

**BEFORE THE SKAGIT COUNTY HEARING EXAMINER**

**FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION**

**Applicant:** Pintail Gun Club LLC

**Address:** 7569 Birch Bay Drive  
Blaine, WA 98230

**File No:** Current Use Open Space Land #13-2018

**Request:** To transfer 33.93 acres from Farm and Agriculture to Current Use Open Space.

**Location:** Several Parcels near Samish Bay within Gov't Lots 2 and 3 in Sec. 31, T36N, R3E, W.M. and within Gov't Lots 4 and 3 and SE1/4NE1/4 Sec 6, T35N, R3E, W.M.

**Assessor's Nos:** P48486, P48483, P33856, P33855

**Public Hearing:** After reviewing the report of the Assessor's Office, the Hearing Examiner conducted a public hearing on October 17, 2018.

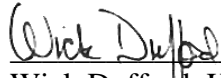
**Recommendation:** Approval

## **FINDINGS**

1. The Pintail Gun Club LLC requests the transfer of property from Farm and Agriculture to Current Use Open Space Land.
2. The properties are Parcels P48486, P48483, P33856 and P33855 within Gov't Lots 2 and 3 in Sec 31, T36N, R3E, W.M. and within Gov't Lots 4 and 3 and SE1/4NW1/4 Sec. 6, T35N, R3E, W.M. The subject parcels are near Samish Bay.
3. The property is currently use for duck hunting and will continue to be so used. The request is to transfer 33.93 acres to Current Use Open Space.
4. The open space classification would conserve and enhance natural resources, protect wetlands and protect soils and unique or critical wildlife habitat. There is a conservation easement on the land.
5. The hearing was held after due notice. There was no public testimony and there were no written comments.
6. The Examiner finds that the property meets the definition of the classification sought.
7. The Staff recommends approval. The Examiner concurs with Staff.

**RECOMMENDATION**

The Examiner recommends approval of the application.



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Wick Dufford, Hearing Examiner

Date: November 2, 2018

Copies transmitted to Applicant, Assessor's Office and County Commissioners:  
November 2, 2018

Attachment: Staff Report and Exhibits