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**Minutes  
August 6, 2007**

Present: Paul, Tim, Gordy, Al, Dave, Lisa, Aubrey, Chuck and Dick

Absent: Ken, Tim and Fred

Guest: Don Wick, EDAS and Guy McNally

- I. Call to order 7:09
  - a. Guest: Don Wick
- II. No Public Correspondence
- III. Discussion:
  - a. Follow up of the joint ABB/FAB meeting: Gordy liked the idea of having the paper come and explain why there are not articles sharing the good things that have been accomplished by the resource industries, agrees that the FAB needs to collect articles. Dave felt the common thread was the buffer issue. Ag has put their foot down so the interest groups keep coming back to forestry to get more. This needs to stop and forestry needs to demonstrate all that they have provided. Look at Alaska as an example. It is not that there is too little habitat, but rather not enough fish to come back. Need to put the emphasis where it should go....on escapement (over harvest). This would be a good issue to have in partnership with the Ag community. Perhaps privatize fish. Dick put out that it is water quality/water quantity issues. Development impacts still are vague. New science over the years suggests that there are other things impacting the fisheries. A lot of protections have been provided since 1970s. Tim felt we need to make others responsible for their actions. A side note...Public Works is spending \$190,000 dollars on just two culvert projects. This is outrageous in the private sector. Dick asked does the FAB get into the Fish Commission??? Al noted that there are numerous homeless who have added to some of the water quality issues as they are camped out on streams.
  - b. Jeroldine from PDS was present with Tom Beckwith, an open space consultant, to discuss PDS's requirement to adopt open space/greenbelt ordinance by the end of this year as a compliance agenda item. They are doing this for SCOG and 30+ organizations with a \$75,000 grant from CTED but to also use the money for Hamilton re-locate. Tom explained what his role has been and shared some diagrams on what may be included in open space. They also ran a limited survey, which supported a proposal for a tax levy. Dave suggested open space through voluntary actions are much preferred and less likely of any potential law suits. Education showing the forestry good stewardship is needed for any trials going through those areas.
  - c. FF Policy/Forest Practices: Kendra gave an updated, which surmounted to nothing dealing with type N issues at this time and lots around DFC and future CMER projects.

- d. Moratorium: Aubrey gave a report on process. Gary Christensen from PDS said there was a draft that was not ready for anyone's eyes yet so didn't want to share it yet. Hopefully soon.
- e. PDS update: Guy reported that the BoCC session on adoption of the Comp Plan proposals would be tomorrow August 7, 2007. BoCC will work on the trailing issues at a later date.
- f. Woods tour: Subcommittee formed – Tim, Dick, Paul and Tom. Meet 8-11-07 here at 7:00 a.m.
- g. Chuckanut Mountain Park District update: Gordy gave an update of what the NW Conservation is doing with respect to opposing the formation of the district. FAB discussed and agreed to sending a letter to the BRB opposed to such a park as it would affect the forest practice industry.
- h. Meeting adjourned at 9:14 a.m. Next meeting September 10<sup>th</sup> due to Labor Day Holiday.