

**Whatcom County Forestry Advisory Committee (FAC)**  
**Meeting Summary**  
**July 10, 2023**

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

<b>Attendees – Members</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>	<b>Present</b>
David New	Small forest landowner	√
Holly Koon	Small forest landowner	√
John Gold	Commercial forest landowner	√
David Janicki	Commercial forest landowner	√
Matt McGee	Harvester	
Quentin Dills	Harvester	
Jed Dawson	Citizen w/ forestry expertise	√
Bagley Wright	Citizen w/ forestry expertise	√
Aubrey Stargell	Forest product manufacturer	√
Susan David	Forest product manufacturer	√
Cory McDonald	DNR	√
<b>Quorum Present</b>		<b>Yes</b>
<b>Staff</b>		
Cliff Strong	PDS	√
Chris Elder	PW	√
Bennett Knox	Parks	√
<b>Public</b>		
Alex Harris	ReSources	√
Kaylee Galloway	County Council	√
Eric Jacoby		√
Judith Akins		√

**Meeting Notes**

**Roll Call and Determination of a Quorum**

Roll was called and a quorum was present.

**Approval of Minutes**

The meeting summary for 6/6/2023 was approved: 9 yea, 0 no, 2 absent, 0 abstention.

**Open Public Session**

Alex Harris re-introduced himself.

**Guest Speaker**

**Presentation by the Whatcom Land Trust**

Jenn Mackey and Alex Jeffers of the WLT gave a presentation on the Stewart Mountain Community Forest Initiative, a collaborative effort to adopt approximately 5,500 acres of forestland into local ownership, to be managed for the use and benefit of the surrounding community. Participants include the Nooksack Indian Tribe, Whatcom County, Whatcom Land Trust, The Evergreen Land Trust Association, Western Washington University, local residents, and many other interested individuals and

groups. The Framework can be found at <https://stewartmountaincf.org/>. Their presentation will be posted on the FAC's agenda center with the minutes of this meeting (<https://www.whatcomcounty.us/AgendaCenter/Forestry-Advisory-Committee-39>).

## Subcommittee Reports

### **Women in Timber Tour**

Susan David gave a debrief of the recent Women in Timber Tour, which had 33 attendees. Everyone thought it was very successful.

### **State Lands/DNR Update**

Cory McDonald spoke about the also successful "Engaging Communities" teachers training on the forestry industry. He also provided a briefing on the close of FY2023 in DNR NW Region timber sale program: 68MMBF sold out of 83 MMBF target; 11 MMBF deferred to FY 2024; and 3 MMBF deferred at the request of Whatcom County Council (Brokedown Palace).

### **Whatcom Forestry Profile Subcommittee**

Susan David and subcommittee members reported some progress was made, though they need to redouble their efforts.

## Old Business

### **Discussion and action on Carbon Subcommittee's proposal**

Chair Gold, a member of the subcommittee, reported that they had received three sets of comments on the draft and incorporated them into a new draft (handed out at the meeting, showing edits). The Chair called for an 8-minute recess for members to review the edits. Discussion followed.

- ***Motion to approve the proposal and forward to the County Council passed 8-1.***

## New Business

### **Discussion of letter to County Council from DNR Commissioner Franz**

This item was postponed until the next meeting due to lack of time.

## Adjournment

Chair Gold adjourned the meeting at 6:00 PM. Next meeting is on August 1<sup>st</sup>, 4-6pm; Zoom and Northwest Annex Conference Room.