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June 8, 2016

Present: Gordy, Steve, Fred, Al, Dave, Aubrey, Tim Paul, Lisa
Absent: Chuck, Tom and Ken Guest: Commissioner Janicki

- I. Call to order and Introductions
- II. Discussion:

- a. Planning Department Updates: Tim gave an update on the Planning Commission issues and workload. The issue of “Right to Practice Forestry” came up, Ryan Walters told the PC that it wasn’t enforceable for forestry, but it was for agriculture. The FAB had a hard time trying to understand why. Perhaps it would be important to ask Ryan to come to a meeting and explain that to the FAB and find out what can be done to fix this. It was Tim’s understanding that it was due to the way it was written in the RCWs. Evidently only one title company is requiring notification and the others are not following the same procedure for forestry as they do for ag. He also said that the Planning Department is waiving the 200-foot setback in most cases for development next to forest lands. The FAB noted that this can become an issue in the future. The question came up as to why this is happening to forestry and not ag. It is required to go to the Hearing Examiner for ag. Tim said that there had been nothing on the RFI and lots of work on SMP but they still had not heard if DOE would accept Skagit County’s proposals.
- b. TFW tour: The tour will be 6-9. Lots of discussion on what the TFW members will be seeing. Commissioner Janicki will be on the tour.
- c. BNR update: Kendra gave an update on the two big issues facing the BNR, the marbled Murrelet and the Sustainable Harvest. She noted that she made comments supporting alternative B, which is the least amount of land being set aside that went through the science review team but also suggested that some prime acreage be added to it (which still make it less than the others) but would be as beneficial for the Marbled Murrelet as the alternative with the greatest amount of acreage proposed to be set side. The DNR staff is looking at several additional imputes to the sustainable harvest calculation including: discount rates, management costs and uncertainties (such as law suits filed like the one the environment groups just filed on the state sale in Kendal regarding slopes.).

- III. Adjourn: 9:05 a.m.