
Minutes

Board of Natural Resources Meeting

November 3, 2020
“Webinar” in 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

Jim Cahill, Designee for the Honorable Jay Inslee, Washington State Governor

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

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. A meeting quorum was attained.

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6 WEBINAR FORMAT BRIEFING

7 Ms. Tami Kellogg provided an overview for participating in a Webinar meeting.

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9 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

10 Chair Franz called for approval of the minutes for the October 6, 2020 Regular Board of Natural
11 Resources meeting.

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13 MOTION: Dean Wright moved to approve the minutes.

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15 SECOND: Commissioner Peach seconded the motion.

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17 ACTION: The motion carried unanimously.

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19 PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR GENERAL ITEMS OF INTEREST

20 **Stephen Kropp, Citizen**, spoke about the sustainable harvest calculation and the commitment
21 on older forest percentages. He shared concerns that the Department will not meet this
22 commitment, nor its obligations under the HCP and PSF, within the timeline.

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1 **Heath Heikkila, American Forest Resource Council**, spoke about the recent accomplishments
2 of the Department. He noted the growing intensity of the opposition and asked that the Board
3 keep in mind the land base as a whole and the bond with local communities.
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5 **Peter Goldman, Director, Washington Forest Law Center**, said he is speaking on behalf of
6 the Sauk-Suiattle Tribe. He asked that the Board not approve the Medera Sorts timber sale, or at
7 least, postpone its approval. He stated the area is part of the potential reconveyance to
8 Snohomish County and the Tribe needs time to complete Government to Government
9 discussions with the County.
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11 **Ed Bowen, Citizen of Clallam County**, spoke about the Peninsula Land Exchange and
12 requested that if the litigation is settled, that the exchange be brought back before the Board. He
13 also mentioned that trust land transfers were not listed on the Department's legislative priorities
14 for 2021. He asked that the Department look into another method to conduct the Board meetings
15 so it is easier for the public to attend and hear the meeting, if there is an extension of the current
16 proclamation on the Open Public Meetings Act.
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18 **PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR TIMBER SALE ACTION ITEMS**

19 **Matt Comisky, Washington Manager for American Forest Resources Council**, expressed
20 appreciation of DNR staff to streamline timber sale processes. He shared that the constant
21 barrage of attacks is becoming tiresome and also feels the Department has given up the corpus of
22 the trusts. He also noted the release of the USFWS annual report of the Habitat Conservation
23 Plan.
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25 **Stephen Kropp, Citizen**, spoke about the Schweitzer timber sale and voiced concerns that the
26 Department may not be in compliance with the HCP. He stated that the forest has many
27 characteristics, which he shared by photographs via email. He asked that the Board review them
28 prior to making a decision as it is not realistic to think the unit can be returned to that level of
29 diversity after harvest.
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31 **Peter Goldman, Director, Washington Forest Law Center**, deferred comment.
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33 **Ed Bowen, Citizen of Clallam County**, asked about the investment into Riparian Harvest,
34 specifically Unit 8 of the Homeward timber sale in Clallam County, and if a riparian
35 management zone (RMZ) harvest is being done. He is also curious about Solleks Bottom Units 4
36 and 5 and the plan for RMZ's.
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38 **TIMBER SALES (Action Item)**

39 **Auction Results for October 2020 & Proposed Timber Sales for December 2020, 3** 40 **handouts, including the presentation**

41 **Koshare Eagle, Assistant Division Manager, Product Sales & Leasing Division**

42 Ms. Eagle presented the results of the October 2020 auctions. The Department offered 14 sales
43 totaling 55.5 mmbf. Thirteen of those sales sold totaling \$20.4 million for an average of \$437 per
44 mbf with 2.6 bidders per sale on average.
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46 Ms. Eagle invited questions from the Board. No questions were offered.
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Ms. Eagle reviewed the eight sales proposed for future auction. Ms. Eagle noted the following entities benefitting from revenue generated by the proposed sales: Clallam, Jefferson, Lewis, Skagit, and Snohomish counties; the Common School Construction account; Agriculture, University, and Scientific Schools accounts; the Capitol Building Fund, and Charitable, Educational, Penal, and Reformatory Institutions funds.

Ms. Eagle requested approval of the proposed sales as presented.

Commissioner Franz shared that the Sauk-Suiattle Tribe requested a government to government discussion with Snohomish County regarding Wild Wallace County Park reconveyance and that the Department would abide by that request. Commissioner Franz asked to delay auction of the Madera Sorts sale.

Commissioner Franz invited questions from the Board.

Superintendent Reykdal asked for clarification on the length of delaying the auction. Commissioner Franz asked for a delay of at least 60 days.

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

SECOND: Mr. Cahill seconded the motion.

ACTION: The motion was approved unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 AM.

Approved this 1st day of December, 2020

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Hilary S. Franz, Washington State Commissioner of Public Lands

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