BEFORE THE SKAGIT COUNTY HEARING EXAMINER

FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION

Applicant: SWAK Family Investments LLC

Address: C/o Richard Romatowski

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Redmond, WA 98073

File No: C/U Open Space Land App #11-2019

Request: To include 10 acres land in the Current Use Open Space Land

Program.

Location: Lot 1, Short Plat #PL06-0078 previously a portion of Lot 1 Short

Plat #PL00-0744 a portion of Lot 4, Short Plat #93-65, within

SE1/4, Sec. 29, T33N, R4E, W.M.

Assessor's No: P119001

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

Examiner conducted a public hearing on February 26, 2020.

Recommendation: Approval

FINDINGS

- 1. SWAK Family Investments, LLC, seeks inclusion of 10 acres in the Current Use Open Space Land Program.
- 2. The property is Lot 1 of Short Plat #PL06-0078 previously a portion of Lot 1 of Short Plat #PL00-0744 a portion of Lot 4 of Short Plat #PL93-65, within the SE ¼, Sec. 29, T33N, R4E, W.M.
- 3. The proposed classification would conserve natural resources and protect streams and stream corridors that are critical wildlife habitat.
- 4. The parcel is largely in forest. The open space classification would protect the creak that forms the southern boundary of the parcel. This creeks flows into Fisher Creek at the western boundary of the parcel and from thence into the Skagit River.
- 5. The hearing was held after due notice. There was no public testimony and 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: March 9, 2020

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

March 9, 2020.

Attachment: Staff Report and Exhibits