



## SKAGIT COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

GARY ROWE, County Administrator

KENDRA SMITH, Natural Resources Coordinator

### Minutes September 12, 2005

Meeting opened 7:00 a.m. September 12, 2005

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

Introductions of FAB members and guest: Chuck Kallman, Don Wick from EDAS, Doug Hannick from WDFW and Keith Wyman from Skagit River Systems Cooperative.

August 1, 2005 Minutes approved.

#### Discussion Items:

1. **Shared Strategy.** Keith and Doug present to discuss the Plan with the FAB. Keith indicated that there would be no major changes, but some word-smithing would be possible. Gordy felt the Plan needed to give credit to the industry for all the accomplishments done to help relieve the problems through the Forest Practice Rules etc. There were not just poor tonal implications. Without some re-writing the FAB was unwilling to support the document. Aubrey stated that no other sector has shared as much of the burden of providing habitat and protection for salmon (for example ag) and yet are not compensated. Dick so noted that this Plan was a fantastic start, but fell short and missed some important topics such as Japanese knotweed and acknowledging the industry for work that has and is being done. Also, it did not get sufficient review, all other literatures go through review before they are sent out for publishing. This should be a joint effort and the Forest Practice industry should be at the table helping. This should not be a political document, but if it is then it should mention the Bolt decision. Paul This group should have had a chance to review the Plan before it ever went to NMFS. Dave asked Doug if WDFW had any part in this document. Doug stated that SRC did it for the most part. WDFW was waiting for this meeting to determine how they would respond. Fred questioned whether NOAH was the ultimate stamp of approval of this Plan. Keith mentioned that he really had problems with the small land owner section of the FPR. Paul questioned where is the small land owner problem in Skagit County? Gordy asked Keith where does the industry need to do more work? Kendra suggested a smaller committee of the FAB get together with Keith and Doug (or member from WDFW) to go over some specifics and work on the issues.  
Chuck Kallman commented that habitat has been the full focus and yet returns show that there are other factors occurring. This is unfortunate because it turns all eyes back onto the timber industry making it appear that they are not doing enough.  
Meeting set for Tuesday morning, September 12, at 7:00 at Gordy's office. Committee includes Paul, Gordy and Dick.
2. **Culvert sizing:** Dave has had some experience in the field with WDFW now claiming that the sizing for culverts is going to be as wide as the stream itself. Doug stated that data shows culverts blow out when wood goes through and then gets caught...need to be big enough to pass the wood. DNR has asked WDFW not to press on this issue. No studies looking at the whole picture are being conducted...need to look at economics, impacts to the stream vs. just increasing the culvert

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3. PIP: Doug indicated two types of perennial stream. "Manage buffers for their potential'. Dick acknowledged this and told Keith to let the industry know what conditions they want and the industry can manage the land for that need. This will be the topic of the October TFW meeting,
4. Discuss next meeting to be October 3, 2005 at the County.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.