

BEFORE THE SKAGIT COUNTY HEARING EXAMINER

FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION

Applicants: Ray and Marilyn Koenig

Address: 844 Peterson Road
Burlington, WA 98233

File No: C/UTRTMB#8-2008

Request: To transfer 9.05 acres into the Current Use Timber Program.

Location: North of Alger Cain Lake Road and west of the CCC Road, within a portion of Lot 3 S/P#PL08-0236 in Sec. 4, T36N, R4E, W.M.

Assessor's No: P48814

Public Hearing: After reviewing the report of the Assessor's Office, the Hearing Examiner conducted a public hearing on January 7, 2009.

Recommendation: Approval

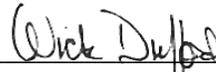
FINDINGS

1. Ray and Marilyn Koenig have filed an application for the transfer of approximately 9.05 acres from Designated Forest to the Current Use Timber Program. They are the owners of the property.
2. The property lies north of the Alger Cain Lake Road and west of the CCC Road, within a portion of Lot 3 S/P#PL08-0236 in Sec. 4, T36N, R4E., W.M. The parcel number is P48814. An acre has been held out for a home site.
3. Over the past 60 years, the property has been selectively logged as trees reached harvest size and as markets warranted. Over the past few years, a portion of the site has been clearcut and replanted following windfalls in adjacent clearcuts.
4. The subject parcel is part of a larger 33.18-acre property which was recently short platted. A Wetland and Fish and Wildlife Assessment was prepared for this land division. A Category II forested wetland traversed by Silver Creek, a Type 3 stream, was delineated and set aside in tracts.
5. The primary management goal for the subject acres is to improve the quantity and quality of timber for future income and to develop a timber stand consisting primarily of Red Cedar, Douglas Fir, and Western Hemlock, with Red Alder and Maple interspersed. Secondary aims are to improve and sustain soil and water resources, protect water quality and plant resources, and promote wildlife habitat.
6. A Timber Management Plan was prepared. The plan appears to comply with RCW 84.34.020 and RCW 84.34.041.
7. The Staff Report and Exhibits submitted by the Assessor's Office are attached hereto and incorporated herein.
8. The hearing was held after due notice. There was no public testimony and there were no written comments.
9. The Examiner finds that the property meets the definition of the classification sought.
10. 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 applicants shall comply with the requirements of the Department of Natural Resource in regard to the harvesting of timber.



Wick Dufford, Hearing Examiner

Date: January 27, 2009

Copies transmitted to Applicants: January 27, 2009

Attachment: Staff Report and Exhibits