



**SKAGIT COUNTY FOREST  
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## Minutes

**April 10, 2006**

Present: Gordy, Tim, Paulo, Larry, Lisa, Fred, Dave, Dick and Aubrey. Absent: Al, Chuck. Staff: Kendra

Meeting opened at 7:04 a.m.

- I. Gordy moved and Fred seconded to approve the minutes from the March 2006 meeting. Approved unanimously.
- II. No public comments or letters received.
- III. Discussion Items:
  - a. Letter to Shared Strategy for the Skagit Salmon Recovery Plan
    - i. Letter was written from the Industry and signed by many.
    - ii. Letter was written from the FAB that was forwarded to all members.
    - iii. Dick noted that Josh Weiss from WFPA did an excellent job in his letter to the Commission. He validated every one of the FAB's position points.
    - iv. Discussed the time frame and what to do next. Need to see what the Commission does with all of the comments received.
  - b. CAO Update
    - i. Paul has been selected to sit on the committee and they have had one meeting to date. He will not be able to attend the next meeting so has sent comments back. The group will focus first on wetlands. Paul observed that most of the studies dictating the science are from the DOE. Meetings will be every other Wednesday from 6:30-8:30
  - c. Comp Plan
    - i. All written comments are due by April 17, 2006.
    - ii. Paul moved, Dick seconded to have the FAB write one more letter to make sure the Planning Commission was well

informed on the FAB's recommendations as well as the supporting record. Approved unanimously.

iii. Aubrey suggested that a memo be prepared with bulleted talking points.

d. Forest Practices

i. Paul unable to make the CMER meeting but will make contact and get a copy of the studies and reports presented. Kendra will circulate.

e. Blanchard Mt

i. Burlington Edison is preparing to present to the taxpayers the floating of another bond. FAB feels it is ironic since they are not actively pursuing their revenues as beneficiaries. Money is already allocated through State sales. If State sales disappear so will those revenues. This then leaves it up to the taxpayers to carry an unnecessary burden. Taxpayers should be informed.

ii. Not much new except Doug Sutherland is forming a committee of independent individuals to try and develop a strategy to meet all of the DNR's forest plan policies.

iii. If there is no news by the next meeting the FAB will invite Jim Cahill to come and give a progress report.

f. Focus points for 2006

i. Fred suggested an on-going bullet sheet like the one Aubrey proposed earlier to help stay focused and prioritize. Also should have better dialog with the BoCC to both update them and to find out if there are issues they want the FAB to pursue.

ii. Kendra suggested more educational outreach. Schools and community. Prepare a brochure showing revenues, taxes, where it goes etc. Suggested to look up Project Learning Tree and what WFPA has done with some curriculum work for the schools....look into Pacific Logging Conference. Get more tours both school and for the community and elected officials. It was suggested to follow up with Carol Mcilroy from Shared Strategies. They have some money available. Women in Logging tour June 9<sup>th</sup>. Need to coordinate and get the word out so more people can attend. Kendra will work on this.

iii. Dick suggested a follow up with Friends of Mt Baker Nat'l Forest. Also the FAB needs to be writing some white papers and show what is really occurring in the woods under today's rules and regulations.

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IV. Action Items:

a. FAB Vice-chair

- i. Larry Mitchem and Lisa Cassidy were nominated. Lisa respectfully declined. Paul closed the nominations, Tim seconded. All but Paul voted to close. Paul wanted to give Larry a chance to see if he really wanted to do it. Larry said oooooooooooooook. Vote taken to have Larry be the Vice-chair. Passed unanimously. Thank you Larry.

Meeting adjourned at 8:44 a.m. Good job Dave!