

**BEFORE THE SKAGIT COUNTY HEARING EXAMINER**

**FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION**

**Applicants:** William and Linda Eastman

**Address:** 27741 State Route 20  
Sedro Woolley, WA 98283

**File No:** C/UTROS #4-2005

**Request:** To transfer approximately 15.71 acres to the Current Use Open Space Program.

**Location:** Northwest of the Skagit River, South of Lyman-Hamilton Road and East of Robinson Road; within Gov't Lot 6, Sec 18, T35N, R35E, W.M..

**Assessor's Account Nos:** P41574 and P41641

**Public Hearing:** After reviewing the report of the Assessor's Office, the Hearing Examiner conducted a public hearing on January 25, 2006.

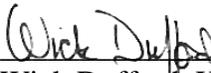
**Recommendation:** Approval

## FINDINGS

1. William and Linda Eastman have filed an application for inclusion of approximately 15.71 acres in the Current Use Open Space Program. They are the owners of the property
2. The property is located along the northwest bank of the Skagit River, South of Lyman Hamilton Road and East of Robinson Road, within Gov't Lot 6, Sec. 18, T35N, R6E, WM.
3. The property is being transferred from Current Use Farm and Agriculture to Current Use Open Space to conserve and enhance natural resources. The property is subject to recurrent flooding and cannot now be farmed. The owners have made it available to the Department of Fish and Wildlife for Chinook counts.
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 approval.

## RECOMMENDATION

The Examiner recommends approval of the application.

  
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Wick Dufford, Hearing Examiner

Date: February 9, 2006

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