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**Minutes  
8/15/24**

Present: Chuck, Gordy, Tim, Al, Steve, Jamie, Peter, Dave, John, Aubrey Absent: David, Kris Guest: Commissioner Janicki

- I. Minutes: Gordy moved and Tim seconded to approve. Approved unanimous. The FAB noted that the trip to Olympia in lieu of the meeting should be noted not as minutes, but that the FAB attended the Board of Natural Resources meeting and made public comments generally on timber sales and the importance to the community.
- II. BNR: Kendra and those who attended the BNR meeting gave an update on sales, arrearage and the staff presentation on the desired and future projection of “older growth” on State lands, as required in the HCP, Policy for Sustainable Forestry and other DNR documents. Old growth is to meet a 15% target by 2100. The findings were that the lands managed by the DNR are on target and even the most conservative analysis shows that the targets will be met ahead of schedule for all regions.
- III. Federal lands update: An overview of the results of the work of the Advisory Committee on the Amendments to the NWFP was given noting that a final document will be given to the committee for review and general comments before submitting to the Secretary of Agriculture. It is anticipated to be ready end of October. The DEIS for the National Old Growth Amendment (NOGA) is ready for review with comments due on September 20<sup>th</sup>. The FAB is recommending the BoCC make comments and will spend the September meeting discussing what is in the DEIS and the alternatives.
- IV. Education John Gold gave an update of the Teachers 2<sup>nd</sup> annual tour. SPI lands were part of the tour. Fire resilience was one of the topics along with the need for tribal input. It was noted that this year there was a shift from forestry to forest ecology, which was disappointing when the goal has been to try to educate teachers (and others) about what the industry does and forest management. FAB suggested that forestry be the core and all other topics secondary and perhaps two sessions, basic and an advanced course that would change each year. Impacts from fire on schools should also be explained.
- V. Skagit Conservation District Rate and Charges: FAB recommends to the BoCC to reinstate. SCD reiterated what the money goes towards. Commissioner Janicki noted that the BoCC is already looking to support it.

- VI. TFW/FPB: 2-day meeting with a field trip looking at the 6 scenarios for water-typing (2 AFF and 3 PHBs) with respect to where the spatial analysis placed the F/N break points on the synthetic streams developed. The points did not meet concurred water typed points. Both up and downstream with many more up stream of the points found in the field. It impacts the NW region more and the preliminary cost benefit analysis could not be accurate due to this. FAB recommended the BoCC make public comments on the water-typing at the Special FPB meeting on August 28<sup>th</sup>. The FAB does not believe any points should be chosen until field verification, following the AMP, is completed.
- VII. Planning Department Update: the amendments to the plan will be for pushing permits through more quickly, shorten timelines. This will not affect forest lands.
- VIII. Public Lands Commissioner race: FAB suggested the final candidates for the PLC race be invited to come and explain their positions perhaps at the October meeting. Jamie going to look into that and inviting.
- IX. Next FAB meeting will be September 12<sup>th</sup> due to Labor Day and meeting changes. This will be a zoom only meeting
- X. Adjourn: 9:20 a.m.