



**SKAGIT COUNTY FOREST  
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Minutes

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3/13/19

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

1. General comments: Paul noted that he had received a survey from a graduate student from Evergreen State, Bethany Shepher. One of the questions asked whether “the balance of nature is delicate and easily upset?”. The FAB debated this in both directions with agreement to each side. They will be interested to see how others respond to this question this will go out to the general public as well as forest industry participants. The consensus was that the answer was time and event dependent. Man is part of nature. All felt this was a good discussion with good thoughts.

Aubrey asked the FAB if they had been aware of the Community Forest bill and the multi-use facet. Bill # 5583.

Coffee: FAB will pitch in to help buy a coffee pot and coffee for their meetings.

2. Minutes: December January and February minutes needed to be approved due to a lack of a quorum. Though the minutes had been approved at the last meeting, there had been a miscount regarding a quorum. Fred moved and Gordy seconded to approve all. Approval unanimous.

3. Conservation District discussion: Bill Blake needed to cancel due to family emergency. Al asked if the FAB could reschedule him for the May meeting. FAB still needs to decide the date for the May meeting due to the forest practice board meeting on the same day as a scheduled FAB meeting. FAB asked if Al knew what the discussion topic would be. Al noted that it was dealing with their funding issues. More on the topic of a tax. He did not know details in wanted bill there to help explain.

4. State Lands and revenues: The FAB discussed the number of timber sales put up by the DNR in Skagit County in the last 2 years. The revenues have been extremely high, well above the average of approximately \$10 million per year. They are closer to \$15 million at this time. There is concern that this is not sustainable and that the numbers will drop significantly over the next decade plus due to the heavy cutting. There's even more concerned with the new sustainable harvest areas that have been placed in Skagit for the marbled murrelet.

5. Other: Decided to have the May meeting on the 15th. Doug Hooks has been invited to attend next month's meeting. Kendra welcome firm the FAB education presentation dates in an email in the next couple of days.

6. Adjourn 9:04 a.m.