



**SKAGIT COUNTY FOREST  
ADVISORY BOARD**

Dave Chamberlain, Chairman  
Lisa Cassidy            Ken Osborn  
Al Craney                Chuck Parker  
Gordon Iverson        Tom Nelson  
Paul Kriegel             Aubrey Stargell  
Tim Raschko             Steve Tift  
Fred Loffer  
Kendra Smith, Staff

**FORESTRY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING - Minutes  
NOVEMBER 9, 2015**

Present: Aubrey Stargell, Gordy Iverson, Dave Chamberlain, Chuck Parker, Al Crainey, Fred Loffer, Steve Tift, Kendra Smith, Tim Raschko, Ken Osborn,  
Guest: Doug Couvelier

I. Public Comments: Snohomish County is holding a Focus on Forestry & Ag conference on November 19<sup>th</sup> at Evergreen Fairgrounds in Monroe. Linda Neunzig, Snohomish County, has invited G Iverson to speak.

II. Discussions:

1. M. Murrelets / Forest Policy: Commissioner Lisa Janicki & Kendra Smith travelled to Olympia for meeting re Marbelled Murrelet. An expert from Wisconsin spoke and offered a number of alternatives on how to deal with the species which would set aside habitat ranging from ~500,000 to 750,000 acres. He further said ocean influences overwhelmed local influences.

2. DNR's Kyle Blum spoke to Skagit BoCC on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Among other things he said there is a proposed harvest in the core zone of Blanchard set for Spring, 2016.

3. Forest Practices Board (FPB) went on field trip to look at F/N stream breaks. Kendra Smith attended. The FPB will meet tomorrow (Nov 10<sup>th</sup>) to discuss further.

Electrofishing: Forest Policy Committee agreed to an October 5<sup>th</sup> 2015 memorandum from the Electrofishing Technical Group which said further analysis is required.

Wetlands Study by CMER: Policy Group will discuss & vote on whether further action is required.

Eastside state hydrology Study by CMER focusing on fish presence. Model pulls all watersheds together enabling entire region to be analyzed holistically. Some agitation on behalf of one member who felt east side lacked representation. The issue will be discussed further at some future meeting.

Kendra Smith will send FAB a link to a proposal for a CMER study on the effectiveness of buffers and would like feedback from FAB members. Acronym for the study is BACI (Before After Control Impact). Among other things, looks at Large Woody Debris and Fish.

4. Gary Christianson and Dale Pernula, Skagit County Planning, arrived @ 8:00. Purpose: Gary C presented FAB with an Issue Paper on Transfer of jurisdiction of forest practices from DNR to county and the Rural Forestry Initiative (RFI) proposal. For details, plz refer to the Issue Paper handed out to FAB by Gary at the meeting. One important correction to the issue paper on Page 8, Paragraph 3. (a) Buffers ARE required along streams on parcels 20 acres or less: Regarding the jurisdictional issue, discussion centered around parcel size and the line between what falls under county critical area ordinance and state forest practice rules. FAB appeared to agree unanimously that the Issue Paper was a good summary.