



## SKAGIT COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

GARY ROWE, County Administrator

KENDRA SMITH, Natural Resources Coordinator

### Minutes August 1, 2005

Meeting opened 7:35 a.m. August 1, 2005

Present Dave Chamberlain, Dick Whitmore, Aubrey Stargell, Al Craney, Lisa Cassidy, Chuck Parker, Paul Kriegel, Gordy Iverson, Tim Raschko, Fred Loffer, Ken Osborn, Andy Blachly. Staff Kendra Smith.

Introductions of FAB members and guest. Don Wick from EDAS present.

Tim moved and Dick seconded that the July 2005 Minutes be approved. Motion passed.

#### Comments:

Did the BNR pass rules setting aside 88,000 acres of Old Growth at their last meeting? Will this now dictate what will happen on Federal lands? FAB would like to have more information at their next meeting

#### Discussion Items:

1. FFR(forest fish) Meeting: Dave and Kendra attended and gave a status report of the meeting and the participants. The topics included Shared Strategy, PIP, Basel cell generation in riparian buffers, and making a new rule for studying the salamander genetic make up in disturbed areas. Concerns were raised regarding what FFR was actually trying to accomplish and how this fits with the original intent of this committee as a result of the TFW (timber fish wildlife) process. Representation on the FFR was also questioned because it was felt that the industry was only at the table through the organization WFPA. (WFPA has been primarily influenced by Weyerhaeuser, which has not always had the industry as a whole in their best interests). Suggestions were made that both the FPB and the FFR go on some timber tours like the one done at the Deming Log Show. Questions as to how to pay for staffing of these meetings was discussed, including the possibilities through grants.
2. Shared Strategy. Dick commented on the problems occurring in WIRA 1. He also pointed out that habitat has been provided, but there are no fish using it...why then is more required? The need to establish a library containing literature searches would be beneficial.
3. Blanchard Mountain. Need to send letter to the BoCC.
4. Continue to send DNR stream typing info to the FAB.
5. Vineyards. Andy confirmed spraying would be detrimental for the industry. The FAB acknowledged that vineyards may be crop in the future and if the market determines the need to change then the topic should be re-opened. But at this time it would be a serious threat to the forest practice industry.
6. Discuss next meeting due to Labor Day holiday. Meeting to be September 12, 2005 at the County.
7. FAB wanted to extend a BIG THANK YOU to Lisa and Fred for their time and contributions.
8. Next meeting need to review membership.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.