
Minutes

Board of Natural Resources Meeting

September 2, 2014
Natural Resources Building, Olympia, Washington

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

The Honorable Peter Goldmark, Washington State Commissioner of Public Lands

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

The Honorable F. Lee Grose, Commissioner, Lewis County

Thomas H. DeLuca, Director, School of Environmental and Forest Sciences, University of Washington

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

The Honorable Randy Dorn, Superintendent of Public Instruction

1 **CALL TO ORDER**

2 Chair Goldmark called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. All Board members introduced
3 themselves. Chair Goldmark noted there was a quorum for the meeting, with Dean
4 Mittelhammer participating via conference call.

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6 **SAFETY REVIEW**

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

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10 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

11 Chair Goldmark called for approval of the minutes for the July 1, 2014 Regular Board of Natural
12 Resources Meeting.

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14 **MOTION:** Ms. Austin moved to approve the minutes.

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16 **SECOND:** Director DeLuca seconded the motion.

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18 **ACTION:** The motion was approved unanimously.

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

21 No comments.

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23 **TIMBER SALES (Action Item)**

1 **Proposed Timber Sales for October 2014| 4 Handouts**

2 Tom Shay, Acting Assistant Division Manager, Product Sales & Leasing Division

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4 Mr. Shay presented the results of the July and August auctions to the Board. The Department
5 offered 6 sales totaling 9.5 MMBF in July. Of those, 5 sales sold totaling \$2.0 million for an
6 average of \$332 per MBF. In August, the Department offered 8 sales totaling 24.7 MMBF. Of
7 those, 7 sales sold totaling \$7.0 million for an average of \$330 per MBF; the unsold August sale
8 will be reoffered in September.

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10 Chair Goldmark asked about the sale that did not sell in July. Mr. Shay answered that it was a
11 low value thinning sale that will be reviewed prior to reoffering.

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13 Chair Goldmark noted how well sales did versus their original appraisal for the month of July.

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15 The proposed October sales were then presented to the board.

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17 Commissioner Grose inquired about the high appraised price for the Pup Creek Sorts sale. Chair
18 Goldmark advised Commissioner Grose that the sale value was based on a delivered log value
19 because it is a contract harvest sale.

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21 Mr. Shay asked for approval of the proposed October sales.

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23 MOTION: Commissioner Grose moved to approve the proposed October 2014 sales.

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25 SECOND: Director DeLuca seconded the motion.

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27 ACTION: The motion was approved unanimously.

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

30 Commissioner Dan Cothren, Chair, Board of Wahkiakum County, remarked that the county
31 approves the Wahkiakum State Forest Transfer. He stated that it is much needed for the county
32 to purchase timber lands and be productive. He reiterated that moving this direction is the best
33 option for the county.

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35 **LAND TRANSACTIONS (Action Item) | 1 Handout**

36 **Elk River Trust Land Transfer, File No. 02-090359, Resolution 1429**

37 Bob Winslow, Property and Acquisition Specialist, Conservation, Recreation and Transactions
38 Division.

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40 Mr. Winslow presented the Elk River Trust Land Transfer (TLT) located in Grays Harbor
41 County near the town of Westport. He stated that the property is 194.18 acres in size, Common
42 School Trust, and will be transferred into the 5,413 acre Elk River Natural Resource
43 Conservation Area managed by the Department. The property fronts along the south bay of
44 Grays Harbor and helps support the largest and highest quality intact estuarine system in
45 Washington and Oregon.

1 The total appraised value of the Elk River TLT is \$1,980,000 with the land valued at \$349,000
2 (\$1,797/acre) and the timber valued at \$1,631,000. Mr. Winslow remarked that the timber value
3 will be placed into the Common School Construction Account and the land value will go into the
4 Real Property Replacement Account.

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6 Chair Goldmark asked about the attendance of the public hearing. Division Manager Jed
7 Herman stated that there was low attendance, and noted that Representative Blake was present
8 and very supportive of the transfer.

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10 Mr. Winslow recommended approval of Resolution 1429.

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12 MOTION: Director DeLuca moved to approve Resolution 1429.

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14 SECOND: Ms. Austin seconded the motion.

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16 ACTION: The motion was approved unanimously.

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18 **Roesiger 40 Acquisition, File No. 08-091816, Resolution 1430**

19 Debi Van Buren, Conservation, Recreation, and Transactions Division

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21 Ms. Van Buren described the 40 acre acquisition located about 8 miles north of Monroe and 11
22 miles east of Everett, just west of Lake Roesiger. The property is an edge-holding to the
23 Roesiger State Forest. The acquisition retains high quality forest land in timber production,
24 providing future revenue opportunities for the Common School trust.

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26 She stated that the property is zoned R-5 which allows one home per five acres. It is all Site II
27 ground with 36 acres of Red Alder as the primary species, 17 acres at age 17, 19 acres at about
28 34 years, and about two acres comprising buffers for the two non-fish bearing streams on the
29 property. The purchase price is \$217,000 and no compensating tax is due on the property. The
30 Department will receive \$2,000 from the seller to cover RMAP expenses related to the property.

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32 Ms. Van Buren recommended approval of Resolution 1430.

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34 MOTION: Commissioner Grose moved to approve Resolution 1430.

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36 SECOND: Director DeLuca seconded the motion.

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38 ACTION: The motion was approved unanimously.

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40 **Green Creek Road Acquisition, File No. 08-091822, Resolution 1431**

41 Debi Van Buren, Conservation, Recreation, and Transactions Division

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43 Ms. Van Buren described the 129 acres located SE of Raymond and about ½ mile east of
44 Highway 6 in Pacific County. The acquisition adds high quality forest land to Pacific Cascade
45 Region's P&E Landscape, and will provide long-term income to the trust beneficiary. It also
46 provides alternative access options for managing the adjacent trust lands.

1 Ms. Van Buren described the property as zoned Rural Lands which allows for one home per five
2 acres, and Rural Remote which allows for one home per 10 acres. It is Site I ground with a
3 mixed forest cover of Red Alder and Doug Fir, primarily in the 20-30 year range. The purchase
4 price is \$495,000 plus compensating tax of up to \$35,000. The Department will receive \$2,000
5 from the seller to cover RMAP expenses related to the property.
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7 Ms. Van Buren recommended approval of Resolution 1431.
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9 MOTION: Ms. Austin moved to approve Resolution 1431.
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11 SECOND: Superintendent Dorn seconded the motion.
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13 ACTION: The motion was approved unanimously.
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15 **Pacific State Forest Transfer, File No. 02-091002, Resolution 1432**

16 Julie Armbruster, Conservation, Recreation, and Transactions Division
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18 Ms. Armbruster described the transfer of 16.7 acres of State Forest Transfer Trust land in Pacific
19 County to the Naselle Highlands Natural Resources Conservation Area (NRCA). The property is
20 located less than one mile northeast of the intersection of SR4 and SR401, near the community
21 of Naselle, and is classified as Marbled Murrelet habitat.
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23 The timber on the property is valued at \$474,950, and of that amount \$356,212 (75%) will be
24 distributed to Pacific County to fund services. The Department will receive \$118,738 (25%) for
25 the Forest Development Account, which pays for the cost of managing State Forest Transfer trust
26 lands. The land value of \$25,050 will be placed in the Park Land Trust Revolving Account and
27 used to purchase replacement forest land.
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29 Ms. Armbruster stated that the Board approved a higher land value than was appraised (\$1500
30 per acre rather than \$725 per acre) in order to provide funds to the land replacement account that
31 include a portion for purchasing reproduction timber. Pacific County was consulted and agreed
32 with the approach. She noted that the transfer is authorized by a legislative appropriation to assist
33 timber-dependent counties by providing revenue from lands affected by the Endangered Species
34 Act.
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36 Ms. Armbruster recommended approval of Resolution 1432.
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38 MOTION: Commissioner Grose moved to approve Resolution 1432.
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40 SECOND: Director DeLuca seconded the motion.
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42 ACTION: The motion was approved unanimously.
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44 **Wahkiakum State Forest Transfer, File No. 02-091003, Resolution 1433**

45 Julie Armbruster, Conservation, Recreation, and Transactions Division
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1 Ms. Armbruster described the transfer of 48.9 acres of State Forest Transfer Trust land in
2 Wahkiakum County to the Skamokawa Creek Natural Resources Conservation Area (NRCA).
3 The property is located 11 miles northwest of Cathlamet, and is classified as Marbled Murrelet
4 habitat. The timber on the property is valued at \$426,650, and of that amount \$319,987 (75%)
5 will be distributed to Wahkiakum County to fund services. The Department will receive
6 \$106,663 (25%) for the Forest Development Account, which pays for the cost of managing State
7 Forest Transfer trust lands. The land value of \$73,350 will be placed in the Park Land Trust
8 Revolving Account and used to purchase replacement forest land.

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10 Ms. Armbruster stated that the Board approved a higher land value than was appraised (\$1500
11 per acre rather than \$641 per acre) in order to provide funds to the land replacement account that
12 include a portion for purchasing reproduction timber. Wahkiakum County was consulted and
13 agreed with the approach. She noted that the transfer is authorized by a legislative appropriation
14 to assist timber-dependent counties by providing revenue from lands affected by the Endangered
15 Species Act.

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17 Ms. Armbruster recommended approval of Resolution 1433.

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19 MOTION: Director DeLuca moved to approve Resolution 1433.

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21 SECOND: Ms. Austin seconded the motion.

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23 ACTION: The motion was approved unanimously.

24 25 **COMMUNITY FOREST TRUST PROGRAM**

26 Andy Hayes, Acting Assistant Division Manager, Leasing and Business Management
27 Matthew Randazzo, Senior Advisor to the Commissioner of Public Lands

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29 Mr. Hayes provided an update on the Community Forest Trust (CFT) program to the Board,
30 which is required by statute to take place at least once a decade. He stated that the purpose of the
31 review is to provide an update on the performance of the CFT, make notice of parcels not
32 performing according to management plans, and recommend divestitures as appropriate.

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34 Mr. Hayes explained that the program has only existed for three years, therefore there is little to
35 report on the performance of the program at this time. He provided an overview of the purpose of
36 the CFT, the process of adopting Community Forests, the Board's responsibilities as defined by
37 statute, and a brief history of the program.

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39 Mr. Randazzo provided an update on the Teanaway Community Forest management planning
40 process. Mr. Hayes informed the Board on what they should expect to see from the program
41 over the next year.

42 43 **OPEN GOVERNMENT TRAINING**

44 Christa Thompson, Assistant Attorney General, Senior Council

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46 Ms. Thompson stated that effective July 1, 2014, the Open Government Training Act (ESB
47 5965) requires members of governing bodies to receive training in the requirements of the Open

1 Public Meetings Act in RCW 42.30. Certain elected officials must receive training in the
2 obligations under the Public Records Act, RCW 42.56.

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4 Ms. Thompson provided the Board with a brief presentation describing the purpose and scope of
5 the public meetings act including what governmental entities are subject to the act, the broad
6 array of activities that could be considered "action", and the type of gatherings that could be
7 deemed a meeting under the act. The review also included a discussion of regular meetings,
8 special meetings, and emergency meetings and the public notice requirements. Also discussed
9 where the exceptions to the open meeting requirement that all meetings be open to the public.
10 Executive session may be held only for narrowly defined activities described in the act

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12 The term "public record" is broadly defined to encourage public access. The act contains many
13 very specific and narrowly defined exceptions. A request for public records must receive a
14 response within five days. Searches for records must be reasonably calculated to uncover
15 responsive documents. The agency has the burden of proof to show that the search was
16 adequate. Responses can be challenged in court and penalties can be very costly. Successful
17 challengers may be entitled to attorney's fees. Violation of the act may also implicate the lead to
18 criminal liability and penalties under the State Ethics law under certain circumstances.

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20 Ms. Thompson added that for more information one can visit the AGO website which contain
21 written materials and video training required by the Open Government Training act:
22 <http://www.atg.wa.gov/OpenGovernmentTraining.aspx>.

23 24 **PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR CHAIR REPORT**

25 No comments.

26 27 **CHAIR REPORT | 1 Handout** 28 **Carlton Complex Fire Update**

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30 Chair Goldmark presented the board with an update on the Carlton Complex Fire in Okanogan
31 County. He stated that this particular fire consumed a lot of land, including state trust lands.
32 Management of these lands after the fire is a challenge because of the mosaic feature of damages
33 the fire created. There were 255,899 acres burned and approximately 48,196 acres of DNR trust
34 lands burned within the perimeter.

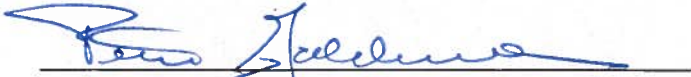
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36 Chair Goldmark remarked that the progression map which showed where the fire started and
37 how it spread displays the severity of the fire. He noted that the conditions were more than
38 extreme, and that during the course of the fire DNR staff worked long hours to assist in
39 providing protection to homes and structures.

40 41 **PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR GENERAL ITEMS OF INTEREST**


42 No comments.

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44 Meeting adjourned at 10:40 AM

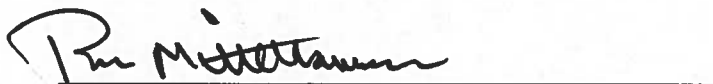
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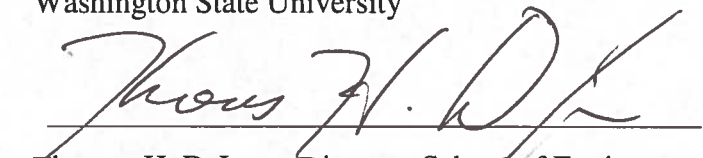

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