

BEFORE THE SKAGIT COUNTY HEARING EXAMINER

FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION

Applicants: John and Elaine O'Mara

Address: 7457 Channing Way
Fresno CA 93711

File No: C/UTMB #4-2005

Request: To include approximately .26 acre in the Current Use Timber Program (contiguous with other Timber Program parcel P41885)

Location: North of South Skagit Highway and south of Skagit River in a portion of Tract 3 of Survey AF #9005070053, being a portion of Government Lot 5, Sec. 13, T35N, R6E, W.M.

Assessor's Account No: P41104

Public Hearing: After reviewing the report of the Assessor's Office, the Hearing Examiner conducted a public hearing on September 14, 2005.

Recommendation: Approval

FINDINGS

1. John and Elaine O'Mara, as trustees of the O'Mara Family Trust, have filed an application for inclusion of approximately .26 acre in the Current Use Timber Program. The trust is owner of the property

2. The property is located north of South Skagit Highway and south of the Skagit River in a portion of Tract 3 of Survey AF #9005070053, being a portion of Government Lot 5, Sec. 13, T35N, R6E, W.M. (P41104).

3. The applicants have submitted a Timber Management Plan prepared by a professional forester. The goal of the owners is to maintain the stand of trees for eventual harvest, providing for wildlife habitat, watershed management, and recreational activity in the interim.

4. The Staff Report and Exhibits submitted by the Assessor's Office are attached hereto and incorporated herein.

5. The hearing was held after due notice. There was no public testimony. There were no written comments.

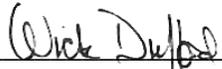
6. The Examiner finds that the property meets the definition of the classification sought. See RCW 84.34.020.

7. The Staff recommends, and the Examiner concurs with, the following condition:

At the time of harvesting, the applicant shall comply with all the requirements of the Department of Natural Resources in regard to harvesting of timber.

RECOMMENDATION

The Examiner recommends approval of the application, subject to the condition Set forth in Finding 7 above.



Wick Dufford, Hearing Examiner

Date: September 19, 2005

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