

**BEFORE THE SKAGIT COUNTY HEARING EXAMINER**

**FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION**

**Applicant:** G. Elmer McKenna

**Address:** 4557 Chuckanut Drive  
Bow, WA 98232

**File No:** C/U O/S F&A Conservation App#10-2016

**Request:** To transfer 36.71 acres from Farm and Agriculture to Open Space Farm and Agricultural Conservation.

**Location:** Portion of NW1/4SW1/4 Sec. 27, T36N, R3E, W.M.

**Assessor's Nos:** Portion of P48430

**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. G. Elmer McKenna seeks to transfer property from Farm and Agriculture to Open Space Farm and Agricultural Conservation.

2. The property is located on Chuckanut Drive within the NW1/4SW1/4 of Section 27, T36N, R3E WM.

3. The request is to transfer 36.71 acres. The property is traditional farmland that at present does not meet the requirement for gross commercial agricultural income. The property has been used for growing potatoes and corn. It is now being used as a small-scale organic operation.

4. The parcel has not been irrevocably devoted to a use inconsistent with agricultural uses and has a high potential for returning to commercial agriculture.

5. The hearing was held after due notice. There was no public testimony and there were no written comments.

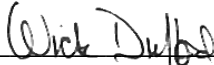
6. The Examiner admitted the exhibits submitted by Staff.

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