

**BEFORE THE SKAGIT COUNTY HEARING EXAMINER**

**FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION**

**Applicants:** Kelly and Heather Schols

**Address:** 10437 Ridge Place  
Sedro Woolley, WA 98284

**File No:** C/UTROS #3-2005

**Request:** To include approximately 5.97 acres in the Current Use  
Open Space Program

**Location:** Northwest of Highway 20 bordering Gages Slough, within  
a portion of Lot 4 of Short Plat #PL01-0346 in Sec. 27,  
T35N, R4E, W.M.

**Assessor's Account Nos:** P108054

**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. Kelly and Heather Schols have filed an application to include approximately 5.97 acres to the Current Use Open Space Program. They are the owners of the property.
2. The property is located northwest of Highway 20 bordering Gages Slough, constituting the open space portion of Lot 4 Short Plat #PL01-0346, Sec. 27, T35N, R4E, W.M. The parcel number is P108054.
3. The property was set aside as open space in the short plat. It is a habitat for local wildlife including birds.
4. The property meets the definition of open space land as provided in RCW 84.34.020(1) Preservation in its present use would conserve and enhance natural or scenic resources, protect streams, promote conservation of soils and wetlands, and enhance the value to the public of abutting open space.
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 qualifies for the classification sought.
8. The Staff recommends approval.

## RECOMMENDATION

The Examiner recommends approval of the application.

  
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Wick Dufford, Hearing Examiner

Date: January 5, 2006

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