

BEFORE THE SKAGIT COUNTY HEARING EXAMINER

FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION

Applicants: Russell Akerman

Address: P.O. Box 1151
Coats, North Carolina 27521-1151

File No: Current Use Timber APP#05-2010

Request: To include approximately 10 acres in the Current Use Timber Program.

Location: SW1/4SW1/4NW1/4 Sec. 26, T34N, R2E, W.M.

Parcel No: P20743

Public Hearing: After reviewing the report of the Assessor's Office, the Hearing Examiner conducted a public hearing on January 12, 2011.

Recommendation: Approval

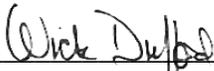
FINDINGS

1. Russell Akerman has filed an application for inclusion of approximately 10 acres in the Current Use Timber Program. He is the owner of the property.
2. The property is SW1/4SW1/4NW1/4 Sec. 26. T34N, R2E, W.M. It is accessed by an easement from Indian Road within the Swinomish Indian Reservation.
3. The tract was acquired by the Akerman family in 1966 and has since been managed for timber production. Selective harvests were conducted in the early 1970s and in 1998.
4. The property contains second and third growth stands of conifers and hardwoods. Harvested areas were replanted in 1999 with a mixture of Douglas Fir, Western Hemlock, Western Red Cedar, and some Coast Redwood.
5. It is the intention of the owner to continue to practice intensive silviculture to provide for future economic returns.
6. A Timber Management Plan was prepared by John D. Gold, professional forester. The plan appears to comply with RCW 84.34.020 and RCW 83.34.041.
7. The Staff Report and Exhibits submitted by the Assessor's Office are incorporated herein.
8. The hearing was held after due notice. There was no public testimony and there were no written comments.
9. The Examiner finds that the property meets the definition of the classification sought.
10. The Staff recommends approval. The Examiner concurs with Staff.

RECOMMENDATION

The Examiner recommends approval of the application, subject to the following condition:

At the time of harvesting, the applicants shall comply with the requirements of the Department of Natural Resource in regard to the harvesting of timber.



Wick Dufford, Hearing Examiner

Date: January 27, 2011

Copies transmitted to Applicant: January 27, 2011