparian harvest in the  
37 sustainable harvest volume. The Board discussed adding a new riparian option that encouraged  
38 riparian harvests to continue based on their ecological value, but that did not insert a target into  
39 the sustainable harvest calculation. Under that scenario, staff should report back to the Board on  
40 progress in implementing the Riparian Forest Restoration Strategy.  
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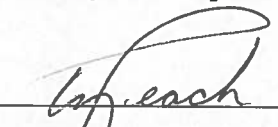
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43 Meeting adjourned at 1:00 PM.

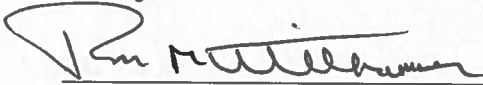
Approved this 7<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2017


  
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