## BEFORE THE SKAGIT COUNTY HEARING EXAMINER

## FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION

**Applicant:** Joseph McLeod

**Address:** 18146 Colony Road

Bow, WA 98232

File No: CU Open Space Land App#17-2017

**Request:** To transfer 26.34 acres from Current Use Farm and Agriculture to

Current Use Open Space Land

**Location:** Portion S1/2NW1/4 Sec. 19, T36N, R4E, W.M.

**Assessor's Nos:** Portion of P49475

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

Examiner conducted a public hearing on August 9, 2017.

**Recommendation/Date:** Approval -09/01/2017

## **FINDINGS**

- 1. Joseph McLeod seeks to transfer 26.34 acres from Current Use Farm and Agriculture to Current Use Open Space Land.
- 2. The property is within a portion of S1/2NW1/4 Sec. 19, T36 R4E, W.M. The Assessor's Account Number is a portion of P49475.
- 3. The property does not meet the income requirements for the Farm and Agriculture classification.
- 4. The new classification would conserve or enhance natural and scenic resources, protect soil and preserve visual quality
- 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: September 1, 2017

Copies transmitted to Applicant, Assessor and County Commissioners: September 1, 2017