

BEFORE THE SKAGIT COUNTY HEARING EXAMINER

FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION

Applicants: Larry and Claire Pinnow

Address: 7159 Channel View Drive
Anacortes, WA 98221

File No: C/UTRTMB #9-2005

Request: To include approximately 38.48 acres in the Current Use Timber Program.

Location: Guemes Island, east of West Shore Drive, within a portion of SE1/4 Sec 2, T35N, R1E, W.M.

Assessor's Account Nos: P31201, P31203, P31205

Public Hearing: After reviewing the report of the Assessor's Office, the Hearing Examiner conducted a public hearing on November 9, 2005.

Recommendation: Approval

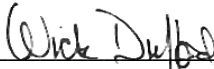
FINDINGS

1. Larry and Clair Pinnow have purchased the wooded portion of a large farm and have filed an application to include approximately 38.48 acres to the Current Use Timber Program.
2. The property is located on Guemes Island, lying east of West Shore Drive, within a portion of SE1/4 Sec. 2, T35N, R1E, W.M. The Assessor's parcel numbers are P31201, P31203, and P31205.
3. The forested area is a mixed stand of native Douglas fir, Western red cedar, red alder, birch and black cottonwood.
4. The applicants have submitted a Timber Management Plan prepared by a professional forester. Their goal is to protect the integrity of the property by maintaining the stand of trees, providing wildlife habitat, watershed management, and recreational opportunities. Eventually it is hoped that good forest management will provide for a future return on the investment.
5. The Staff Report and Exhibits submitted by the Assessor's Office are attached hereto and incorporated herein.
6. The hearing was held after due notice. There was no public testimony. There were no written comments.
7. The Examiner finds that the property meets the definition of the classification sought. See RCW 84.34.020.
8. 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 8 above.



Wick Dufford, Hearing Examiner

Date: January 17, 2006

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