Minutes
Board of Natural Resources Meeting
October 7, 2014
Natural Resources Building, Olympia, Washington

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT
The Honorable Peter Goldmark, Washington State Commissioner of Public Lands
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
The Honorable Randy Dorn, Superintendent of Public Instruction

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

1 CALL TO ORDER
Chair Goldmark called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. All Board members introduced themselves. Chair Goldmark noted there was a quorum for the meeting.

2 SAFETY REVIEW
Ms. Vansot gave a safety overview and instruction on evacuating the building in case of an emergency.

3 APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Chair Goldmark called for approval of the minutes for the September 2, 2014 Regular Board of Natural Resources Meeting.

MOTION: Director DeLuca moved to approve the minutes.

SECOND: Dean Mittelhammer seconded the motion.

ACTION: The motion was approved unanimously.

4 PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR TIMBER SALE ACTION ITEMS
No comments.

5 TIMBER SALES (Action Item)
Proposed Timber Sales for November 2014| 3 Handouts
Tom Shay, Acting Assistant Division Manager, Product Sales & Leasing Division

Mr. Shay presented the results of the September auctions to the Board. The Department offered four sales totaling 14.8 MMBF in September. All four sales sold totaling $3.1 million for an average of $210 per MBF.

Mr. Shay noted the low per MBF value is related to the two sales located in Eastern Washington where log values are typically lower.

Mr. Shay asked for approval of the proposed November sales.

MOTION: Commissioner Grose moved to approve the proposed November 2014 sales.
SECOND: Dean Mittelhammer seconded the motion.
ACTION: The motion was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR COMMUNITY FOREST TRUST PROGRAM ACTION ITEMS
Heather Adams representing Kitsap County Board of Commissioners, and Scott Pascoe representing the Great Peninsula Conservancy spoke about the significance of this proposal to their community and stated their support for the Kitsap County Community Forest Trust nomination.

COMMUNITY FOREST TRUST PROGRAM
Kitsap County Community Forest Trust
Andy Hayes, Acting Assistant Division Manager, Leasing and Business Management

Mr. Hayes presented to the Board the Department’s 2015-17 capital budget proposal for the Community Forest Trust program, which is required by statute. He stated that the purpose of the presentation was to gain input from the Board on the Department’s proposal prior to submitting it to the legislature on November 1, 2014.

Mr. Hayes provided a brief overview of the purpose of the Community Forest Trust program, the process, and the Board’s responsibilities. He then briefed the Board on the North Kitsap Community Forest proposal, which includes 484 acres of commercial forestland currently owned by Pope Resources. The request to the legislature will be for $3.4 million to complete this project; the local community’s match represents a commitment of $450,000-$500,000.

Mr. Hayes highlighted the significant working landscape, wildlife, and recreational benefits identified by the local community. This project is sponsored by Kitsap County, in partnership with the Great Peninsula Conservancy.

Commissioner Grose inquired about the timber harvest on the property. Mr. Pascoe answered that 25 acres is merchantable timber with an average age class of 34-35 years.
Director DeLuca asked if Mr. Pascoe could elaborate on the nature of the 484 acres. Mr. Pascoe stated that the merchantable timber is approximately over 60-65 years of age and includes one stand that is predominately alder, with the other stand being western red cedar, hemlock, and Douglas fir. Mr. Pascoe added that the younger stands are closer to 20-25 years of age.

Dean Mittelhammer asked about the forest management plan and how it is seen evolving. Mr. Pascoe answered that they would look at a more intensive regime near term within the next 30 year period, and then transition into something that is closer to the county forest stewardship program. He expressed that the county is supportive of raising the revenue that is required under the program and that the forest management plan will be altered, if needed, to meet the requirements of the program.

Superintendent Dorn asked if the state will see the money come back to the state to purchase other lands. Mr. Hayes stated that the expectation established by the legislator is for the state to help local partners and communities acquire the properties, and that in the long-term the properties will support themselves, at minimum.

Chair Goldmark added that at the core of the program is the state’s goal to maintain forest coverage in the state of Washington, and the principle of the program is to protect forest from threat of conversion. Chair Goldmark stated that although the economical investment may not come back in dollars, it will come back in other forms.

All Board members approved the North Kitsap Community Forest Trust proposal.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR CHAIR REPORT
No comments.

CHAIR REPORT
Western Washington Sustainable Harvest Calculation
Kyle Blum, Deputy Supervisor for State Uplands

Mr. Blum stated that he would be giving a short informative update on the Sustainable Harvest Calculation (SHC), and providing a sense for what to expect during upcoming Board meetings.

Mr. Blum shared that at the next 2-3 meetings the Department will be coming forward with information to start the scoping process for the SHC. This includes the examination of a Need, Purpose, and Objectives as the framework of the scope, and provides the Board an opportunity to weigh in on that framework.

The Department will attempt to synchronize the SHC with the Marbled Murrelet Long-Term Conservation Strategy (MMTLCS), and is envisioning having Draft Environmental Impact Statements (DEIS) available to the public at the same time for both. Mr. Blum recognized that there are a considerable number of steps between now and the release of a DEIS, and the Department will be adjusting the timeline if one project can move along at a considerably faster pace than the other one.
Commissioner Grose asked for a timeline from now through the end of the year. Mr. Blum stated that the Department will be working to complete the scoping for the Sustainable Harvest Calculation during the next 2-3 meetings.

Dean Mittelhammer stated that he sees these projects as being interrelated and supports the attempt to synchronize the MMLTCS with the SHC.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR GENERAL ITEMS OF INTEREST

Lois Ward, citizen, encouraged the Board to continue the Long-Term Conservation Strategy on behalf of the Marbled Murrelets, and expressed that action should take place sooner rather than later.

Rod Fleck, City Attorney/Planner for the City of Forks, asked that the Board and the Department undertake an objective review of the timber sales process to determine what is compromising the Department's ability to bring forward timber sales. He asked that the review assess why it is taking longer for sales to go to Board for review and approval. Mr. Fleck added that the review should also include why timber sales are not being brought forward in areas where the Department has a legal obligation to offer the volume for sale. It is Mr. Fleck's belief that a review of the timber sales process will help all of us understand what factors are contributing to the situation. He asked that it be done quickly, so they can factor this information into their community's strategy to regain as many jobs possible.

Meeting adjourned at 9:49 AM
Approved this 4\textsuperscript{th} day of November, 2014

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Attest:    

Sarah Vansot, Board Coordinator