

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Wednesday, September 11, 1996**

8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Executive Session - Personnel, Litigation and Land Acquisition.

Flag Salute.

10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Presentation - Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife.

** 11:30 a.m. - Noon. **Deliberation and Possible Action - Natural Resource Lands Ordinance & Map.**

The Skagit County Board of Commissioner met in regular session on Wednesday, September 11, 1996, with Commissioners Robert Hart and Harvey Wolden present. Commissioner Ted W. Anderson's absence was excused.

PRESENTATION - WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE.

John Garrett, Washington State Department of Fish & Wildlife, and John Klochak, Skagit Systems Cooperative, presented information to the Board on the Deepwater Slough Restoration Project involving 435 acres of the Farmed Island Segment to open up the currently blocked Deepwater Slough of the South Fork Skagit River, near Fir Island. Mr. Garrett reported that his supervisor, Murray Schlenker, Washington State Department of Fish & Wildlife, is the project coordinator.

Mr. Klochak reviewed the background of this project and both he and Mr. Garrett summarized the benefits that will be available to the area through this project. Mr. Garrett stated that salmon enhancement is a very high priority by most agencies now and continued by discussing the feasibility study in which nine alternatives were analyzed.

A discussion continued in regard to the nine alternatives outlined by Mr. Garrett who stated that Alternative 9 was the preferred alternative by the Washington State Department of Fish & Wildlife. Mr. Garrett and Mr. Klochak explained the details of this alternative.

Commissioner Wolden stated his preference was always alternative number 5. Commissioner Wolden also commented on the cost effective issues of some of the other alternatives. A discussion ensued in regard to the tidal and control gates, the various ways to provide access to the habitat and wildlife and the cost effectiveness of these projects.

A discussion also took place in regard to funding and Mr. Garrett stated that there is funding available and also discussed the Jobs for the Environment. Mr. Garrett stated that they are trying to keep the current dike repair work as a separate project. Mr. Garrett also reported on the permitting issues and that due to the length of time to do an environmental impact statement or mitigated determination of non-significance, the state has provided this Pre-Threshold Scoping Notice in hopes of receiving responses which will allow the permitting department to determine which way to proceed. The Board concurred that the Pre-Threshold Scoping Notice is a good idea and discussed the less costly mitigated determination of non-significance.

A brief discussion took place in regard to the bird population and the effect the flood had on this issue. Mr. Garrett reviewed the maps that were presented to the Board of this area, and stated that if they went with Alternative number 9, they would be losing only approximately 23 acres.

Mr. Garrett stated that the concerns would be passed onto the engineers and others who will be working on this project along with comments from the public. Mr. Garrett also addressed additional concerns such as and crossing to provide access to and from the two islands, silt and debris removal from all fields, to include #19 and #20, existing dike renovation, maintenance and repair, new drainage ditches and water control structures where necessary and pond development in Field #17 (Goat Island) as mitigation for the loss of grain production in that field.

Mr. Garrett mentioned that if there are any questions, both he and Mr. Klochak are available and that the feasibility study results are also available for review.

DELIBERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION - NATURAL RESOURCE LANDS ORDINANCE & MAP.

Gary Christenson, Planning Staff, stated that staff and legal counsel has put together for review, based on a study session held last week, a proposed ordinance and map. Mr. Christenson reported that the changes have been made at the direction of the Board and that the document and map today are ready to be reviewed and discussed.

Commissioner Hart announced that Chairman Ted W. Anderson stated before he left on vacation, that if the changes were made as directed by the Board, he would be in agreeance for adoption of the ordinance and map during today's session.

Jay Derr, Attorney, reviewed the changes that were made and they were briefly discussed. Mr. Christenson presented the changes that were made to the map, explaining where the areas are located and the changes that were made to each such area.

Mr. Christenson stated that this Ordinance will be effective today, if the Board should adopt it as presented, but that it would also be reviewed as part of the comprehensive plan, which would provide another opportunity for the public to comment on resource land designation.

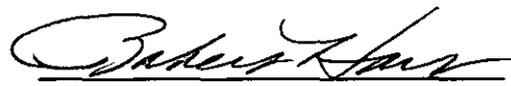
Commissioner Hart stated that the document seems to be in conformance with discussions held last week and Commissioner Wolden made a motion to approve the Ordinance Adopting Natural Resource Lands Designations for certain lands located in unincorporated Skagit County, amending the official zoning map for Skagit County, amending, repealing and adding new sections to the Skagit County Code, relating to protection of natural resource lands as required by the Growth Management Act. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. **(Ordinance No. 16287).**

ADJOURNMENT.

Commissioner Hart made a motion to adjourn the proceedings. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Ted W. Anderson, Chairman



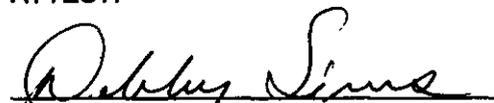
Robert Hart, Commissioner



Harvey Wolden, Commissioner



ATTEST.



Debby Sims, Clerk
Board of Commissioners