Minutes
Board of Natural Resources Meeting
March 3, 2020
Natural Resources Building, Olympia, Washington

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT
The Honorable Hilary Franz, Washington State Commissioner of Public Lands
Jim Cahill, Designee for the Honorable Jay Inslee, Washington State Governor

Via Conference Call
The Honorable Bill Peach, Commissioner, Clallam County
The Honorable Chris Reykdal, Superintendent of Public Instruction

Absent
Dan Brown, Director, School of Environmental and Forest Sciences, University of Washington
André-Denis Wright, Dean, College of Agricultural, Human, and Natural Resource Sciences, Washington State University

CALL TO ORDER
Chair Franz called the meeting to order at 9:06 AM.
All Board members introduced themselves.

SAFETY REVIEW
A safety overview and instruction was played on evacuating the building in case of an emergency.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR GENERAL ITEMS OF INTEREST
Laura Cox, addressed the Board regarding her concerns of the timber sale near Wallace Falls. She expressed that she hopes the Board can make a decision that will not compromise the Wallace Falls experience or the local economies.

William Cross, from Index, WA. Shared his wife’s Susan comments. Ms. Cross expressed concern regarding the Middle May timber sale, and the effects of our planet getting hotter. The biodiversity of the forest belong to all.
John Maher, spoke to the Board about the beauty of Wallace Falls and the recreational benefits of this land.

Rachel Chesley, from Gold Bar, WA voiced her opposition to Middle May timber sale. Ms. Chesley shared that many people from the around state come to enjoy the beauty of the park. Her concerns are also that the timber sale would remove access to the existing trails. This would also reverse hours and dollars spent on improvements to the trail system.

Sam Chesley, from Gold Bar, WA. Mr. Chesley expressed his opposition to the Middle May timber sale. Mr. Chesley explain the map system that he put together after spending time in the park and trail.

Mike Nash, from Gold Bar, WA. Mr. Nash shared his opposition to the Middle May timber sale. His concerns are for the economy, because this area relies on the tourism and outdoor recreation.

The Honorable Chris Reykdal, Superintendent of Public Instruction joined meeting via conference call at 9:30.

Chair Franz noted there was a quorum for the meeting.

Dave Letcher, shared his concerns regarding the Middle May timber sale. Mr. Letcher spoke about working in the park and how they improved the visitor’s experience on the trails. He would like the Board to consider other options.

Neil McWee, commented on the Middle May timber sale. Mr. McWee would like the Board to take the time to think through this sale and to think of the impacts to the community.

Leslie Holmes, Ms. Holmes shared her prospective on the Middle May timber sale. Her work is with youth, and she explained how the children that come to the park learn so much, and if the timber sale happens, children will not be engaged with the forest.

Rhea Rainwater, from the valley in may Creek. She expressed her opposition to the Middle May timber sale.

Nikki Midyette, from Western Union, WA. Ms. Midyette shared her concerns about the Middle May timber sale. She expressed concern about the use of chemical spray so close to her home and the impacts that this would have on all the people that live in this area.

Brian Nelson, from Gold Bar, WA. Mr. Nelson shared his experience as a trail runner and what the effects timber sale will have on the recreational actives in Middle May.

Peter Goldman, WFLC. Mr. Goldman shared his concerns about the Middle May timber sale and the impact of clear cutting would have on the citizens. He would like the Board to think of different approach to timber sales and to think of the impact to the community.
Miguel Perez-Gibson, WEC. Mr. Perez-Gibson spoke about carbon climate policy and would like the Board to consider adopting a policy for beneficiaries and the environment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Chair Franz called for approval of the minutes for the February 4th, 2020 Regular Board of Natural Resources Meeting.
MOTION: Jim Cahill moved to approve the minutes.
SECOND: Commissioner Peach seconded the motion.
ACTION: The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR TIMBER SALE ACTION ITEMS
Matt Comisky, AFRC. Mr. Comisky commented on the hard work and dedication of the Department of Natural Resources staff. Mr. Comisky also spoke about the multiple use mandate and the impacts to the trust beneficiaries, and how to work together to make sure that both recreation after forest management works.

TIMBER SALES (Action Item)
Proposed Timber Sales for April 2020 | 3 handouts, including the presentation
Patrick Ferguson, Product Sales & Leasing Division
The results of the February 2020 auctions were presented to the Board by Mr. Ferguson. The Department offered 14 sales totaling 67.5 mmbf. All 14 sales sold totalling $24.4 million for an average of $360 per mbf with 2.7 bidders per sale on average.
Mr. Ferguson noted that not all the volume was sold. 4 sorts were unsold; 2 of which will be reoffered later this month and the other 2 will be rolled into other sold sorts.
Mr. Ferguson asked for questions. There were none.
Mr. Ferguson then presented proposed sales to be offered in April 2020 to the Board.
Commissioner Franz asked for questions. There were none.
Mr. Ferguson asked for approval of the proposed sales as presented.
MOTION: Commissioner Peach moved to approve the proposed sales.
SECOND: Mr. Cahill seconded the motion.
ACTION: The motion carried unanimously.
PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR BOARD of GEOGRAPHIC NAMES
NONE

BOARD of GEOGRAPHIC NAMES (Action Items)
Caleb Maki, Photogrammetry Supervisor, Engineering Division
Department of Natural Resources

Wald Bach and Nason Bach

Mr. Maki presented the two new names proposed for two small creek on the proponent’s land. The proponent chose the unique identifier “wald” (which means “stream” in German) because of the features close proximity to Leavenworth. The use of a German identifier would be fitting in keeping with the theme of the area.

The Committee on Geographic Names received no comments opposed to the proposed new names, and the Committee recommends the Board vote to approve “Wald Bach” and “Nason Bach”.

MOTION: Mr. Cahill moved to approve the name changes.
SECOND: Commissioner Peach seconded the motion.
ACTION: The motion carried unanimously.

Misty Creek and Misty Mountains

Mr. Maki presented the new names proposed for features located in Clallam and Jefferson Counties. The descriptive name “misty” was chosen by the proponent to reflect the mist and low clouds that are often in the area.

The Committee on Geographic Names received one comment from the US Forest Service, who owns land that part of the mountain chain lies within, and the USFS does not support the proposed name for the mountains.

The Committee received a letter from the Jamestown S’Kallam Tribe opposed to both the names, on the grounds that the proposed named lacks any cultural or local significance. The Committee also received many letters of support from local residents along the creek. The Committee recommends the Board vote to approve “Misty Creek” and “Misty Mountains”.

The Board requested that these two name changes be sent back to The Committee on Geographic Names, for further input from the community and the Jamestown S’Kallam Tribe.

MOTION: Mr. Cahill moved to not approve change.
SECOND: Commissioner Peach seconded the motion.
ACTION: The motion carried unanimously.

Páatstel Creek

Mr. Maki presented the new name proposed for change the current name of Squaw Creek. The name “Páatstel Creek” is the Nooksack name for this creek, which was associated with a historical Nooksack village located near the source of the creek.

The Committee on Geographic Names received several letters from local residents opposed to the new name.

Whatcom County Commissioners and the Nooksack Tribe supports the proposed name. The Committee recommends the Board vote to approve “Páatstel Creek”.

MOTION: Mr. Cahil moved to approve the name change.

SECOND: Commissioner Peach seconded the motion.

ACTION: The motion carried unanimously

At this time 10:10 am Chair Franz excused the public to begin the Executive Session.

At 10:17 AM, Chair Franz reconvened the Board of Natural Resources.

Meeting adjourned at 10:18 AM.
Approved this ____ day of __________________, 2019

Hilary S. Franz, Washington State Commissioner of Public Lands

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Attest:

Theresa McGuire, Board Coordinator