

**BEFORE THE SKAGIT COUNTY HEARING EXAMINER**

**FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION**

**Applicant:** David and Nancy Lynch  
Gerald and Alice Simmons

**Address:** Northerly portion of Sinclair Island

**File No:** C/U Open Space Land App#05-2016

**Request:** To place 14 acres in Current Use Open Space.

**Location:** Ptn of Tract 4, Survey of Sinclair AF#8106180002, within Sec 9,  
T36N, R1E, W.M.

**Assessor's No:** P46339

**Public Hearing:** After reviewing the report of the Assessor's Office, the Hearing  
Examiner conducted a public hearing on August 31, 2016.


**Recommendation:** Approval

## **FINDINGS**

1. David and Nancy Lynch and Gerald and Alice Simmons have applied to include 14 acres in the Current Use Open Space Land Program.
2. The property is located in the northerly portion of Sinclair Island within Section 9, T36N, R1E, W.M. The parcel number is P46339.
3. The property is essentially in a natural state. The classification would conserve natural and scenic resources, and protect wildlife and native plant habitat.
4. The owners own abutting property to the north (P125046) which is also in the Current Use Open Space Land Program
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.

  
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Wick Dufford, Hearing Examiner

Date: October 10, 2016

Copies transmitted to Applicant, Assessor, County Commissioners: October 10, 2016