



**SKAGIT COUNTY FOREST
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**Minutes
7-14-21**

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

Guest: Commissioner Browning and Nick Knuz, Skagit Conservation District

- I. Introductions: Al introduced Nick Knuz in person, the new forester for the Conservation District. Nick has worked excessively with GIS and forestry on the Peninsula.
- II. Minutes: Ken moved and Tom seconded to approve the minutes. Passed unanimous.
- III. General catch up: After 15 months of not seeing each other, the FAB spent time catching up and sharing news events (for example the sale of Weyerhaeuser lands to Hampton). Ken shared the article in the "Lens" talking about the County lawsuit with the DNR. The FAB discussed Will Honea's comments about co-managing with the Upper Skagit Tribe as a possibility if Skagit took the State managed lands back. The FAB thought that would be a smart thing to do. It was noted that there would be many hurdles to cross before those lands would ever be given back to Skagit County to manage. The FAB spent time remembering Mark Doumit, the executive director of WFPA, past County Commissioner, State senator and dear friend, who passed away June 21st.
- IV. Discussion of HB 1168: This bill, which passed allocates money for healthy forest, which includes directing DNR to hire a 3rd party contractor to review the methodology in determining the State Forest land inventory. They can only receive if the DNR is not in a pending lawsuit.
- V. Forest taxation: Ken asked to have the assessor's office, specifically Annette, join the next FAB meeting. Ken said he would invite her.
- VI. Next meeting: Due to the Forest Practice Board meeting on the 11th of August, the next meeting will be the 12 and in person.
- VII. Adjourn. 9:05 a.m.