

BEFORE THE SKAGIT COUNTY HEARING EXAMINER

FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION

Applicant: Peggy Sue Bridgman

Address: 16524 Bow Hill Road
Bow, WA 98232

File No: C/U Open Space Land App#14-2016

Request: To transfer 78.83 acres from Current Use Farm and Agriculture to Current Use Open Space Land.

Location: Portion of Sec. 2, T35N; R3E, W.M.; northeasterly of Burlington Northern rail line.

Assessor's No: Portion of P33647, Portion of P33672, P33654, P33676

Public Hearing: After reviewing the report of the Assessor's Office, the Hearing Examiner conducted a public hearing on September 28, 2016.

Recommendation: Approval

FINDINGS

1. Peggy Sue Bridgman seeks to transfer 78.83 acres from Current Use Farm and Agriculture to Current Use Open Space Land.
2. The property is located within a portion of Sec. 2, T35N, R3E, W.M. The complete property description is contained in the Staff Report. The parcel numbers are P33647, P33672, P33654, and P33676.
3. Except for a residence, a rental house, and several barns and sheds, the property is vacant and unused. Each parcel contains wetland areas.
4. The proposed classification would conserve natural and scenic resources, protect streams, wildlife and native plant habitat, and preserve visual quality.
5. The hearing was held after due notice. There was no public testimony and there were no written comments.
6. The Examiner admitted the exhibits submitted by Staff.
7. The Examiner finds that the property meets the definition of the classification sought.
8. The Staff recommends approval. The Examiner concurs with Staff.

RECOMMENDATION

The Examiner recommends approval of the application.



Wick Dufford, Hearing Examiner

Date: October 6, 2016

Copies transmitted to Applicant, Assessor, County Commissioners: October 6, 2016