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# Minutes

## Board of Natural Resources Special Meeting

May 19, 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 - *via conference call*

The Honorable Chris Reykdal, Superintendent of Public Instruction - *via conference call*

JT Austin, Designee for the Honorable Jay Inslee, Washington State Governor - *via conference call*

Elizabeth Van Volkenburgh, Interim Director, School of Environmental and Forest Sciences, University of Washington - *via conference call*

### BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Ron C. Mittelhammer, Dean, College of Agricultural, Human, and Natural Resource Sciences, Washington State University

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### 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.

### 6 7 SAFETY REVIEW

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

### 10 11 PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR TIMBER SALE ACTION ITEMS

12 Ann Forest-Burns, Vice President, AFRC; spoke in support of the Singletary timber sale. She  
13 referenced a table of the updated figures of the timber sale as it was approved in January 2017. It  
14 shows the dollars to the county and the junior taxing districts of the 21 acre reduction resulting  
15 from the reconveyance request by Snohomish County.

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17 Doug Cooper, Vice President of Resources, Hampton Lumber; spoke in support of the  
18 Singletary timber sale and shared his frustration of the issues with moving this timber sale  
19 forward, noting the jobs and revenue this timber sale would bring to the local community.  
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1 **Wyatt Golding, Attorney representing community groups in Skykomish Valley**; spoke to his  
2 concerns with the Singletary timber sale and suggests there are other ways to harvest timber,  
3 including lower volume sales, adding that the local communities are no longer logging towns. He  
4 also spoke to the issue of revenue for the junior taxing districts, which seems to be a concern,  
5 and suggested that is not the case with this sale.

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7 Chair Franz adjourned to Executive Session at 9:11AM to discuss new and anticipated litigation.

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9 Chair Franz reconvened the Board of Natural Resources Special Meeting at 9:40AM

10 **TIMBER SALES (Action Item)**

11 **Singletary Timber Sale | 1 handout**

12 Angus Brodie, Deputy Supervisor for State Uplands

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14 Mr. Brodie introduced himself and stated that the purpose for the special meeting is due to  
15 statements on record in the March 7, 2017 minutes. Mr. Brodie read in the minutes from the  
16 March meeting:

17 *"Mr. Brodie reviewed the Singletary timber sale as proposed to the Board in January*  
18 *2017, and what has transpired up to date. He reviewed the RCW on reconveyance and*  
19 *informed the Board on next steps, which include working with Snohomish County to*  
20 *determine the 25 acres to be transferred to the county and bringing the reconveyance to*  
21 *the Board for consideration. If approved, the transfer will be complete within the next few*  
22 *months. The Department would also establish the revised boundaries of the timber sale*  
23 *and bring it back to the Board for approval to auction."*

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25 He went on to remind the Board of what was discussed, and read verbatim a transcript of what  
26 was said at the March 7<sup>th</sup> meeting:

27 *"So what are the next steps? The next steps is we are going to work with Snohomish*  
28 *County, in fact I think there is a meeting set up next week to start to determine what are*  
29 *the 25 acres that will be transferred to the County. Once we have the area delineated, we*  
30 *will then, along with the Snohomish County bring that back to the Board. Snohomish*  
31 *County will present their case to the Board about transferring these lands to the county*  
32 *for park purposes, recreational purposes per the statue. And you will be presented with a*  
33 *resolution to consider the transfer. We hope that will be in the next couple of months.*  
34 *Once that is completed, then we will reconfigure the timber sale and present it back, for*  
35 *auction. Depending on how much we need to reconfigure it, we may be able to*  
36 *reappraise it through the internal processes we have and present it back for sale fairly*  
37 *quickly after that Board meeting. If not, we may have to bring it back to you for*  
38 *reappraisal"*

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40 Mr. Brodie stated what he was trying to communicate were the two options as the path forward,  
41 1) If the 25 acres didn't require extensive reconfiguration of the timber sale, the Department  
42 could reappraise and set a new minimum bid value for the sale approved by the Department  
43 Supervisor per Resolution 1304, which would allow the sale to move forward or, 2) If the  
44 reconveyance of the 25 acres altered the sale significantly, such as adding new timber units, he  
45 envisioned a completely new sale coming back to the Board for approval.

1 Mr. Brodie reminded the members of why the Department is doing this sale, which is to generate  
2 revenue for the trust beneficiaries, a principle mandate, and also to provide public access for  
3 recreation and assist in the implementation of the State Trust Lands Habitat Conservation Plan  
4 (HCP). This area is part of the HCP Northern Spotted Owl management strategy, called nesting,  
5 roosting and foraging areas. The area is also part of the non-motorized recreational area, which is  
6 part of the 2010 Reiter Foothills Recreation Plan. This sale will provide important infrastructure,  
7 including road access and a bridge across the May Creek River to provide access to the  
8 landscape. He stated the Department will be able to implement future harvests in this area, and it  
9 will allow DNR to construct a trail network as part of implementing the non-motorized  
10 recreation Reiter Foothills Plan. Trail construction often requires heavy equipment that can only  
11 be transported on a road. He stated a sale of this size is needed to offset the costs of the  
12 infrastructure improvements, bridge and road; while providing revenue to the beneficiaries.  
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14 Mr. Brodie provided historical information on the planning of this sale which started in 2009,  
15 with the field work in 2012-2013. He referenced the maps in the timber sale packet from January  
16 2017 and two from May 2017, and let the Board know staff have been out in the field and  
17 updated the timber sale tags, which indicate the new boundary line. The value of the timber sale  
18 is \$956,000, the timber volume is 5,779 mbf, and this sale will be included in the auction packet  
19 for next week.  
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21 Pending no questions, Chair Franz asked for discussion or motions by the Board  
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23 MOTION: Superintendent Reykdal moved that the minutes be amended to reflect the actual  
24 statement made by staff at the March 7, 2017 Board of Natural Resources  
25 meeting.  
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27 SECOND: Ms. Austin seconded the motion.  
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29 ACTION: The motion was approved unanimously.  
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34 Meeting adjourned at 9:53 AM.

Approved this 6<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2017

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Hilary Frantz, Washington State Commissioner of Public Lands

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approved via conference line  
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Attest:

Tami Kellogg  
Tami Kellogg, Board Coordinator

