BEFORE THE SKAGIT COUNTY HEARING EXAMIKNER

FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION

Applicant: Skagit Land Trust

Address: P.O. Box 1017

Mount Vernon, WA 98273

File No: C/U Open Space Land App#10-2020

Request: To transfer 11.0 acres from Designated Forest Land to

Current Use Open Space Land.

Location: Government Lot 4, Sec. 18, T35N, R6E, W.M., less E 15AC.

Assessor's No. P41572

Public Hearing: After reviewing the report of the Assessor's Office, the Hearing

Examiner conducted a public hearing on December 16, 2020.

Recommendation: Approval

FINDINGS

- 1. The Skagit Land Trust seeks to transfer 11.0 acres from the Designated Forest Land Classification to Current Use Open Space Land.
- 2. The property is Government Lot 4, Sec. 18, T35N, R6E, W.M., less E 15AC. The Assessor's account number is P41572.
- 3. The property is south of SR 20. It extends across an island and a portion is located in the Skagit River.
- 4. The new classification would protect streams, stream corridors and natural shorelines.
- 5. The hearing was held after due notice. There was no public testimony. There were no written comments.
 - 6. The Examiner admitted the exhibits submitted by Staff.
 - 7. The Examiner finds that the property meets the definition of the classification sought.
 - 8. The Staff recommends approval. The Examiner concurs with Staff.

RECOMMENDATION

The Examiner recommends approval of the application.

Wick Dufford, Hearing Examiner

Date: December 29, 2020

Copies transmitted to Applicant, Assessor's Office and County Commissioners

December 29, 2020

Attachment: Staff Report and Exhibits