



SKAGIT COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

GARY ROWE, County Administrator

KENDRA SMITH, Natural Resources Coordinator

Minutes July 14, 2005

Meeting was called to order at 9:30 am. Members present were Dick Whitmore, Chuck Parker, Gordy Iverson, Paul Kriegel, Ken Osborn, Andy Blachly, Dave Chamberlain, Lisa Cassidy, Aubrey Stargell, Kendra Smith, staff.

Meeting called to order late due to lack of a quorum. Several members engaged in a meeting with tribes and WDFW regarding the Salmon Recovery Plan. Quick overview was given by Paul and Gordy. Kendra gave details on the plan. FAB decided that they needed to respond to the document.

Introductions: Vic Bensen and Bruce Johnson

Paul moved and Gordy seconded the approval of the June/May minutes.

No public correspondence.

Public Comments:

1. Bruce Johnson presented project east of Mount Vernon. Project would take development rights from IF, Rural Reserve and, and Ag and place in Secondary Forest. The intent of the codes and the lay of the land were discussed. Bruce offered to place a forest management plan on all acreage except Ag and to cluster the homes on secondary forest.

Discussion/ Action Items:

1. Discussion of Johnson Project: FAB discussed the merits of the projects and focused on how to best protect the resource lands and allow for development, understanding that there needs to be a balance. The following 4 conditions would need to be placed on this specific development:

- Forest Management Plan for all areas outside of the residential lots
- Clustering of the residential lots to allow for the best use of the land for forest practices
- The Rural Reserve would need to go into Os-NRL with a forest management plan
- Right to Forest Management agreement must be in place with very tight controls to ensure the on-going forest practices could and would continue.

Dave drew a picture depicting the situation. The FAB felt that each project needs to be reviewed on its own merits and on a case by case basis. To make a blanket policy would probably not work due to the need to remain flexible. The important issue is to ensure consistency with the intent of the code. There was consensus amongst the FAB to support this project based on the conditions set forth above.

Paul added that the FAD needs to review the Forest Management Plan and all agreed.

Ken felt that this type of project needs to go before the Planning Commission for their review as well due to the implications this may have on adjacent land owners as well the cumulative impact on the resource.

2. PIP discussion. This will be discussed at the next FFR meeting 7/19/05. Dave will go down with Kendra.

3. Ken asked if Skagit Surveyors were contracted by the County for some sort of fish survey project. Kendra said she would look into it.

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4. Vineyards. The quest as to whether vineyards should be an allowed use in IF was discussed. The consensus was that they should not be allowed in IF and in Secondary Forest only with specific conditions. The concerns are as follows:

- Spraying from the forest practices, even within the rules and guidelines, will cause a nuisance as well as the potential for possible drift of the spray onto the vineyards. Could be costly.
- Dislike of partial cuts, doesn't mixed with aesthetics of wine tasting.
- If vines are planted and the venture fails, the land must be converted back to timber production
- Must deal with conversion regulations

5. Meetings dates. Due to schedules, meeting dates are going to go back to the first Mondays of the month at the County. Starting at 7:00.

Next meeting August 1, 2005. 7:00 a.m. County.

Meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.