

**BEFORE THE SKAGIT COUNTY HEARING EXAMINER**

**FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION**

**Applicants:** William and Vicky Yarcho

**Address:** P. O. Box 417  
Clearlake, WA 98235

**File No:** C/UTRTMB#3-2006

**Request:** To include approximately 20.03 acres in the Current Use Timber Program.

**Location:** East of Andal Road, Lot 1 of Short Plat #PL03-0808 in Sec 26, T34N, R4E, W.M.

**Assessor's Nos:** P124166 and 124171

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

**Recommendation:** Approval

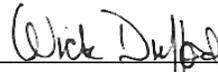
## **FINDINGS**

1. William and Vicky Yarcho have filed an application for the transfer of approximately 20.03 acres to the Current Use Timber Program. They are the owners of the property.
2. The property is located east of Andal Road. It is Lot 1, Short Plat #PL03-0808 within Sec 26, T34N, R4E, W.M. The Assessor's parcel numbers are P124166 and P124171.
3. The land was classified Open Space Farm and Agricultural land in 2003. This request is to transfer it to the Current Use Timber classification. The forested area was harvested about 40 years ago and reforested naturally to Douglas Fir, Red Alder, Western Red Cedar, Western Hemlock, Bigleaf Maple and Black Cottonwood.
4. A Forest Management Plan prepared by a professional forestry consultant was submitted. The goal of the owner is to maintain the integrity of the property by maintaining a stand of trees, and ultimately to obtain a return on the investment through harvest. Harvest could commence about year 2020. Wildlife habitat and watershed management will be provided in the interim. After harvest, replanting to Douglas fir, Western Red Cedar and Grand Fir is recommended.
5. The Timber Management Plan appears to comply with RCW 84.34.020 and 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. There were no written comments.
8. The Examiner finds that the property meets the definition of the classification sought.
9. The Staff recommends approval, with a condition. 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: January 8, 2007