

**Whatcom County Forestry Advisory Committee (FAC)**  
**DRAFT Meeting Summary**  
**March 5, 2024**

Start Time:	4:00 p.m.
Location:	Northwest Annex Central Conference Room/Zoom

<b>Attendees – Members</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent (Excused?)</b>
David New	Small forest landowner	√	
Holly Koon	Small forest landowner		√ (Y)
John Gold	Commercial forest landowner		√ (Y)
David Janicki	Commercial forest landowner	√	
Matt McGee	Harvester		√ (Y)
Quentin Dills	Harvester		√ (N)
Jed Dawson	Citizen w/ forestry expertise	√	
Tracy Petroske	Citizen w/ forestry expertise	√	
Aubrey Stargell	Forest product manufacturer		√ (Y)
Susan David	Forest product manufacturer	√	
Cory McDonald	DNR	√	
<b>Quorum Present</b>			
<b>Electeds</b>			
<b>Staff</b>			
Cliff Strong	W/C PDS	√	
<b>Public</b>			
Alex Harris	ReSources		
Alan Chapman			
Eric Jacoby			

**Meeting Summary**

Vice Chair David opened the meeting at 4:01 PM.

**Roll Call and Determination of a Quorum**

Roll was called and a quorum was present.

**Agenda Review & Approval**

The agenda was approved with 0 amendments.

**Approval of Minutes**

The meeting summary of 2/6/24 was approved.

**Open Public Session**

Alex Harris introduced himself.

**Administration**

**Subcommittee Reports**

**DNR/BNR Update**

Cory McDonald reported that the BNR met today and reviewed a proposed letter to Thurston Co. regarding the Cabbage Patch sale and the County’s request to remove 2 units. There was also a

“lightening talk” re: old growth identification procedures. Also discussed a transfer of property to Kitsap County for a park.

**Whatcom Forestry Profile Subcommittee**

Will talk about under New Business.

**Legislative Update**

Jed Dawson provided an update on the legislature. Session ends in 2 days. Considering supplemental capital operating budget. Have more revenue than expected. Jed listed line items related to forestry.

Bills still progressing are SB’s 5667, 6121, 2489, 6058 & HB’s 2003, 1818, & 2207. SB 6281 is dead.

**Forest Resilience Task Force – Appointment of FAC Representatives**

Hasn’t met yet. In process of hiring a facilitator.

**Old Business****Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update**

Cliff reminded the TAC of their task, reviewed the comments he’s received so far, and opened the floor for any other ideas/comments. Tracy Petroske offered 2, one of which was added after much discussion. Susan also added the recommendations the FAC made to the Climate Impact Advisory Committee regarding the Climate Action Plan. The FAC approved the final list, which Cliff will forward to the CompPlan consultant. Alan Chapman informed the FAC that the Agricultural Advisory Committee is reaching out to other Advisory Committees to work together on common goals.

**New Business****Review of 1 section of the draft Whatcom Forestry Profile**

David Janicki reviewed his draft portion of the Whatcom Forestry Profile regarding forestlands ownership and production in Whatcom County, and some of the trends he found. There was much discussion, as well as appreciation of his work so far; though he acknowledged that he still has work to do on it, including a summary of salient points. Tracy offered some suggestions, and her help in finishing it.

**Announcements**

Susan announced this year’s 39th Annual Woods Tour, to be held on Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, starting at 9:00 a.m. at the Deming Log Show grounds.

**Adjournment**

Vice Chair David adjourned the meeting at 5:32 PM. Next meeting is on April 2, 2024, 4-6pm; Zoom and Northwest Annex Conference Room.