

BEFORE THE SKAGIT COUNTY HEARING EXAMINER

FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION

Applicants: Donald and Ann Caldwell

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File No: C/UTMB #6-2005

Request: To include approximately 12.13 acres in the Current Use Timber Program.

Location: West of Deception Pass State Park, South of Ginnett Road and East of Cottege Lane, on Fidalgo Island, within a portion of SW1/4, Sec 14, T34N, R1E. W.M.

Assessor's Account No: P122730 and P122040

Public Hearing: After reviewing the report of the Assessor's Office, the Hearing Examiner conducted a public hearing on October 20, 2005.

Recommendation: Approval

FINDINGS

1. Donald and Anne Caldwell have filed an application for inclusion of approximately 12.13 acres in the Current Use Timber Program. They are the owners of the property.

2. The property is located west of Deception Pass State Park, south of Ginnett Road and East of Cottage Lane on Fidalgo Island, within a portion of the SW1/4 Sec. 14, T34N, R1E., W.M.

3. The proposal is a transfer from the classified forest program occasioned by a recent boundary line adjustment.

4. The applicants have submitted a Timber Management Plan prepared by a professional forester. The primary objective of the owners is to preserve the rural forested character of the property, using the forest resources in a self-sustaining manner.

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.

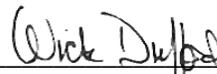
6. The Examiner finds that the property meets the definition of the classification sought. See RCW 84.34.020.

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: January 17, 2006

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