

BEFORE THE SKAGIT COUNTY HEARING EXAMINER

FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION

Applicants: Ted Anstensen

Address: 12110 Hakevost Road
Anacortes, WA 98221

File No: TRTMB#7-2007

Request: To include approximately 10.4 acres in the Current Use Timber Program.

Location: Between Marine View Drive and Hakevost Road, within a portion of Gov. Lot 3, Sec. 2, T34N, R1E, W.M.

Assessor's No: P19013

Public Hearing: After reviewing the report of the Assessor's Office, the Hearing Examiner conducted a public hearing on September 12, 2007.

Recommendation: Approval

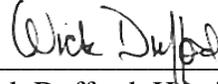
FINDINGS

1. Ted Anstensen has filed an application for inclusion of approximately 10.4 acres in the Current Use Timber Program. He is the owner of the property.
2. The property is located east of Marine View Drive, between Marine View and Havekost Road. It is within a portion of Gov. Lot 3, Sec. 2, T34N, R1E, W.M. The property bears Assessor's Account Number P19013. It is accessed via Havekost Road.
3. The request is to transfer the 10.4 acres from the Open Space Farm and Agriculture classification to Open Space Timber. The Open Space Farm and Agriculture classification was assigned in 1973.
4. There are two stands of timber: (1) 5.4 acres of mature native conifers with a few scattered native hardwoods. The conifers are about 110 years old, and; (2) Five acres of immature red alders which have taken over an old field. The alders range from one to ten years old. The owner's intent is to maintain the trees for wildlife habitat, watershed management and recreation, and to harvest the timber when appropriate. Stand (1) can be harvested any time. Reforestation will be by planting.
5. A Forest Management Plan was prepared by David Anderson, Forestry Consultant. The plan appears to comply with RCW 84.34.020 and RCW 84.34.041.
6. The Staff Report and Exhibits submitted by the Assessor's Office are attached hereto and incorporated herein.
7. The hearing was held after due notice. There was no public testimony and there were no written comments.
8. The Examiner finds that the property meets the definition of the classification sought.
9. The Staff recommends approval. The Examiner concurs with Staff.

RECOMMENDATION

The Examiner recommends approval of the application, subject to the following condition:

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



Wick Dufford, Hearing Examiner

Date: September 19, 2007

Copies transmitted to Applicant: September 19, 2007