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**Minutes
March 8, 2017**

Present: Dave, Fred, Chuck, Tim, Aubrey, Gordy, Steve, Paul and Tom, Al
Absent: Ken and Lisa Guest: Dan Berentson and Paul Wagner

- I. Introductions and announcements: Dave went to the Planning Commission meeting where they were discussing RFI. PDS presented what FAB has seen. They focused on CaRDCs and stewardship programs. PC asked FAB for code amendment proposal and information on legislation. Dave said he'd send it to PDS to forward to them. Tom noted that Hilary Franz appears to be a good listener. Smart and understands the law.
Blanchard- Tom talked about the funding and original agreement, only \$1.2M in Governor's budget. Jeff Morris is looking for ways to put Blanchard into the Transfer Lands.
- II. Minutes: Gordy moved to approve with the typo correction and Tom seconded. Passed
- III. Discussion: State lands- EIS on the Marbled Murrelet. Paul gave some background. Population of herring decreasing in the area and this is their food source. No science showing it's (MM) decline is from habitat loss. FAB noted Eric Seiglian's study "The case of the Vanishing Seabirds". Sustainable Harvest-Tom noted the state needs to make good management decisions Paul Wagner agreed. No alternative had a "take" associated with it. There is conflict when one tries to restore and the trust mandate. Paul Wagner noted that the DNR manages aquatic lands and this management should be looked into. State does not have useful inventory information. Gordy proposed FAB make a recommendation to BoCC to push to have the State update their inventory. Need appropriate information since this is a valuable public resource and extremely important for rural timber communities. The private sector would be out of business if they didn't know what they have. Growth yield model is fine but data set issues...this is ok for some work but not for trust land beneficiaries. Gordy noted that anecdotal 1,00,000 (conservative because 55% cut of growth then growing inventory) so therefore cut 550,000 million; most cutting cycles pass 50-60 and are 75-80 year range. Growing over a billion BF/year using this crude calculation. FAB believes they need outside audits.
- IV. Adjourn: 9:20