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Present: Aubrey, Peter, David, Chuck, Kris, John, Steve Nick Kunz, Lisa Perry, Susan Laura Tukarski, Clare Sobetski, Matt Comiski and Commissioner Janicki Absent: Jamie, Dave, Al, Tim, Gordy

- I. Introductions: Nick, Susan, Lisa, Clare, and Laura were all involved with the Teacher's Workshop put on in concert by PEI, the DNR and Skagit Conservation Dist. Both Sierra Pacific and Hampton were sponsors as well as hosts for stops and discussions.
- II. TFW Policy: There was a work session on the Open Public Meetings Act with questions. There were nominations for Co-chair, with Cody Thomas elected and taking Court Stanley's place. An exercise was conducted revealing biases (part of interest-based negotiation training), and the master project schedule discussed due to a potential shortfall in the coming biennium. The Project Proposal from DNR on the Anadromous Fish Floor (AFF) was discussed as the Adaptive Management Program Administrator (AMPA) has recommended it to go to CMER to develop a study. Once again, this will take time and the FPB is pushing forward for a Rule.
- III. BNR: Commissioner Janicki gave an update. The arrearage for this decade was discussed, with the target being 486 MBF and now only 465 MBF, which means there would need to be approximately 680 MBF next year to catch up. It was asked if there would be possible legal action to this arrearage. To note, Forest Health sales are not included in this target. The Good Neighbor Authority has a bright line. Staff gave a report on developing a Recreational Plan. They noted that DNR lands had more visitors than any other State lands and there are problems of maintenance, restrooms, parking that require a funding source. DNR wants to be able to ask for funding and to have a plan in place for the users. The FAB commented on what happened at Blanchard when folks thought the DNR lands were for public use and a delay of many years occurred on the timber sales in that area. The Blanchard Strategic Plan was created involving many hours devoted to facilitating an agreement. All sales were approved with one delay. The BNR does not have a regular meeting in August, but rather a 2-day workshop. This year it will be in Skagit and designed around recreational uses on State Lands.
- IV. Teachers Workshop: Nick, Laura, Clare, Susan, and Lisa all gave a review of the 2-day event. They were very positive with the feedback and what the teachers came away with...an understanding of the good forest management being done and why it is important. It was deeply collaborative with many contributors. It focused on implemented forest management (forest health, structure, age classes, logging, importance to the community), engaging students in the woods, opportunities for career pathways in the woods.
- V. USFS Pacific Northwest Scenic trail: Commissioner's sent a letter in support but asking that there would be no impacts to potential future logging or roads for fire resilience support.
- VI. Cascade River Tier III: Comments to the DOE are due until September 27, 2023. The Commissioner's sent a letter with the recommendations from the FAB.
- VII. Adjourn: 9:15