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**SKAGIT COUNTY FOREST  
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Minutes October 12, 2015

Present: Chuck, Paul, Fred, Al, Dave, Steve, Aubrey, Tom,

Guest: Doug Couvelier

- I. Call to Order and Minutes: With the proposed changes from Ken Paul moved and Chuck seconded to approve. Passed unanimous.
- II. Discussion Items:
  - a. RFI and codes: The Skagit PDS was not able to get a draft to the FAB for this meeting so it will be scheduled for next month.
  - b. State lands-  
The arrearage to the Trusts was discussed (Skagit County is neutral but not Whatcom) and it appears that the BNR will not try to catch up with all of the sales at once so as to avoid having to do an EIS and legal consequences. No SHC until marbled Murrelet is completed. The BNR will be having a special meeting on Friday the 15<sup>th</sup> regarding the marbled Murrelet. They will have a presentation on all of the alternatives for the EIS and being asked for guidance. Steve Tift noted that creating habitat therefore in second decades there will be lots, just need to give it time. Also it should be understood that all this that is put aside will become no harvest areas in the future. There was further discussion where their habitat may be and the fact that science is not sure of anything.
  - c. Forest Practices:
    - I. Mass Wasting- Deep Seeded Glacial Landslides (DSGL): The Forest Practice Board met and deliberated on TFW proposals. The conservation causes asked for more time and more restrictive language. The FPB delayed the final decision for 2 more months just on the runout section to have Policy try and develop a flow chart sowing risk and runoff but adopted the rest of the work. This will be a major help for the industry to have clear guidance. This can also be very helpful for counties to use in their critical area planning. Doug Couvelier reminded the FAB that a sale up near Kendall in Whatcom Co. (Red Mt) is being appealed based on DSLS concerns.
    - II. Type F and electro-fishing: A Problem statement was approved by Policy and the subcommittee is now determining what needs more science verses a policy decision. For the OCH, Policy has approved the Adaptive Management Administrator's proposal as to the tracts (science and policy) each portion of the initiated proposal should follow.
    - III. Small Landowner Proposal for Template: SLO committee has met and is determining which sections need further science review and which can go directly to Policy.
  - d. Timber Tax Program: There is no longer a Timber Open Space. The programs have been merged. There was discussion about ensuring the forest management plans be implements and not just shelved. This costs the county tax dollars. FAB wants further discussion on this topic.

Adjourn. 9:03 a.m.