

**BEFORE THE SKAGIT COUNTY HEARING EXAMINER**

**FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION**

**Applicants:** John and Elaine O'Mara

**Address:** 7457 Channing Way  
Fresno CA 93711

**File No:** C/UTMB #3-2005

**Request:** To transfer approximately 19.74 acres to the Current Use Timber Program (transfer contiguous with other Timber Program parcel P41104)

**Location:** North and south of South Skagit Highway and south of Skagit River in a portion of Tract 3 of Survey AF #9005070053, being a portion of Government Lot 7, Sec. 24, T35N, R6E, W.M.

**Assessor's Account No:** P41885

**Public Hearing:** After reviewing the report of the Assessor's Office, the Hearing Examiner conducted a public hearing on September 14, 2005.

**Recommendation:** Approval

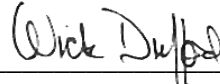
## **FINDINGS**

1. John and Elaine O'Mara, as trustees of the O'Mara Family Trust, have filed an application for inclusion of approximately 19.74 acres in the Current Use Timber Program. The trust is owner of the property
2. The property is located north and south of the South Skagit Highway and south of the Skagit River in a portion of Tract 3 of Survey AF #9005070053, being a portion of Government Lot 7, Sec. 24, T35N, R6E, W.M. (P41885).
3. The applicants have submitted a Timber Management Plan prepared by a professional forester. The goal of the owners is to maintain the stand of trees for eventual harvest, providing for wildlife habitat, watershed management, and recreational activity in the interim.
4. The Staff Report and Exhibits submitted by the Assessor's Office are attached hereto and incorporated herein.
5. The hearing was held after due notice. There was no public testimony. There were no written comments.
6. The Examiner finds that the property meets the definition of the classification sought. See RCW 84.34.020.
7. The Staff recommends, and the Examiner concurs with, the following condition:

At the time of harvesting, the applicant shall comply with all the requirements of the Department of Natural Resources in regard to harvesting of timber.

**RECOMMENDATION**

The Examiner recommends approval of the application, subject to the condition Set forth in Finding 7 above.



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Wick Dufford, Hearing Examiner

Date: September 19, 2005

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