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Minutes

December 3, 2018

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

Guest: Dan McCarty

- I. Minutes: Ken moved to approve August minutes and seconded by Paul to approve; and September minutes moved by Ken and seconded by Paul to accept with changes. Both passed unanimous.
- II. Comments for the Good: There was discussion on how to demonstrate to the general public exactly how much timber is left on the ground and the costs associated with that. The discussion was furthered with comments on carbon footprints and what a carbon tax would mean. Most believed a carbon tax to be a good thing, but clarified that it needs to be done correctly and with all parties at the table so there is full knowledge. The FAB noted that in reality, the forest industry would win hands down when it comes to this.
- III. Marbled Murrelet: Most of the discussion was centered around what comments needed to be made regarding the Revised Draft Long Term Marbled Murrelet Strategy. Comments due to the Department of Natural Resources on the 6th. FAB members discussed what comments they would be making individually. There was discussion about the financial reports and the studies showing the cost benefit and risk of each alternative to the species. Alternative B would be the best for the Trusts whereby the environmental groups would be supporting Alternative G. It was the opinion of the FAB that the risks were similar in all alternatives at a state-wide level, but the impacts to the trusts were much greater in all other alternatives so therefore it was the DNR's obligation to choose Alternative B as the trustee.
- IV. Educational Presentations by the FAB: The FAB will give short (5-15 minute) talks/presentations to the BOCC over the course of the next few months. The following is a preliminary of topics to be finalized at the January meeting.
 - Dave: Potential for managing small wood lots
 - Fred: Initial feelings logging...green-up April
 - Ken: Importance of Forest to climate change....Feb
 - Aubrey: Responsible sourcing of forest products....April
 - Gordy: Major fires on public verses private lands and We are so competitive due to Nat'l advantages-don't want to lose infrastructureJan
 - Steve: Number of buffers in place and amount of money spent by the forest industry to benefit both fish and clean water....March
 - Tim: Economic effect of buffer increases.....March
 - Al: SLO help and assistance
 - Kendra: Forest in Skagit Co introduction
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