

**BEFORE THE SKAGIT COUNTY HEARING EXAMINER**

**FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION**

**Applicant:** Kenneth D. Osborn

**Address:** P.O. Box 1234,  
Mount Vernon, WA 98273

**File No:** Current Use Timber #02-2012

**Request:** To include approximately 55.28 acres in the Current Use Timber Program.

**Location:** North side of Walker Valley Road. W1/2W1/2SW1/4 SE1/4, less TR 4-003-025, and SE1/4SW1/4 north of railway and NE1/4SW1/4 north of railway and east of CR30584, all in Sec. 32, T34N, R5E, W.M.

**Assessor's Nos:** P30584, P30592, P30596.

**Public Hearing:** After reviewing the report of the Assessor's Office, the Hearing Examiner conducted a public hearing on October 24, 2012.

**Recommendation:** Approval

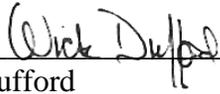
## FINDINGS

1. On September 24, 2012, Kenneth D. Osborn filed an application for the inclusion of approximately 55.28 acres in the Current Use Timber Program. The applicant is the owner of the property.
2. The property is on the north side of Walker Valley Road. It is legally described as W1/2 W1/2SW1/4SE1/4 less RT 4-003-02 and SE1/4SW1/4 north of railway and NE1/4 SW1/4 north of railway and east of CR30584, all in Sec. 32, T34N, R5E, W.M.
3. The property is adjacent to the Boy Scout Camp, just west of Lake Challenge. It is primarily forested with 20-year-old Red Alder. The only improvement on the property is a well head.
4. The property is contiguous with P30581, P30583 and P30585 (74 acres) which are already in the Current Use Timber Program.
5. The applicant intends to manage the property for commercial harvest. Plans are to begin harvesting the alder in about 10 years. Reforestation will follow.
6. A Timber Management Plan meeting requirements was submitted with the application.
7. The hearing was held after due notice. There was no public testimony and there were no written comments.
8. The Examiner finds that the property meets the definition of the classification sought.
9. The Staff recommends approval. The Examiner concurs with Staff.

## RECOMMENDATION

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

At such time as the applicant intends to harvest the timber on the property, the applicant shall comply with all requirements of the Department of Natural Resources under the Forest Practices Act for the harvesting of timber.

  
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Wick Dufford

Dated: November 5, 2012

Copies transmitted to Applicants, Assessor's Office and County Commissioners

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING A CURRENT USE TIMBER APPLICATION  
OF KENNETH OSBORN  
CUTMB #2-2012

WHEREAS, the Skagit County Hearing Examiner held a public hearing on October 24, 2012 to review the Current Use Timber application of KENNETH OSBORN and adopted Findings of Fact and a Recommendation which were submitted to the Board of Skagit County Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, in open session, the Skagit County Board of Commissioners has reviewed the application and Findings and Recommendation of the Hearing Examiner, now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Skagit County Commissioners hereby adopts the attached Findings and Recommendation of the Hearing Examiner and approves the Current Use Timber application of KENNETH OSBORN subject to any conditions listed in the Hearing Examiner Recommendation.

WITNESS our hands and official seal this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2012.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON

ATTEST:

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KENNETH A. DAHLSTEDT, Chairman

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Linda Hammons  
Clerk of the Board

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SHARON D. DILLON, Commissioner

Approved as to form:

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RON WESEN, Commissioner

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Civil Deputy