

**Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_**  
**A Resolution Appointing Members to the Forest Advisory Board**

**Whereas**, forest management, timber harvesting and wood products manufacturing has been a way of life in Skagit County for generations. Sustainable forest management in Skagit County is important for its economic, environmental, recreational, and cultural benefits for all citizens. Protecting the timberland base and preserving timber and allied industry is of community wide interest; and

**Whereas**, forestry contributes to the local economy directly through timber operations and products and indirectly through secondary industries, local markets and real estate. Skagit County timber revenues produced more than \$5,363,000 alone in 2002 for the County budget; and

**Whereas**, sustaining forestry helps maintain healthy forests, clean water, diversified wildlife habitats (Skagit County's forest lands are home to a variety of wildlife species and fisheries), recreational opportunities (i.e. diversified trails, camping, hang gliding fishing, hunting and bird watching), open space amenities, and cultural values as well as provides public benefits. Furthermore, Skagit County's culture, character and lifestyle is influenced by its logging heritage; and

**Whereas**, Skagit County must continue to meet the challenges of maintaining and further enhancing forestry, which includes developing creative and flexible solutions; and

**Whereas**, Skagit County's Comprehensive Plan provides for the conservation and management of the forest lands of long-term commercial significance and seeks to continue their viability now and into the future; and

**Whereas**, the Comprehensive Plan recommends establishing an Agricultural Advisory Board which "should reflect diversity of agriculture and advocate sound agricultural policies and programs for Skagit County" (CP Policy 5A-I .1) it would be consistent to also establish a Forestry Advisory Board to advocate for sound forestry. The Forestry Advisory Board is to be charged with developing an integrated approach to encourage economic opportunities in the timber sector with a focus on harvesting, marketing, processing, labor opportunities and sustainability; and

**Whereas**, the timber industry and related timber product markets need to have an active role in land use decisions and in the development and evaluation of policies, regulations and incentives that may significantly affect commercial forestry. The timber industry needs the opportunity to communicate and work with their neighbors, community, Skagit County government and others to

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address the complex and difficult issues associated with maintaining working and viable forestry in a constantly changing and challenging economic, cultural, environmental and regulatory climate; and

**Whereas**, in October 2004, the Board of County Commissioners issued a press release seeking the assistance of interested citizens, organizations and/or special interest groups to serve as a Board of County Commissioner appointed member of the Skagit County Forest Advisory Board; and

**Whereas**, the Board of County Commissioners is in receipt of letters and statements of qualifications from members of the community asking to serve on the Forestry Advisory Board.

**Now, Therefore be It Resolved**, that the Board of County Commissioners hereby creates a Forestry Advisory Board, hereafter referred to as the FAB, whose membership (affiliations), terms and staff members; powers and duties, and organization are described as follows:

**Section 1. Membership, Terms and Ex Officio Members.**

A. The FAB shall consist of twelve (12) members; each Board of County Commissioner shall have four (4) appointments; and, the members shall serve staggered terms of three (3) years.

B. The voting members of the FAB shall represent the diversity of the timber economy and various timber industry operations.

Membership should be representative of the following timber sectors: small landowners, large landowners, consulting forestry, timber harvesting/road building, silviculture, finances as it relates to the timber industry, trust land management and trust land beneficiaries, mills operations, and persons with demonstrated knowledge, experience, and interest.

C. The Skagit County Natural Resource Lands Policy Coordinator, shall serve in a staff advisory capacity.

**Section 2. Powers and Duties.** The FAB shall report and make recommendations to the Skagit County Board of Commissioners and Planning Agency on forest plans, policies, and programs, including, but not limited to:

A. Existing and proposed legislation and regulations affecting commercial forestry;

B. Land uses as they impact forestry; and

C. Ways to maintain, enhance, and promote forestry and the associated forest practice industry in the region.

The FAB may hold public hearings and sponsor public forums regarding its business and may participate with other governmental agencies, educational

institutions, and private/public organizations in the coordination or conduct of it activities.

Section 3. Organization. The FAB shall elect officers and adopt rules of administrative procedures and by-laws to regulate its affairs and conduct business. All FAB business shall be open to the public, is a matter of public records and is subject to the Washington's Public Records Act.

**Now, Therefore be it Further Resolved**, that the Skagit County Natural Resource Lands Policy Coordinator will assume administrative responsibilities, oversee the budget, provide support services and serve as the liaison between the Board of County Commissioners and the Forest Advisory Board. The Skagit County Planning and Permit Center will provide advisory and technical support as needed.

**Now, Therefore be it Further Resolved**, the Board of County Commissioners hereby appoints the following individuals to the Forest Advisory Board whose terms are first established by the following staggered years and then every three years thereafter so that no more than 33% of the Forest Advisory Board membership shall expire in any year:

1. Andy Blachly (1 year)
2. Fred Loffer (1 year)
3. Aubrey Stargell (1 year)
4. Dick Whitmore (1 year) *K.D. TWA*
5. Al Craney (~~1 year~~) - *3*
6. Ken Osborn (~~1 year~~) - *2* *K.D. TWA*
7. Dave Chamberlain (2 years)
8. Paul Kriegel (2 years)
9. Timothy Raschko (2 years)
10. Lisa Cassidy (3 years)
11. Gordon Iverson (3 years)
12. Chuck parker (3 years)

**Now, Therefore be it Further Resolved**, that the Forest Advisory Board shall prepare a strategic plan establishing a policy framework, consistent with Skagit County's Comprehensive Plan, on how Skagit County government can support and strengthen the forest resource sector.

Dated this 6<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2004.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON

  
TED W. ANDERSON, CHAIRMAN

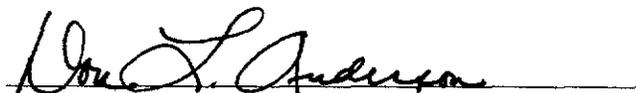
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COMMISSIONER

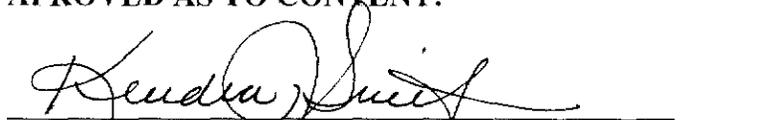
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Don L. Anderson, Chief Civil Deputy  
Skagit County Prosecutor's Office

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

  
Kendra Smith, Natural Resource Lands Policy Coordinator  
Planning and Permit Center