
Minutes

Board of Natural Resources Meeting

July 1, 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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

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.

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5 **SAFETY REVIEW**

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

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9 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

10 Chair Goldmark called for approval of the minutes for the June 3, 2014 Regular Board of Natural
11 Resources Meeting.

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13 **MOTION:** Director DeLuca moved to approve the minutes.

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15 **SECOND:** Dean Mittelhammer seconded the motion.

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

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

20 No comments.

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22 **TIMBER SALES (Action Item)**

1 **Proposed Timber Sales for August & September 2014| 4 handouts, including the**
2 **presentation**

3 Tom Shay, Acting Assistant Division Manager, Product Sales & Leasing Division
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5 Mr. Shay presented the results of the June auctions to the Board. The Department offered 18
6 sales totaling 73.4 MMBF in June. Of those, 13 sales sold and 1 sort sale is pending the
7 reoffering of some sorts in the coming week. The sold sales totaled \$18.6 million for an average
8 of \$310 per MBF.
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10 Mr. Shay remarked that the sales that did not sell were primarily thinning sales, that markets
11 have softened due to an increase in supply from private landowners, and that the sales would be
12 re-evaluated and reoffered when markets improve.
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14 Chair Goldmark asked whether the volume offered included the pending sort sale, and
15 Mr. Shay replied that it did.
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17 Director Deluca asked whether the majority of sales that sold in June were variable retention
18 harvest or thinning sales, and Mr. Shay answered that they were primarily variable retention
19 harvest. Commissioner Goldmark noted that as markets soften, purchasers are more reluctant to
20 purchase thinning sales.
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22 The proposed August and September sales were then presented to the Board.
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24 Director Deluca asked what the driver for pricing in September was, and Mr. Shay answered that
25 it was a combination of the type of sale and the fact that both sales are in eastern Washington.
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27 Mr. Shay asked for approval of the proposed August and September sales.
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29 MOTION: Commissioner Grose moved to approve the proposed August and September 2014
30 sales.
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32 SECOND: Ms. Austin seconded the motion.
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34 ACTION: The motion was approved unanimously.
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36 **PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR BGN ACTION ITEMS**

37 Mr. Jim Langhelm expressed support of the proposal for a stream in Pierce County to be named
38 Meyer Creek.
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40 Ms. Lori Flemm, with the City of Lacey Parks and Recreation Department, expressed support of
41 the proposal to name a location Longs Pond.
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43 Chair Goldmark adjourned the Board of Natural Resources Meeting and convened the Board on
44 Geographic Names.
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46 **BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES ACTION ITEMS| 1 Handout**

47 Caleb Maki, Executive Secretary, Board on Geographic Names
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1 Mr. Maki presented the following proposals, recommended by the Committee on Geographic
2 Names, for consideration to the Board on Geographic Names:

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4 **Name Proposals: Meyer Creek, Lee Island, Dickenson Cove, Greenfield Creek, Longs Pond**

5 MOTION: Commissioner Grose moved to approve.

6 SECOND: Dean Mittelhammer seconded the motion.

7 ACTION: The motion was approved unanimously

8 Chair Goldmark adjourned the Board on Geographic Names and reconvened the Board of
9 Natural Resources.

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

12 No comments.

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

15 **West Seibert Creek Acquisition, File No. 08-091146, Resolution 1428**

16 Julie Armbruster, Conservation, Recreation, and Transactions Division

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18 Ms. Armbruster described the 79.5 acre parcel in Clallam County proposed for acquisition by the
19 Common School Trust. The property is an in-holding in the Maletti block southeast of Port
20 Angeles in Olympic Region. The property has 51 acres of 32-year old reproduction timber which
21 is chiefly red alder, western hemlock, and Douglas fir. The soils are site class III, and the
22 property has legal access.

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24 Ms. Armbruster stated that the purchase price is \$250,000.

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26 Chair Goldmark asked if the property has been appraised and inquired about the price. Ms.
27 Armbruster replied that it has been appraised and it is \$750 per acre.

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29 Ms. Armbruster recommended approval of Resolution 1428.

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31 MOTION: Commissioner Grose moved to approve Resolution 1428.

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33 SECOND: Dean Mittelhammer seconded the motion.

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35 ACTION: The motion was approved unanimously.

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37 **PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR SUSTAINABLE HARVEST CALCULATION CHAIR**
38 **REPORT**

39 No comments.

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41 **CHAIR REPORT | 1 Handout**

42 **Western Washington Sustainable Harvest Calculation**

43 Kyle Blum, Deputy Supervisor for State Uplands

44 Peter Harrison, Project Manager, Marbled Murrelet Long-term Conservation Strategy

1 Mr. Blum introduced the chair report, stating that the purpose of the report was to give a progress
2 update on the Sustainable Harvest Calculation including environmental review aspect, marbled
3 murrelet buffers, and a summary of the outreach work.

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5 Mr. Blum began the presentation with options for environmental review through the State
6 Environmental Policy Act (SEPA). Mr. Blum talked through the environmental review options
7 of an addendum, supplemental environmental impact statement, or an environmental impact
8 statement.

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10 Mr. Harrison provided information around questions that were asked at the previous Board
11 meeting around Marbled Murrelet buffers. The questions that had been asked were: 1) why do
12 we have buffers for marbled murrelet occupied sites, and 2) what is the background for the 100
13 meter buffer distance recommendation.

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15 Mr. Harrison explained that there are two documented threats that buffers can address. One is the
16 loss of habitat and the other is nest predation. Forested buffers protect the physical integrity and
17 nest security of occupied sites. Mr. Harrison explained how buffers minimize windthrow,
18 maintain microclimates within the occupied stand, and reduce impacts of hard edges; all of
19 which have been linked to increased nest predation.

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21 Mr. Blum presented the outreach summary to the Board, which included a list of interested
22 organizations that the department met with over the past six months to discuss the upcoming
23 Sustainable Harvest Calculation. He also presented some of the feedback received from the
24 organizations during the outreach process.

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26 Dean Mittelhammer expressed his desire for public input and thorough environmental review of
27 the calculation, and all Board members concurred.

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29 Chair Goldmark adjourned the Board of Natural Resources Meeting and he convened an
30 Executive Session to discuss pending litigation.

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32 Chair Goldmark reconvened the Board of Natural Resources Meeting at 10:20 AM.

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34 **PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR GENERAL ITEMS OF INTEREST**

35 No comments.

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37 Meeting adjourned at 10:20 AM

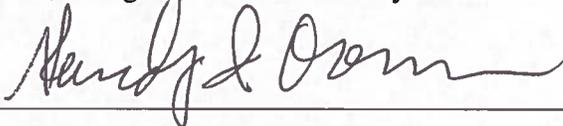
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Peter Goldmark, Washington State Commissioner of Public Lands



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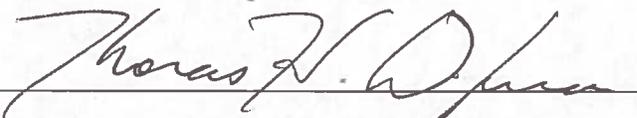
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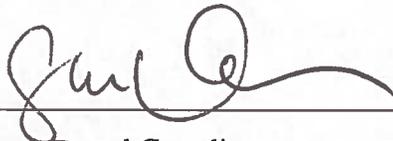
via conference call

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Attest:



Sarah Vansot, Board Coordinator

