

**Forestry Advisory Committee (FAC)
Meeting Summary
February 22, 2022**

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

Meeting Highlights
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There were 15 people in attendance (5 of the 6 voting members; 2 staff members, 8 member of the public).
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Next meeting Date/Time/Location: March 15, 2022/ 4-6pm/ Zoom

Attendees – Members	Affiliation	Present
David New	Small forest landowner	
	Small forest landowner	
	Commercial forest landowner	
	Commercial forest landowner	
Matt McGee	Harvester	X
	Harvester	
Jed Dawson	Citizen w/ forestry expertise	X
	Citizen w/ forestry expertise	
Aubrey Stargell	Forest product manufacturer	X
Eric Jacoby	Forest product manufacturer	X
Cory McDonald	DNR	X

Quorum Present	YES:	NO: X
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Attendees - Staff	Present	Attendees - Staff	Present
Joshua Fleischmann, PDS	X	Chris Elder, PW	X

Others Present	
John Tuxill	Bill Turner
Max Owens	John Gold
Tracy Petroske	Alan Chapman
Taryn Maloy	Julia Lerner

Meeting Notes

Roll Call and Determination of a Quorum

There was not a quorum.

Open Session

Bill Turner spoke about the Bessie Sorts Timber Sale and the County Council letter to DNR.

Officer Elections

There was no quorum, so officer elections were not held and maintain forest resources?

Business Rules

There was no quorum, so business rules were not amended.

DRAFT Zoning Code Amendments – Transfer of Jurisdiction

The FAC discussed the draft zoning code amendments. Primary concerns were related to parcels less than 20 acres within Urban Growth Areas that would be subject to County jurisdiction, rather than DNR jurisdiction, even if a proposed action is not a conversion. Staff said they would look into whether the 20 acre threshold could be reduced so that landowners wishing to continue active forestry could continue to be under the regulatory jurisdiction of DNR.

Bessie Sorts Timber Sale

The FAC discussed the Bessie Sorts Timber Sale. Members noted that actively managed forests are very important and underappreciated in their ability to sequester carbon, and that it feels this wasn't taken into consideration as the County Council drafted their letter to the Board of Natural Resources. The committee noted that this is another example of the piecemeal removal of actively managed timberlands that has been occurring over the course of the past few decades, and that soon there won't be enough land to support a viable timber base. The committee noted that Washington State is an ideal place for growing timber and that regulations are protective of resources, but that if timber is not harvested locally it will come from other places that are not as well regulated, resulting in environmental degradation elsewhere. The committee noted that while the timber product and jobs occur in more rural areas, it is actually cities that are timber dependent, as they are the consumers of the products of the timber industry.

New Business

The committee reviewed a list of potential work items.

Dismissal

Closing:	
End Time: 5:54 p.m.	
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