

BEFORE THE SKAGIT COUNTY HEARING EXAMINER

FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION

Applicants: Jon Leif Corkery, et al

Address: 450 Cove Road
Bellingham, WA 98226

File No: C/UTMB #8-2005

Request: To include approximately 3.38 acres in the Current Use Timber Program.

Location: On Samish Island, west of Samish Point Road, within a portion of Govt Lot 2, Sec 28, T36N, R2E, W.M.

Assessor's Account Nos: P47288, P47303, P47309

Public Hearing: After reviewing the report of the Assessor's Office, the Hearing Examiner conducted a public hearing on October 26, 2005.

Recommendation: Approval

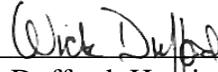
FINDINGS

1. Jon Leif Corkery, Landry Corkery, Susan Corkery, and Landry Corkery, Jr., have filed an application to add approximately 3.38 acres to the Current Use Timber Program. They are the owners of the property.
2. The property is located on Samish Island, west of Samish Point Road, within a portion of Govt Lot 2, Sec. 28, T36N, R2E, W.M. The property consists of three small forested parcels: P47288, P47303 and P47309 which are within and adjacent to land already in the program.
3. The overstory is moderately dense and consists primarily of Douglas fir with some western red cedar and grand fir. Pacific madrone and Oregon white oak are found in the western portions of the property.
4. The applicants have submitted a Timber Management Plan prepared by a professional forester. The management objective of the owners is maintain healthy mature forest cover to provide high quality wildlife habitat.
5. The Staff Report and Exhibits submitted by the Assessor's Office are attached hereto and incorporated herein.
6. The hearing was held after due notice. There was no public testimony. There were no written comments.
7. The Examiner finds that the property meets the definition of the classification sought. See RCW 84.34.020.
8. 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 8 above.



Wick Dufford, Hearing Examiner

Date: January 5, 2006

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