



## **SKAGIT COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

**GARY ROWE, County Administrator**

**KENDRA SMITH, Natural Resources Coordinator**

### **Minutes January 24, 2005**

Meeting was called to order by Dave Chamberlain at 7:30 a.m. Members present were Paul Kriegel, Dick Whitmore, Ken Osborn, Al Craney, Gordy Iverson, Andy Blachly, Lisa Cassidy, Fred Loffer, Chuck Parker, Dave Chamberlain, Aubrey Stargell and Tim Raschko. Tom Westergreen, Gene Chase, Butch, Lenny Thompson, Chuck Kallman, Mark Edict, Desiree Douglas and Don Wick were also present. Kendra Smith, staff.

Minutes were tabled for review at the next meeting.

No public correspondence.

#### Discussion Items:

1. Dept of Rev- Timber open space taxation: Al gave background information and handouts.
2. Water typing: FPB holding a workshop on Feb 2, 2005 with the FPB meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> for a decision. Stressed that attendance is crucial. Discussion on the need to protect fish yet that was the reason for the timber/fish regs, the new FP rules and the HCP. Concerns about the viability of the industry. Absolutely essential to continue the use of electro-shocking for purposes of verification.  
\*Andy and Kendra to draft a letter to report to the BoCC as to what is happening and hopefully the BoCC will pass this onto the Forest Practice Board.
3. Comprehensive Plan Update: Desiree Douglas, County consultant with the Planning Department attended the meeting. Dick suggested a subcommittee be formed to help work with Desiree on the policies. It was moved by Dick and seconded by Tim that the following was the selected committee:  
Tim, Ken, Paul and Gordy. and Al  
The following topics should be included in the policies:
  - Viability/sustainability
  - Right to Manage
  - Compensation for buffering/taking
  - Correct designations

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- Compatible uses to adjacent lands
- Value added processing and/or related uses i.e. bio-massing
- Small landowners
- Quantify
- Issue of conversions (Andy/Chuck)
- Stress the ability of forestry to co-exist
- Hazards such alluvial fans should not be the burden of resource industries, but eliminated through the development permits....why allow construction in hazardous areas and then blame harvesting.

Ken asked the question, "What direction does the FAD really want the County forest lands to go?". That would be a good place to start policy.

\*Andy to review language on placement of houses in relationship to the Industrial Forest and report back to the FAB.

The subcommittee will meet on Feb. 3, 2005 at the County at 8:00 a.m.

4. Harvest on platted lands: Dave will continue to work on this. He has a sense that this is moving in the right direction and will keep the FAB updated.
  
5. Blanchard Mountain: Discussed Ken's draft letter. Agreed by consensus to keep it educational and informative. The FAB should refrain from getting political so that it can better inform the Board from a professional position.

At 9:30 Dave adjourned the meeting.