
Minutes

Board of Natural Resources Meeting

December 1, 2015
Natural Resources Building, Olympia, Washington

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

The Honorable Peter Goldmark, Washington State Commissioner of Public Lands

The Honorable Jim McEntire, Commissioner, Clallam County – *via conference call*

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

Thomas H. DeLuca, Director, School of Environmental and Forest Sciences, University of Washington –
via conference call

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

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

1 CALL TO ORDER

2 Chair Goldmark called the meeting to order at 9:15 AM.

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4 All Board members introduced themselves. Chair Goldmark noted there was a quorum for the
5 meeting with Commissioner McEntire, Director DeLuca, and Dean Mittelhammer participating
6 via phone. He thanked the Board members and the public for their patience due to the technical
7 difficulties with the phone system.

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9 Superintendent Dorn joined via phone at 9:50 AM.

10 SAFETY REVIEW

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

13 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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15 Chair Goldmark called for approval of the minutes for the November 3, 2015 Regular Board of
16 Natural Resources Meeting and the October 15, 2015 Special Meeting.

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19 Commissioner McEntire made a correction to line 16 of the regular minutes. He recommended
20 changing nine percent of marbled murrelet habitat to 11 percent.

1 MOTION: Dean Mittelhammer moved to approve the minutes.

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3 SECOND: Commissioner McEntire seconded the motion.

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5 ACTION: The motion was approved unanimously.

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

8 Matt Comisky, Washington Manager for AFRC, introduced those that joined him, including
9 representatives from Port Angeles Hardwoods/Cascade Hardwoods Group, Washington Contract
10 Loggers Association, Boise Cascade, Interfor, and Sierra Pacific Industries, expressed the
11 importance of the program to help the beneficiaries.

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13 **PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR TIMBER SALE ACTION ITEMS**

14 Randy Bartelt, representing Port Angeles Hardwood/Cascade Hardwood, spoke about the
15 importance of state timber sales to keep their mills operating. Mr. Bartelt encouraged the Board
16 to make more hardwood available to keep their mills open and employees working.

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18 Kevin Arneson, Washington Resource Manager representing Boise Cascade, asked the Board to
19 continue their land management activities. Mr. Arneson stated that he supports the Board's
20 efforts to remove the dying materials that was created by the recent fires, and to continue the
21 long term sale program on the Eastside. He encouraged the Board to look for increased
22 opportunities to treat more DNR acres across the region.

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24 Russ Pfeiffer-Hoyt, Chair of the Washington State School Directors' Association Trust Land
25 Task Force, spoke in favor of the proposed Eastside timber sales. DNR's efforts to restoring and
26 recovering these damaged sites for productivity is vital to future generations.

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28 **TIMBER SALES (Action Item)**

29 **Post-disturbance Management on Forested State Trust Lands of Washington**

30 Angus Brodie, Forest Resources Division Manager

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32 Mr. Brodie gave a presentation to the Board on DNR's approach to post-disturbance
33 management on forested state trust lands, highlighting wildfires in Eastern Washington and
34 DNR's response to wildfire disturbance.

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36 Mr. Brodie referenced the Washington Eastside Fire Statistics map. For all land owners, in
37 2003-2013 approximately 1.6 million acres burned, in 2014 about 434 thousand acres burned and
38 in 2015, a little over 1 million acres burned. In 2014, 65,336 acres burned on DNR land and in
39 2015, 76,430 acres burned. In 2014, 25,060 acres of DNR forested acres burned and in 2015,
40 50,140 acres burned.

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42 Mr. Brodie noted two main guiding principles: to retain pre-disturbance objectives and to
43 recognize that recover of value materials or "salvage" as an economic activity, remarking that
44 there are three areas of policy that guide these principles: (1) statute, RCW 79.15.210 and RCW
45 79.15.220; (2) the Policy of Sustainable Forests; and (3) the Habitat Conservation Plan. He
46 stated that the Department will take a general approach to determine the extent and level of the
47 damage. Next, the Department will screen the areas within the fire boundaries to determine

1 where it might be possible to conduct a harvest activity. This screening involves using burn
2 severity conditions, slope, and soil information. Lastly, the Department will determine how much
3 of the damaged materials can be recovered considering the financial outcome and budget
4 constraints.

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6 Mr. Brodie provided details on the screening process within the burn areas.

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8 Chair Goldmark asked how long this process has been in place, and Mr. Brodie answered that the
9 process in place has been implemented by the regions for the last 10 years and additionally
10 finalized within the last year.

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12 Mr. Brodie touched on post-harvest treatments: reforestation and the challenges DNR faces.

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14 Director DeLuca applauded the use of extra filters for looking at these sites prior to the sale and
15 asked if there are any consideration of factors of soil exposure and total consumption of the
16 forest floor, a filter that might be beneficial to the sites.

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18 Mr. Brodie answered that slope length and the extent of the slope involved is a step in the sale
19 layout to include how much of the soil area will be disturbed and if it will be ground harvested,
20 noting that during the sale design we get to a more specific level when putting boots on the
21 ground. He added that during the timber sale design process all existing Department policies and
22 procedures still remain in place in addition to considering the environmental conditions of the
23 recently burned area.

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25 Chair Goldmark remarked about the salvage operation on the Carlton Complex that occurred
26 post fire in 2014 and the tremendous efforts made to stabilize the slopes.

27 **Proposed Timber Sales for December 2015 & January 2016 – 3 handouts, including the**
28 **presentation**

29 Tom Shay, Product Sales & Leasing Division

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31 Mr. Shay presented the results of the November 2015 auction to the Board. The Department
32 offered 13 sales totaling 42.1 MMBF in November. Of those, 12 sales sold, totaling \$10.2
33 million for an average of \$275 per MBF.

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35 Mr. Shay remarked that bidder interest remained high and the prices received at auction were
36 very close to the Department's appraised values for November sales. Mr. Shay noted that the
37 sale which received no bids will be re-evaluated and likely re-offered in February 2016.

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39 Mr. Shay then presented the proposed sales to the Board.

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41 Dean Mittelhammer asked for clarification on the sale package as the Board initially received
42 two packets of sales. Mr. Shay clarified that initially there was a packet of regular "green" sales
43 and a packet of "salvage" sales that were going to be close in making it to the Board due to
44 SEPA and Forest Practices approvals. Mr. Shay said that two sales were removed from the
45 "salvage" packet (Cougar Fire Salvage Sorts and Tower Fire Salvage) with the remaining
46 "salvage" sales being incorporated into a single Board packet with the "green" sales.

1 MOTION: Dean Mittelhammer moved to approve the sales proposed in December 2015.

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3 SECOND: Commissioner McEntire seconded the motion.

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5 ACTION: The motion was approved unanimously.

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7 **PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR PURCHASE/SALE AGREEMENT FOR KILOWATT**
8 **QUARRY (ACTION ITEMS)**

9 None.

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11 **PURCHASE/SALE AGREEMENT FOR KILOWATT QUARRY (ACTION ITEMS)**

12 Darin Cramer, Product Sales and Leasing Division Manager

13 Todd Welker, Southeast Region Manager

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15 Mr. Cramer presented the proposal to auction a valuable material purchase/sale agreement for the
16 Kilowatt Quarry in Klickitat County.

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18 The Kilowatt Quarry is a 15 acre basalt quarry located approximately 20 miles north of White
19 Salmon on Highway 141, and contains approximately 104,000 cubic yards (\approx 135,000 tons) of
20 rock. The quarry has not been active since the 1990s, and has been attracting public abuse
21 (garbage dumping, shooting). At least two local operators have expressed interest in the
22 quarry; therefore, SE Region would like to put the material up for auction. The Department
23 holds approved surface mining reclamation and conditional use permits for the quarry.

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25 The region is proposing to auction a ten-year contract with a minimum bid of \$.75/ton and
26 minimum annual royalty of \$5,000. Market surveys in the area indicate similar material is
27 selling for \$7 - \$10/ton (retail) dependent upon quality and size. Seventy five cents per ton
28 minimum bid would therefore be approximately a 10% royalty rate, which is within the
29 typical range for rock, sand and gravel contracts in rural areas. We anticipate competition at
30 the auction, therefore a higher rate and/or a bonus bid is plausible.

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32 The total appraised value estimate, and minimum acceptable bid, should a bidder propose to
33 remove all valuable material, is \$101,250 (135,000 tons x \$.75). Note this total appraised
34 value does not include the periodic price adjustment based on the Producer Price Index for
35 rock, sand and gravel, which is a standard clause in our long-term purchase/sale agreements.

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37 Director DeLuca asked about the history of the quarry. Mr. Cramer answered that it was
38 active in the 90's and the lease expired in late 90's-2000. Mr. Welker added that the
39 previous lessee was not making enough money.

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41 Mr. Cramer asked the Board for approval of the auction.

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43 MOTION: Director DeLuca moved to approve.

44 SECOND: Dean Mittelhammer seconded the motion.

45 ACTION: The motion was approved unanimously

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1 Chair Goldmark adjourned the Board of Natural Resource meeting and convened the Board on
2 Geographic Names.

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4 **PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES (ACTION ITEMS)**

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

8 Caleb Maki, Executive Secretary, Board on Geographic Names

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10 Mr. Maki presented the following name proposals, recommended by the Committee on
11 Geographic Names, for consideration to the Board on Geographic Names:

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13 **Name Proposal: Cooper Creek, Vancouver Notch, and Wildcat Pond**

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15 **MOTION:** Dean Mittelhammer moved to approve.

16 **SECOND:** Commissioner McEntire seconded the motion.

17 **ACTION:** The motion was approved unanimously

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19 Chair Goldmark adjourned the Board on Geographic Names and reconvened the Board of
20 Natural Resource meeting.

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22 **PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR CHAIR REPORT**

23 Maria Ruth, member of the Black Hills Audubon Society, provided the Board with the accurate
24 total estimated marbled murrelet population. Ms. Ruth added that she hopes that going forward
25 356,246 is the number used to describe the population.

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27 Kevin Schmelzlen, with the Marbled Murrelet Survival Project, thanked the Board for approving
28 the set of alternatives at the November Board meeting.


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30 **CHAIR REPORT**

31 Kyle Blum, Deputy Supervisor for State Uplands

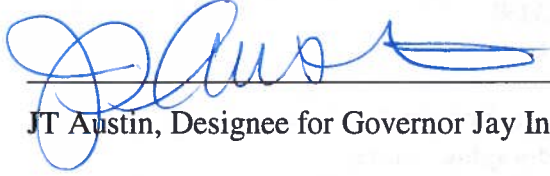
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33 Mr. Blum briefed the Board on the accurate total estimated marbled murrelet population provided
34 by Maria Ruth and gave a quick update on the project. He stated that they will continue to move
35 forward and start on the environmental analysis in the EIS.

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37 Meeting Adjourned 10:14 AM.

Approved this 5th day of January, 2016



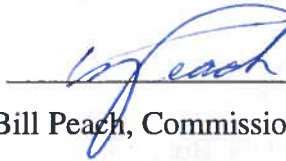
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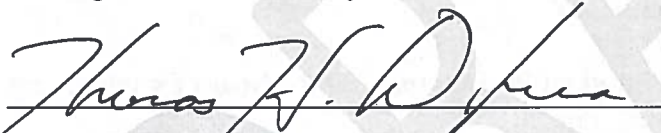
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Attest:



Sarah Vansot, Board Coordinator