Minutes
Board of Natural Resources Meeting
September 1, 2020
“Webinar” in 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
Jim Cahill, Designee for the Honorable Jay Inslee, Washington State Governor
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 9:03 AM.

All Board members introduced themselves. A meeting quorum was attained.

WEBINAR FORMAT BRIEFING
Ms. Tami Kellogg provided an overview for participating in a Webinar meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Chair Franz called for approval of the minutes for the July 7, 2020 Regular Board of Natural Resources meeting.

MOTION: Dean Wright moved to approve the minutes.
SECOND: Director Brown seconded the motion.
ACTION: The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR GENERAL ITEMS OF INTEREST

Brian Nelson, Snohomish County Citizen, spoke about the reconveyance of forested land near Gold Bar and requested a delay of the Middle May timber sale due to the timeline of restrictions for road work, hauling and construction.
Chair Franz acknowledged Pedro Valverde. Mr. Valverde was unable to offer comments because of audio difficulties.

Chair Franz acknowledged Carol Price. Ms. Price was unable to offer comments because of audio difficulties.

Beverly Parsons, Kitsap Environmental Coalition member, spoke to the irony of the agenda in terms of proposed actions contributing to climate change. She asked the Board to stop the destructive behavior of allowing short rotations and intensive harvesting of trees, noting that the practices and policies were established generations ago under different climatic conditions and are outdated.

Pamela Keeley shared her concerns with the environment, including Middle May, and urged the Board to update policies and sustainable practices.

Keith Wagoner, 39th District Senator, stated his intent is to speak about the Middle May timber sale and that he will reserve those comments when the sale is under consideration. He noted that several attendees are experiencing difficulty with the meeting's audio and that most of the citizens from his district support DNR's positions. He has been in contact with the tribes he represents and most support the proposed timber sale and are opposed to the reconveyance of property to the county where their tribal rights are not guaranteed.

Rebecca Davis, citizen of Lynnwood, stated that she lives in Lynnwood, but has a cabin in an area located east of Gold Bar. She shared her distress by the changes along the corridor because of aggressive logging and expressed her support on the possibility of transferring some land to the county to create a park.

Lisa Hurt, Kitsap Environmental Coalition Forestry Work Group member, questioned the use of outdated forestry harvesting models. She stated that there are ways to achieve a sustainable working forest without clear cutting. She noted the challenge in creating a balance between harvesting raw materials to create valuable revenue and the non-financial benefits a forest provides, such as clean water, biodiversity, and life.

Reed Blanchard, citizen of Kitsap County, spoke about the appearance of increased clear cutting and that it is not sustainable. He spoke of ways to leave some of the forested land intact. He stated that today, individuals are craving leadership and most want problem-solvers that can bring different groups together to solve complex problems. He asked the Board to provide leadership in bringing different groups together to solve problems.

Ed Bowen referred to the Peninsula Land Exchange approved on May 5, 2020. He learned that the escrow process is on hold. Any settlement should be publicized before it is finalized.

Chair Franz recommended Mr. Valverde defer his comments until public comment for the proposed timber sales because of audio difficulties.
PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR TIMBER SALE ACTION ITEMS

Mike Nash requested deferral of the Middle May timber sale for six months and any other timber sales in the proposed reconveyance area known as Wall Wallace. He shared concerns with the meeting process during a Snohomish County Council meeting. He asked the Board to give the community six months and allow the public to learn the full story about what Middle May opens up and the infrastructure planned for timber sales that will likely facilitate logging of another 1,000 acres between May Creek and Wallace Falls State Park.

Cheryl Johnson, Back Country Horseman member, expressed her support of this proposal as it has been on the table for many years. She noted the negative impacts to the beneficiaries and recreationists if it was delayed.

Mike Town, citizen, voiced concerns of past meetings with the Department during the public outreach process for the Reiter Foothills Recreation Plan.

Cathie Hamilton echoed similar comments as Mr. Town and requested delaying the timber sale for six months. She is learning about carbon sequestration, and clearcutting is troublesome and disturbing.

Bill Turner, Manager, Log Procurement at Sierra Pacific Industries, complimented the department staff for taking time to prepare the timber sales proposal. He encouraged the passage of the entire timber sale package. He acknowledged the requests to delay the Middle May timber sale for six months, but cautioned the Board about hazards in delaying the action by six months as the proposal requires five bridges, which will take at least four months to engineer and build. Because of the size of the package and the number of bridges, it will require staging the construction. Delaying has consequences and costs. He encouraged the Board to move forward and approve the timber sales package.

Tiffany Williams, Snohomish County citizen and former county employee, shared her concerns that the region will be logged. She voiced her disagreement with the comment that timber sales provides a positive impact to recreation and asked for a delay of the timber sale until it can be discussed publicly.

Russ Sumpter, Chair, Sultan School Board, urged the Board to move forward with the Middle May timber harvest, noting that the majority of the community supports the timber sale. He spoke of the schools that have many needs that have been delayed for decades because of the delay in harvesting timber. He urged the Board to approve the timber sale.

Marjorie Fields, resident of Edmonds, expressed her support to delay the Middle May timber sale for six months. She stated that the economic value of the timber is much less than the value of the forest for recreation and tourism. Like many others, she believes logging the area is a shortsighted approach. It is not just about the Gold Bar area, it is about the entire state and all citizens.
Matt Comisky, Washington Manager for American Forest Resource Council, spoke of the letter he sent the Board providing some additional perspective on the Middle May timber sale that is up for consideration. He stated that delaying the harvest would move the sale and revenue to junior taxing districts out even further. He urged the Board to approve the entire sales packet.

Michelle Taylor asked the Board to delay the sale of the Middle May forest to explore options to reconvert the land for a public park. As a public school teacher she understands the financial needs of schools, as well as understanding that forests are needed by children and families. The location of the area would be an ideal location for a county park. A majority of the community does not support the timber sale. She asked the Board to allow six months to explore the Wallace Falls Park option.

Gigi Gouldner, resident of Sultan and mother of an eighth grader at Sultan Middle School. Ms. Gouldner shared that she serves as the president of the Parent-Teacher-Student Organization (PTSO) at the middle school. She urged the Board to move forward with the Middle May sale.

Heath Heikkila, American Forest Resource Council, spoke in favor of moving the timber sale proposal forward to include Middle May. The Board should consider the sale as an opportunity to reject the idea that working forests cannot be compatible with recreation or other uses. He stated that in Snohomish County, 60% of forests are managed by the U.S. Forest Service and are available for recreation and protected for conservation. He urged the Board to move forward with the sale.

Jerry Bonagofsky, President, Washington Contract Loggers Association (WCLA), Olympia, Washington, said that WCLA represents logging, log trucking, and log road construction companies. Many of the companies similar to trust beneficiaries rely on DNR timber sales to support their organizations. The DNR timber sale program is critical to maintain the infrastructure of the industry and provide support for family wage jobs in rural communities. He noted that staff worked extremely hard to ensure the sale meets regulatory and environmental restraints. WCLA encourages the Board to approve the entire packet of timber sales.

Doug Cooper, Vice President of Resources, Hampton Lumber, said the company owns and operates sawmills in the communities of Randle, Morton, and Darrington. The Darrington mill employs 150 people and relies on volume harvested from state DNR lands in Snohomish County. He stated that sustainable harvest reductions approved by the Board make every sale in the Northwest Region important to sustain the business. He urged the Board to acknowledge the Department for working towards success and remain committed to its fiduciary obligations and approve the October 2020 timber sale packet including the Middle May timber sale.

Dan Chaplik, Superintendent of Sultan School District, referred to a recent letter he submitted to Commissioner Franz. He participated in the virtual field trip, which demonstrated the all-out effort DNR and the Board undertakes to meet a multitude of needs. He noted the extent of outreach and community input for the Middle May timber sale and the funds that will be generated to develop trails and an equestrian parking area. Further delay for removal of the property from trust land will cause continued harm to the Sultan School District. Re-conveying would take away funding for the school district. As a local resident and an employee of the Sultan School District, he urged the Board to continue to move forward with the sale. He noted
that the petition circulated by some environmental groups is troublesome as his name is included on the list. He is not in support of reconveyance and did not sign the petition.

Sam Chelsey opposed the Middle May timber sale and supports reconveyance for a county park. He asked DNR to hold the unsold timber sale for six months while Snohomish County works with citizens, tribal governments, and user groups to explore reconveyance. He stated that misinformation was shared and that needs to be clarified. He urged the Board to reevaluate its position and consider postponing the Middle May clear cut for six months.

Keith Wagoner, Senator representing 39th District, shared that he is a scientist and a physical oceanography major and serves on the Ocean Acidification Board for the state and spent the last summer touring private and DNR lands as part of the aerial herbicide working group. Many talking points have been conveyed by speakers requesting an extension of six months so citizens and the tribes can provide input. The tribes have provided comments. The Board received a letter from the Tulalip and the Lummi Tribes and he has spoken with the Tribal Chairman in his district. All tribes oppose reconveyance. He urged the Board to move forward with the timber sale as the six-month extension is merely a delaying tactic.

Russ Pfeiffer-Hoyt, Chair of the WSSDA Trust Lands Advisory Committee. Expressed support for moving forward with the Middle May timber sale.

Will Ibershof, City Administrator, City of Sultan, spoke on behalf of Mayor Wiita. The proposed action on the Middle May timber sale signifies decades of work on the Reiter Foothills. Working forests provide critical resources to communities, schools, hospitals, libraries, and roads that historically relied on funding from timber sales. He encouraged the Board to approve the sale.

Lora Cox opposed the planned logging of Middle May. She stated that the Valley is turning ugly. She understands problems harvesting is supposed to solve; however, it appears to be overkill at this point. Sky Valley is not as beautiful as it was previously.

Mary Rollins commented on the earlier remarks by the timber industry, timber lobbyists, and the City of Sultan and Sultan School Board. All have benefitted from timber sales; however, the funds were never used to repair roofs and other needs. Most school bonds are never approved, because citizens are aware of funds received from timber sales. She noted that the community does not want logging in the area and shared that the community is considering the future of climate collapse and the opportunity provided by the trees. Snohomish County can create the program King County created for carbon, but not if logging continues at the current rate. She acknowledged the need for everyone to weigh in on the proposal as it is a new world and the community has new concerns and needs additional time to explore options.

Comments from Jonathan Blubaugh were deferred because of audio difficulties.

Dawn Connor requested a delay on the timber sales as proposed as she would like to learn more about the proposed public park. She is a member of Gold Bar Nature Trails and is a retired firefighter/paramedic who suffers from PTSD. She uses the trails for hiking into the Reiter Foothills, which would be impacted by the logging. She also needs to learn more about the
impact on the hills caused from logging as she was involved in the Oso Landslide. She is also an avid fisherman and would like to know how the salmon hatchery would be impacted.

Comments by Elizabeth Porter were deferred because of audio difficulties.

Charles Lie referred to a video depicting May Creek and Wallace Falls State Park and the hillside under discussion. He asked for a six month delay so the county can explore with the community the options for the hillside.

Margaret James reported she has been attending meetings over the last 10 months since the Middle May timber sale was introduced. Since then, there is much to learn about all the stakeholders. She is still seeking an understanding and is not interested in tactics and is interested in smart management. Her request is not so much of a delay of six months, but rather an opportunity for transformational or a better stakeholder process.

Elizabeth Porter, resident of Covington, stated that the forests are connected and are to be shared and managed. She appreciates the Board's position and the work necessary to manage and balance the economic benefits versus recreation and quality of life, but also believes there is an opportunity for Middle May and she prefers no logging and retaining the natural environment. Although it is unrealistic, she supports delaying the sale for six months to afford an opportunity to share factual information and provide an opportunity for everyone to provide feedback.

Ed Bowen, resident of Clallam County, spoke of a presentation regarding Jefferson County and the July results of the sale. He stated that the Olympic Experimental State Forest (OESF) sales are questionable for the purpose of the sustainable harvest calculation and arrearage. The Clallam OESF is missing representative sales; ones that would support state forest transfer revenue on a larger scale than what's available in the Jefferson portion of the OESF. He voiced concerns where sales are likely to only occur for Clallam outside of the OESF for eastern Clallam taxing districts to receive a positive revenue from the sustainable harvest calculation (SCH). He recommended DNR staff should contact the Port to ascertain whether there might be a win-win opportunity, especially when DNR received no bids and there appears to be a shortage of alder.

Rachel Chesney's comments were deferred because of audio difficulties.

Evan Wiederspan, south Seattle resident. Mr. Wiederspan visits the Wallace Falls State Park several times each year for hiking on the trails or rock climbing. He voiced opposition to the proposed timber sale of the acres located near Wallace Falls State Park. Although not opposed to logging in general, there are ways to sustainability log timber and he is convinced the plan proposed by Sky Valley Future and similar groups to convert the area into a public park is a much better idea.

Peter Goldman, Director, WFLC, said he is representing many who have previously commented. Mr. Goldman noted the efforts have been ongoing with DNR in many ways to help solve DNR's issue to reconcile the desires to preserve the area versus logging interests. Extension of the sale provides an opportunity to bring people together and use the statutory scheme to enable the county to consider the feasibility of reconveyance. He thanked DNR for
working with the group over the last several months. There has been transparency, but there are
different philosophies about the land. An extension of time would enable the county to work
with the tribes and the community to develop a win-win solution.

Catherine Steenstra asked the Board to delay the Middle May timber sale. As a resident of
Snohomish County for over 49 years, she lived in a home adjacent to BLM logged land that
eventually was developed as Lord Hill Regional Park. The population in the area has increased
over the years and the park is a haven for recreation, biking, hiking, horseback riding, and other
activities. Parks are important to preserve the public’s mental and physical health. She asked the
Board to consider additional study and follow up on the development of the Lord Hill Regional
Park to learn about the process for creating the park.

Sylvia Cohen, resident of Lake Stevens. Ms. Cohen shared that she frequently visits the area to
hike. She learned about the issue several weeks ago. She serves as a voice to those who only
learned about the proposal, but who are interested in offering feedback to ensure that the right
solution for the county is pursued. She supports delaying the timber sale for six months.

David Luther stated that although he supports the Board, he supports opposition to the sale and
requests a delay on the decision. He advocated for delaying the sale as Gold Bar is the gateway
to the Cascades. Residents in the area must live with the consequences of clearcutting in the
Valley. He suggested contacting other cities, such as Wallace, Idaho that have successfully
transitioned from a resource extraction economy to a recreational economy.

Irene Nash, representing Sky Valley Future, expressed support of a six month moratorium on
timber sales in a citizen-initiated proposed public park area. She also addressed the comment
earlier from Mr. Chaplik and noted there was a mistake when his name was included on a
petition that now has over 2,900 signatures. She also suggested an assessment to each household
in order to make up the revenue would be lost if the timber sale did not go through.

Steven Yarborough reported he has been a resident of Gold Bar since 1997 and is a member of
the Gold Bar City Council since 2017. He asked the Board to delay the Middle May timber sale
along with other sales in the area as he supports pursuing reconveyance for a potential county
park.

Rachel Chesley commented that as a resident of Snohomish County she opposes the sale of the
Middle May timber sale. She asked for a moratorium on other sales in the area for six months.
As a resident that lives within several miles of the area she knows that many of her neighbors
and friends have become involved. The community is seeking to have a say about the future of
public lands.

Claire Hews commented on her activities in Sky Valley many times during the year. She speaks
for a number of other people about the beauty of the area, which is being destroyed. She stressed
the need for preserving natural beauty. She learned last week about the possibility of a park, and
supports that endeavor.
Pete Rainey said he lives in the eastern area of Sky River Valley near Index. He asked the Board to take additional time to consider the timber sale and stated that he supports the reconveyance efforts. He is hopeful the Board will take time to consider the issue.

Commissioner Franz proposed deferring the items under the Chair Report to the next meeting to afford adequate time for discussion.

TIMBER SALES (Action Item)
Auction Results for Timber Sales for July and August 2020 and Proposed Timber Sales for October 2020 | 3 handouts, including the presentation
Koshare Eagle, Assistant Division Manager, Product Sales & Leasing Division

The results of the July and August 2020 auctions were presented to the Board by Ms. Eagle. In July, the Department offered 8 sales totaling 30.6 mmbf. Of those, 7 sales sold totaling $10.5 million for an average of $347 per mbf with 2.5 bidders per sale on average. In August, the Department offered 9 sales totaling 37.8 mmbf. All 9 sales sold for a total of $13.97 million for an average of $362 per mbf. A slight uptick in average bidders was seen in August at 2.7 bidders per sale. Overbids for the two months were also quite high with 90% over in July and 70% over in August.

Ms. Eagle noted prices are likely to continue to be solid as lumber futures have been closing at record highs recently.

Ms. Eagle asked for questions. There were none.

Ms. Eagle then presented 13 sales proposed for future auction to the Board.

Ms. Eagle asked for approval of the proposed sales as presented.

Superintendent Reykdal asked if the Middle May sale is part of the proposed sales package. Ms. Eagle confirmed this.

Ms. Eagle invited questions and requested approval of the proposed sales as presented.

MOTION: Commissioner Peach moved to approve the proposed sales.

SECOND: Superintendent Reykdal seconded the motion.

Superintendent Reykdal asked whether the Middle May timber sale was included in the proposal. Ms. Eagle affirmed the Middle May sale was part of the package for consideration.

Superintendent Reykdal referred to the amount of public interest in the Middle May timber sale, as well as the importance to residents in the Valley, the industry, and trust beneficiaries. It is important for the Board to acknowledge the divisions and how the public believes the Board should proceed as a body with respect to the Board’s trust fiduciary responsibilities, as well as the importance of the environment and the planet. He continues to wish for a deeper process with respect to trust lands regardless of the beneficiaries and where lands logically fall in
adjacencies to places that already have significant recreation and economies built around
recreation, as those areas are different than stands of timber in rural and remote areas lacking
traditional recreation amenities. The economic benefits would be different for those
communities. He believes the Board should consider an effort to remap lands as a way to
understand where land adjacencies with uses benefitting the community are located and would
benefit less from harvesting. Middle May might be one of those areas; however, he is unsure
whether the particular sale or the larger 5,300 acre sale could be compromised. His specific
question centers on his conflict between the Board’s fiduciary responsibility and ensuring trust
beneficiaries receive the value of their asset because the Board has a policy role as managers of
lands for other entities. He respects the Board’s role and the need to follow the policies until
there is a statutory change or significant policy changes. Until then, it is the Board’s primary
objective. It is difficult for him as he is a different person today than ten years ago and he is a
supporter for local control and understands Snohomish County might be under some transition
and may have had a false start in contemplating something different. He agreed the statute
compels the Board to move forward, but inquired as to whether Commissioner Franz has the
capacity to delay the sale for another 90 days to afford time for the county to engage in
discussions for potential reconveyance. He supports the proposed sale contingent on delaying
the Middle May sale for 90 days to give the county time to consider options.

Chair Franz advised that pending the approval of the timber sale, the auction date is planned for
Wednesday, October 28, 2020 or 57 days from the approval date. If the Middle May timber sale
was delayed for 90 days, a special auction would be conducted on Monday, November 30, 2020.
She is authorized to approve the delay if the Board approves the proposed sales package to afford
more time for the county to work with the tribes, even though the tribes have stated their
respective position. The Board has received comments from a broad group of stakeholders about
the Middle May timber sale. It is also clear that many of the stakeholders have divergent views
on how to proceed. She joined the Board at the same time as Superintendent Reykdal and the
Middle May timber sale has been front and center since then. The process has been in progress
since 2007 and it is clear there are different opinions throughout the community. With
stakeholders with diverse views offering thoughtful feedback and their time to assist the Board in
achieving the best impact, it is incumbent on her, as the leader of the Department of Natural
Resources and the Board to seek the best way to find common ground. An enormous amount
time and work has occurred on the Middle May timber sale to include community outreach and
community meetings. Some people testified that they just learned about the proposal; however,
there were significant outreach efforts to include charrettes for design, reconfiguration, and
renaming the sale to Middle May. During her four years as Commissioner, the timber sale has
received the most public process with staff and Board time. Multiple conversations brought
together conservationists, recreation advocates, beneficiaries, and local tribes. She walked the
site of the sale as well as part of the Reiter Foothills. The proposed sale has been a collaborative
process although not perfect for everyone. Every stakeholder has had to sacrifice something.
The sale has been improved because of the process and the proposal accommodates recreation,
conservation, and tribal interests.

Chair Franz cited some of the changes to the initial proposal because of community feedback and
enhancements to increase access to trail building to enable the connection of the Snohomish
County trailhead with Wallace Falls State Park a decade sooner at savings of millions of
dollars. The proposal increases access for first responders and search and rescue in the area.
The sale will generate more than $1.8 million for beneficiaries (Sultan School District and the local fire district). Timber harvests meet habitat conservation plan requirements and the sustainable harvest plan. DNR manages the lands on behalf of the county and works closely with the county to ensure the Department is meeting the needs of the communities. She met with Snohomish County Councilmembers and County Executive Somers to discuss the sale numerous times over the last three years. Additionally, she met with new County Councilmembers to answer questions and concerns. In 2017, DNR responded to the county’s request to reconvey 25 acres of the original timber sale. While the reconveyance did not proceed because the Council reversed course, the Middle May timber sale preserves 25 acres of a forested corridor between the county’s parking lot and the Wallace Falls State Park. Today, the Snohomish County Council has clarified to the Department that it is not requesting a delay in the action and does not want to pursue reconveyance. However, she is comfortable with postponing the sale for 90 days to provide more time for the county to work with the tribes even though the Tulalip Indian Tribe unequivocally opposes the reconveyance, because of the effect it would have on its treaty rights on open and unclaimed lands. The tribe supports the Middle May timber sale and working forests for its ability to create local jobs, keep local landscapes healthy, and provide habitat for plants and wildlife.

Chair Franz complimented DNR staff for working collectively and collaboratively with the Board and local government officials and constituents. It is important to move forward with a decision. She supports delaying the Middle May timber sale to November 30, 2020 contingent on the Board’s approval of the proposed package of timber sales. She invited questions and comments from the Board.

Director Brown conveyed appreciation of Superintendent’s perspective and the importance of the difficult choice for the community as the community experiences transitions and changes in a variety of ways. It is important for the Board to listen to the community and through the democratic process from representatives of the community. He appreciates the suggestion to delay the sale for 90 days and the approach by Chair Franz to afford some time to the community to explore options. He thanked staff for hosting the retreat and preparing information about the efforts to balance all interests.

Commissioner Peach shared that as a former executive director for the Quileute Indian Tribe and working closely with four sovereign nations, the issue of tribal rights cannot be resolved during a 90-day period. He supports the decision by the Snohomish County Council as it is the Board’s fiduciary responsibility; however, the Board should consider some solutions such as changes to forest management policies that address delays in timber sales and potentially legislative action in cooperation with sovereign nations to address concerns. Many comments spoke to changes in leadership at Snohomish County Council and from the perspective of sovereign nations; issues could arise if the county council suddenly changed course creating changes in the future that could result in denying sovereign nation rights. He is unsure how to approach the solution in the short term, but he is not supportive of delaying the timber sale.

Dean Wright agreed the decision should move forward as he does not support delaying the Middle May timber sale.
Director Brown clarified that the proposal would not delay the decision, but would delay action on the Middle May timber sale.

Chair Franz explained that the county has the ability to move for reconveyance at any time even if the timber sale is in progress. The current motion is to recommend approval of all timber sales for auction. Superintendent Reykdal proposed delaying the Middle May timber sale for 90 days rather than the typical 57 days. The timber sale would occur on November 30, 2020 versus October 22, 2020.

Dean Wright pointed out that the extension would only entail approximately 30 days. Chair Franz affirmed timber sales require time by the DNR to complete the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) review and standard protocols for the sale. Typically, the auction occurs between 57 to 60 days.

Superintendent Reykdal said his intent of delaying the sales would not afford certainty for anyone but effectively conveys to the county that it has some additional days to explore options. If the county elects not to pursue any discussions, the auction would proceed.

Commissioner Peach conveyed that he does not support delaying the Middle May timber sale.

Mr. Cahill said he appreciates the proposal to delay the sale as passion has been generated from all sides of the issue. Allowing some time for the county and the tribes to discuss issues would be beneficial. However, the timeframe likely would not delay harvesting in summer 2021.

Superintendent Reykdal clarified that his recommendation was not a motion to amend, but rather whether Chair Franz has the option to delay the sale.

Chair Franz advised that she would be comfortable with setting the date for the Middle May timber sale as November 30, 2020 to afford time for the county and tribes to work together.

Commissioner Peach recognized the Chair's authority and called for the question.

Chair Franz requested the Board consider offering an amendment to the motion to clarify the Board’s intent.

The Board discussed options and agreed the Chair has the authority to delay the sale and an amendment would be unnecessary.

**ACTION:** The motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR CHAIR REPORT**

There were no public comments.

**CHAIR REPORT**

Climate Resilience Strategy was deferred to the next meeting.

Overview of Legislative Priorities was deferred to the next meeting.
OTHER BUSINESS
Chair Franz thanked the Board for their time and efforts. She acknowledged the work by DNR staff for their efforts on the Middle May timber sale. Over the next year, the Board will be working on the recreation policies, which speaks to appropriate timing to address some of the recreational questions that arose as part of the Middle May timber sale.

ADJOURNMENT
With there being no further business, Chair Franz adjourned the meeting at 11:55 a.m.
Approved this 6th day of October, 2020

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