

**BEFORE THE SKAGIT COUNTY HEARING EXAMINER**  
**FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION**

**Applicant:** Leif Erikson Recreation Association

**Address:** P.O. Box 33961  
Seattle, WA 98133

**File No:** C/UOS#5-2006

**Request:** To include approximately 6.50 acres in the Current Use  
Open Space Program

**Location:** On the shore of Lake McMurray; a portion of Gov. Lot 2, within  
Sec. 20, T33N, R5E, W.M.

**Assessors No:** Portion of P118338 and P18297

**Public Hearing:** After reviewing the report of the Assessor's Office, the Hearing  
Examiner conducted a public hearing on December 20, 2006.

**Recommendation:** Approval

## FINDINGS

1. The Leif Erikson Recreation Association has filed an application for inclusion of approximately 6.50 acres in the Current Use Open Space Program. The Association owns the property.
2. The property borders the shore of Lake McMurray. It is a portion of Gov. Lot 2 in Sec. 30, T33N, R5E, W.M.
3. The acreage is undeveloped and includes marshy and forested land. A creek empties into the lake through the property. The land provides habitat for beavers, eagles and other wildlife. The property is adjacent to a developed recreation area but is not itself suitable for development.
4. The open space classification will conserve natural and scenic resources, protect the stream, promote the conservation of soils and wetlands, enhance the value to the public of abutting park land, and preserve the visual quality of the landscape along State Route 9.
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 approval. The Examiner concurs with Staff.

## RECOMMENDATION

The Examiner recommends approval of the application.

  
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Wick Dufford, Hearing Examiner

Date: January 8, 2007