
Minutes
Board of Natural Resources Meeting

January 6, 2026
Webinar and Natural Resources Building, Olympia, Washington

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

The Honorable Dave Upthegrove, Washington State Commissioner of Public Lands
The Honorable Chris Reykdal, Superintendent of Public Instruction
Owen Rowe, Designee for the Honorable Bob Ferguson, Washington State Governor
Dan Brown, Director, School of Environmental and Forest Sciences, University of Washington
Raj Khosla, Dean, College of Agricultural, Human, and Natural Resource Sciences,
Washington State University

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

The Honorable Randy Johnson, Commissioner, Clallam County

1 CALL TO ORDER

2 Chair Upthegrove called the meeting to order at 9:03 AM.

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4 All Board members introduced themselves. Chair Upthegrove noted there was a quorum for the
5 meeting.

6 WEBINAR/SAFETY BRIEFING

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8 Ashley Johnson, Board Coordinator, provided a safety briefing and instruction on evacuating the
9 building during an emergency.

10 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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12 Chair Upthegrove called for approval of the minutes for the December 2, 2025, Regular Board of
13 Natural Resources Meeting.

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15 MOTION: Dan Brown moved to approve the minutes.

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17 SECOND: Commissioner Upthegrove seconded the motion.

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19 ACTION: The motion carried unanimously.

1 **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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Bill	Turner
Lynn	Fitz-Hugh
Joshua	Wright
Donna	Albert
Brian	Karnes
Sheryl	Ahlblad
Edward	Donofrio
Dave	Sweitzer
Rod	Fleck
Sherri	Dysart
Miguel	Perez-Gibson
Nicole	Martel
Heath	Heikkila
Russ	Pfeiffer-Hoyt
Kyle	Krakow
Ed	Chadd
Julie	Puhich
Paul	Butler
Matt	Comisky
Ed	Bowen
Eleana	Pawl
Lee	First
Connie	Beauvais
Jerry	Bonagofskly
Robert	Mitchell

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4 **STAFF REPORT**

5 **State of State Lands – Part 1**

6 Duane Emmons, Assistant Deputy Supervisor State Uplands
7 Candace Montoya, Uplands Budget Manager
8 Michael Kearney, Product Sales and Leasing Division Manager

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10 A report was presented for 2025 on State Uplands revenue-producing programs, operating funds,
11 and staffing, financial statements and business assets.

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13 **STAFF REPORT**

14 **Cultural Resources**

15 Allen Estep – Assistant Division Manager, Forest Resources
16 Louis Fortin – Scientific Consultation Manager, Forest Resources

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18 Mr. Fortin presented on the Uplands cultural resources program; its role of the program with
19 timber sales and other land management activities, what are cultural resources and how we
20 interact with tribes and the Dept. of Archaeology and Historic Preservation.

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1 **TIMBER SALES (Action Item)**

2 **Auction Results for December 2025, FY26 Update, & Proposed Timber Sales for February**
3 **2026**

4 Amanda Taylor - Acting Assistant Division Manager, Timber Sales, Product Sales & Leasing
5 Division

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7 Ms. Taylor provided the auction results for December 2025, an update on FY26 and the
8 proposed timber sales for February 2026.

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10 Ms. Taylor asked for approval of the proposed sales as presented.

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12 MOTION: Commissioner Upthegrove moved to approve the proposed sales as presented
13 except for the Lost Glove timber sale.

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15 SECOND: Dan Brown seconded the motion.

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17 ACTION: The motion carried unanimously.

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19 MOTION: Commissioner Upthegrove moved to approve the Lost Glove timber sale.

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21 SECOND: Dan Brown seconded the motion.

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23 MOTION: Chris Reykdal moved to amend the motion to EXCLUDE unit 1 from Lost Glove.

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25 SECOND: Raj Khosla seconded the motion.

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27 ACTION: The motion to approve Lost Glove timber sale EXCLUDING unit 1 fails with 4 to
28 1. (Nays: Commissioner Upthegrove, Raj Khosla, Owen Rowe, & Dan Brown;
29 Yeas: Chris Reykdal).

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31 ACTION: The motion to approve Lost Glove timber sale, as presented passes with 4 to 1.
32 (Yeas: Commissioner Upthegrove, Dan Brown, Owen Rowe, & Raj Khosla; Nays: Chris
33 Reykdal).

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36 **Resolution Update**

37 **Habitat Restoration Direct Sales; Resolution 1671**

38 Michael Kearney, Division Manager, Product Sales and Leasing

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40 Mr. Kearney presented Habitat Restoration Direct Sales, which concerns the direct sale of
41 valuable materials for habitat restoration projects. It updates resolution 1382. Added authority:
42 \$250,000 for direct sales of valuable materials for qualifying habitat restoration projects,
43 provided certain conditions are met.

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45 Mr. Kearney requests board approval of Resolution 1671.

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47 MOTION: Dan Brown moved to approve Resolution 1671.

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2 SECOND: Commissioner Upthegrove seconded the motion.

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4 ACTION: The motion carried unanimously.

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7 **Executive Session**

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9 Meeting adjourned at 12:25 PM