
Minutes

Board of Natural Resources Meeting

September 5, 2017
Natural Resources Building, 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

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 – *via conference call*

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.

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7 **SAFETY REVIEW**

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

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11 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

12 Chair Franz called for approval of the minutes for the July 5, 2017 Regular Board of Natural
13 Resources Meeting and the July 7, 2017 Special Board of Natural Resources Meeting.

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15 MOTION: Commissioner Peach moved to approve the minutes from the July 5th Regular
16 meeting and the July 7th Special meeting.

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18 SECOND: Director Van Volkenburgh seconded the motion.

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20 ACTION: The motion was approved unanimously.

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

2 **Shawn Cantrell, NW Regional Director for the Defenders of Wildlife**, spoke about the
3 stakeholder roundtable for the marbled murrelet and encouraged the Board to keep options open
4 for the success of that table.
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6 **Rod Fleck, Forks City Attorney**, reminded the Board that their decisions impact not only direct
7 beneficiaries but the indirect beneficiaries.
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9 **Miguel Perez-Gibson, Washington Environmental Council**, spoke about the Habitat
10 Conservation Plan, its intention to meet the trust obligations and his anticipation that the
11 stakeholder group can address some of the resulting issues.
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13 **PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR TIMBER SALE ACTION ITEM**

14 There were none.
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16 **TIMBER SALES (Action Item)**

17 **Proposed Timber Sales for October 2017 | 3 handouts, including the presentation**
18 **Darin Cramer, Product Sales & Leasing Division**
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20 Mr. Cramer presented the results of the July and August auctions to the Board. The Department
21 offered 6 sales totaling 12.6 mmbf in July. Of those, all sales sold totaling \$2.9 million for an
22 average of \$229 per mbf with just over 2 bidders per sale on average.
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24 Mr. Cramer asked for questions on the July 2017 results. Commissioner Peach asked about the
25 current fiscal year results. Mr. Cramer responded that he did not have that information with him,
26 but that so far, all sales presented to the Board for fiscal year 2018 have sold through the two
27 months of auctions.
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29 Mr. Cramer then presented the August 2017 auction results. The Department offered 8 sales in
30 August, totaling 15.6 mmbf. All August sales sold for a value of \$5.0 million for an average of
31 \$323/mbf with an average of over 2 bidders per sale.
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33 Commissioner Franz asked the Board for questions on the August 2017 results.
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35 Commissioner Peach noted that the Agency is witnessing a really strong timber market.
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37 Mr. Cramer agreed and noted that prices held over the summer plus a couple of higher value
38 sales were added to August sales which is reflective in the average price. Mr. Cramer also
39 mentioned that prices are expected to remain high for proposed October 2017 sales.
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41 Mr. Cramer then presented proposed sales to be offered in October 2017 to the Board.
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43 Mr. Cramer asked for approval of the proposed sales as presented.
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45 **MOTION:** Commissioner Peach moved to approve the proposed sales.
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47 **SECOND:** Director Van Volkenburgh seconded the motion.

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2 ACTION: The motion was approved unanimously.

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4 **PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES ACTION ITEM**

5 Miguel Perez-Gibson, Washington Environmental Council, spoke about the need to ensure
6 geographic names are not racially and ethnically offensive.

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8 **BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES (Action Item) | 5 handouts**

9 Caleb Maki, Executive Secretary, Committee on Geographic Names

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11 Mr. Maki presented the following recommendations, from the Committee on Geographic Names,
12 for name changes and requested approval for each name change.

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14 Reef Net Bay – San Juan County: This proposal is to change the name of Squaw Bay located on
15 Shaw Island. The proposal received strong community support. The name references the
16 historic type of reef net fishing that took place at the location, and is still in practice today.
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19 MOTION: Commissioner Peach moved to approve the recommendation.

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21 SECOND: Ms. Austin seconded the motion.

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23 ACTION: The motion was approved unanimously.

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25 Walaluks Creek – Klickitat County: This proposal is to change the name of Squaw Creek to the
26 name of the Native American woman whom the creek was likely named after. Walaluks was a
27 Yakama woman who assisted fellow tribal members traveling through the area.

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29 MOTION: Commissioner Peach moved to approve the recommendation.

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31 SECOND: Director Van Volkenburgh seconded the motion.

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33 ACTION: The motion was approved unanimously.

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35 Hunter Creek, Purdy Creek, and Weaver Creek – Mason County: All three proposals were
36 submitted to update maps to current local usage. Hunter Creek has been in use by the County for
37 some time, and Purdy and Weaver Creeks need their correct locations updated.

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39 MOTION: Commissioner Peach moved to approve the recommendation.

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41 SECOND: Director Van Volkenburgh seconded the motion.

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43 ACTION: The motion was approved unanimously.

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45 **PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR LAND TRANSACTION ACTION ITEMS**

46 Linda Leonard, Woodland Park, spoke to opposition of the Kuhn Road transaction to the
47 Port of Woodland.

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2 **Jasmine Zimmer-Stucky, Columbia River Keepers**, cautioned the Board of the Kuhn Road
3 Direct Transfer.

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5 **Paul Kine, Port of Woodland**, spoke on behalf of Port of Woodland Commission, encouraging
6 the Board to approve the Kuhn Road transaction.

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8 **Laurence Castich, Attorney for the Port of Woodland**, described the Austin Point property
9 and explained the current plans for the property. He ensured the Board the port would go through
10 the proper process if plans are made for the location. He closed by noting the opportunity for
11 future economic development.

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13 **Theresa Livella, La Center, WA resident**, asked the Board for support to conserve the wildlife
14 near the Port of Woodland

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16 **LAND TRANSACTION (Action Items)**

17 **Kuhn Road Direct Transfer, No. 02-093906; Resolution 1507**

18 Michelle Burbidge, Project Manager, Conservation, Recreation, and Transactions Division

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20 Ms. Burbidge presented the Kuhn Road Direct Transfer Transaction. She stated the transaction
21 is a direct transfer of land located in Cowlitz County managed by DNR, to the Port of Woodland.
22 The property is 153 acres of Common School Trust land and is zoned for Agricultural use. It is
23 currently under lease for agricultural purposes and once the sale is complete, the Port will
24 assume the lease. The appraised value and sale price for the property is \$1,700,000. These
25 proceeds will be deposited into the Real Property Replacement account and used to purchase
26 more productive lands for the Common School Trust.

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28 Chair Franz, noted support from the Cowlitz tribe and a resolution from the Port of Woodland
29 that specifies approved uses for the property. She requested copies be provided to the Board.

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31 **PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR CHAIR REPORT**

32 **Bill Turner, Sierra Pacific Industries**, spoke to the MM/SHC alternatives and asked the Board
33 to select Alternative B

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35 **Russ Pfeiffer-Hoyt, Chair WSDDA Trust Lands Task Force**, spoke about selecting the best
36 strategy. He noted Alternative B is the best option as it meets both trust fiduciary and HCP
37 obligations.

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39 **Shawn Cantrell, NW Regional Director, Defenders of Wildlife**, spoke to the Board on
40 selecting a preferred alternative for the long-term conservation strategy in keeping with their
41 legal obligation.

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43 **Maria Ruth, Black Hills Audubon**, spoke about the stakeholders group recently established and
44 asks that the Board to take the time to consider all alternatives very carefully, not only for MM,
45 but for 21 other species.

1 **Art Wang, Tahoma Audubon Society**, spoke about the Marbled Murrelet Long-Term
2 Conservation Strategy and shared some basic principles to that he hopes the Board will follow.

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4 **Paul Bialkowski, Timber Procurement Manager, Interfor**, spoke about the Riparian Forest
5 Restoration Strategy and its inclusion in the Sustainable Harvest Calculation.

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7 **Ariane Jaco, Washington Environmental Council**, asked the Board to select a conservation
8 strategy grounded in the best available science, defer all harvest of current and future murrelet
9 habitat and occupied site buffers until the next decade, and select an alternative to allow for
10 silvicultural and ecological thinning and allow for recreational purposes.

11 **Connie Beauvais, Port of Port Angeles**, spoke about rolling arrearage into the inventory and
12 the effect to the junior taxing districts. She asked the Board to look at the arrearage by county
13 and reduce the arrearage to zero. They support selection of Alternative B.

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15 **Carol Johnson, NOTAC**, spoke to the arrearage of 702 mmbf, which is in the best interest of
16 Clallam County and accepts that in addition to a new SHC could be harvested over 10 years
17 making it easier for DNR to manage. She spoke about healthy forests and shared concerns with
18 preserving lands versus managing lands for the future of the states future.

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20 **Rod Fleck, Forks City Attorney**, suggests the Board hold off on selecting a preferred
21 Alternative. He also spoke of the 702 mmbf in arrearage and supports the Board pursuing that
22 amount.

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24 **Matt Commisky, AFRC**, spoke to the Board about selecting Alternative B.

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26 **Miguel Perez-Gibson, Washington Environmental Council**, reminded the Board of earlier
27 comments and addressed the three topics on the MM presentation.

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29 **Jennifer Keller, Citizen of Bellevue, WA**, shared concerns on the conservation of the marbled
30 murrelet, its habitat and climate change.

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32 Chair Franz adjourned the meeting to allow the Board to review additional documents pertaining
33 to the Kuhn Road Direct Transfer.

34 Superintendent Reykdal left the meeting at 10:30.

35 Chair Franz reconvened the meeting at 10:43 and re-visited the Kuhn Road transaction.

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37 **LAND TRANSACTION (Action Item) - Continued**

38 **Kuhn Road Direct Transfer, No. 02-093906; Resolution 1507**

39 Jennifer Keene, Executive Director for the Port of Woodland informed the Board that the Port of
40 Woodland has been meeting with WDFW on the future use of the property. Commissioner
41 Peach questioned if the property had cultural significance to the Cowlitz Tribe. Ms. Keene
42 replied that Kuhn Road has no cultural significance.

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44 Ms. Burbidge concluded by asking the Board to approve Resolution 1507

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46 **MOTION:** Commissioner Peach moved to approve Resolution 1507.

1 SECOND: Ms. Austin seconded the motion.

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3 ACTION: The motion was approved unanimously.

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5 **CHAIR REPORT**

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

7 Angus Brodie, Deputy Supervisor for State Uplands

8 Andy Hayes, Forest Resources Division Manager

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10 Mr. Brodie presented a timeline, explaining that following selection of a preferred alternative
11 staff will be preparing a supplemental draft environmental impact statement (EIS) while
12 simultaneously preparing a draft Habitat Conservation Plan amendment. He explained that this
13 would change the scheduled release date for a final EIS, pushing it into 2019.

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15 Mr. Brodie then went on to discuss arrearage. He started with the legal definition of how to
16 measure arrearage, which provides an arrearage of 462 mmbf. He then went on to explain that
17 when an arrearage occurs, the department is required to perform an analysis and determine which
18 course of action provides the greatest return to the trusts. This analysis results in a level of 702
19 mmbf.

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21 The Board of Natural Resources has been contemplating four different options for arrearage.
22 Based on the discussion at the Board retreat, a fifth option has been added, which is the arrearage
23 harvest of 702 mmbf over a ten-year period.

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25 Mr. Brodie moved on to review the discussion at the August Board retreat on the Riparian Forest
26 Restoration Strategy and the arguments for separating the riparian harvest volume from the
27 Sustainable Harvest Level. Commissioner Peach asked that the direction the Board was being
28 asked was about what modeling assumption to make for riparian harvest and not direction on
29 changing the HCP riparian forest restoration strategy. Mr. Brodie concurred that Commissioner
30 Peach was correct that the Board were being asked what modeling assumption should be used for
31 riparian harvest to calculate the sustainable harvest. Mr. Brodie then went on to reviewed what
32 was heard in regards to the preferred alternative for the riparian areas.

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34 Mr. Brodie then went on to discuss options for riparian harvest, bringing a recommendation to
35 separate riparian harvest volume from the sustainable harvest level. Chair Franz proposed that
36 harvest occurring in the riparian areas would still count toward the sustainable harvest level,
37 however there would be no targeted amount of riparian harvest in calculating the sustainable
38 harvest. Riparian harvest would occur when it made ecological and financial sense.

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40 The Board had been contemplating two options for riparian harvest, both of which have target
41 amounts of harvest in the sustainable harvest calculation. Based on the discussion from the
42 Board retreat, Mr. Brodie summarized that a third option is now recommended that allows
43 thinning in riparian areas per the Riparian Forest Restoration Strategy, does not included a
44 volume harvest from riparian areas in the calculation of sustainable harvest level, however
45 allows riparian harvest volume that is sold to be included towards the sustainable harvest target.

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1 Mr. Hayes then spoke about the marbled murrelet long-term conservation strategy. He began
2 with a list of principles for developing a preferred alternative that were taken from the discussion
3 at the August Board retreat. He talked about how impacts and mitigation should be roughly equal
4 to begin with (i), then about how there could be additional mitigation to address uncertainties
5 (epsilon or ϵ), and then about the possibility of even more mitigation in the form of additional
6 murrelet habitat conservation (delta or δ). He asked for confirmation that the Board had agreed
7 during the August retreat to mitigation being $i + \epsilon$, and would not include δ . This was confirmed
8 by the Board.

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10 Mr. Hayes went on to describe three new scenarios for consideration, based on the principles
11 from the August Board retreat. The first scenario conserves all occupied sites and meters all
12 impacts over fifty years. He then described the pros and cons of metering. The second scenario
13 conserves all occupied sites with buffers, identifies strategically important areas, meters high
14 quality habitat in strategic locations over two decades, adds conservation areas for mitigation,
15 and adds acres for uncertainties. This scenario is most similar to alternative D from the DEIS.
16 The third scenario is the same as scenario two except that it includes an analysis of whether any
17 of the trusts are disproportionately affected by the scenario. For those hardest hit counties this
18 alternative contains measures to reduce conservation areas and adjust the metering or
19 conservation of high-quality habitat.

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21 Mr. Hayes provided an example of a conservation area where it would be difficult to reduce
22 impacts to the county. Specifically, he showed the Skamokawa landscape in Wahkiakum
23 County. The size of this conservation area could be reduced but it would be difficult to do so in a
24 meaningful way for the county without increasing the amount of impact to marbled murrelets.

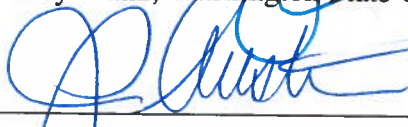
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26 Due to two of the Board members having to leave the meeting early, the selection of the
27 preferred alternatives is delayed until the October 3, 2017 Board of Natural Resources meeting.

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29 Meeting adjourned at 12:13 PM.

Approved this 3rd day of October, 2017



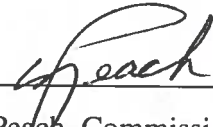
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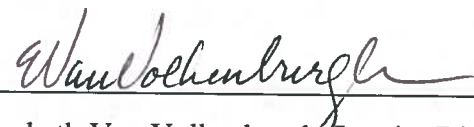
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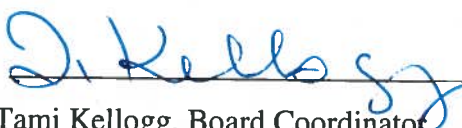


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