



Timber Advisory Committee
Thursday, May 2, 2024 at 1:00 pm
338 W. First Street, Port Angeles, WA 98362
Via Zoom & In-Person

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Regular Meeting Agenda

- I. Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance**
- II. Public Comment Session**
- III. Approval of the Previous TAC meeting minutes**
 - A. Minutes from April 4, 2024 Regular Meeting
- IV. New Business**
 - A. Olympic Logging Conference Overview
 - B. Trust Land Transfer
 - C. Port Log Yard Update
 - D. DNR & BNR Update – Matt Comisky
 - E. Port Operations Discussion
- V. Old Business**
 - A. Other Area of Industry Concern that TAC should be aware of/discuss
- VI. Next Meeting – [June 6, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.]**



VII. Adjourn

PURPOSE OF TIMBER ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)

The Timber Advisory Committee was formed by the Board of Commissioners of the Port of Port Angeles to advise the Port on timber issues, including rules and regulations affecting the timber harvests and opportunities for advanced wood products supply and manufacturing, on environmental issues, and as the Port Commission directs. All recommendations of the Timber Advisory Committee will be considered advisory, and any action upon such recommendations will be taken at the discretion of the Port Commission.

RULES FOR SPEAKING AT A COMMITTEE MEETING

- Members of the public wishing to address the Committee on general items may do so during the designated times on the agenda or when recognized by the Chair.
- Time allotted to each speaker is determined by the Chair and, in general, is limited to 3 minutes.
- Total time planned for each public comment period is 20 minutes, subject to change by the Chair.
- Each speaker shall first state his or her name and address for the official record.
- Speakers should not comment more than once per meeting unless their comments pertain to a new topic they have not previously spoken about.
- In the event of a contentious topic with multiple speakers, the Chair will attempt to provide equal time for both sides.



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Regular Meeting Minutes

Randy Bartelt	Paul Jarkiewicz	Wes Romberg	Joe Murray
Bill Hermann	Chris Hartman	Grant Munro	Scott Hough
Katharine Frazier	Ron Hurn		

I. Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

Joe Murray called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

II. Public Comment Session

None.

III. Approval of the Previous TAC meeting minutes

A. Minutes from March 7, 2024 Regular Meeting

Wes Romberg made a motion to approve the minutes, Riley Fogarty seconded the motion, the vote was called for and passed unanimously.

IV. New Business

A. Port Marine Terminal Improvements Brainstorming – Chris Hartman

Chris Hartman, Port Engineer, led a discussion with the group regarding improvement ideas for the Port's Marine Terminal specifically with the Port Infrastructure Marine Terminal Grant.

B. Port Log Yard Update

Chris Hartman provided the group with an update and the Port's Log Yard.



V. Old Business

- A. Other Area of Industry Concern that TAC should be aware of/discuss.

VI. Next Meeting – [May 2, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.]

VII. Adjourn

Joe Murray adjourned the meeting at 2:12 pm.

Best Interests of the Trust Analysis (BIT) Form

This form must be completed for all nominated parcels that meet the following criteria:

- The application was turned in during the open application period.
- The parcel has not already been deemed ineligible, for example because it does not have a viable receiving agency.
- If the parcel is over 4,500 acres or \$15 million in value, the applicant and receiving agency have met with DNR for a pre-submittal meeting one month before the application period opened.

Date: February 22, 2024

Analyst: Kenny Ocker

Part A: General Parcel Information

Parcel name: Elwha

Biennium for which this parcel is proposed: 2025-27

Applicant: Nathan West, City of Port Angeles city manager

Receiving agency: City of Port Angeles

County in which parcel is located: Clallam

Total acres of state trust lands in parcel: 3,081.5

Affected trust (s) and acres of parcel in each affected trust:

Trust:	State Forest Transfer Trust (01)	Acres:	1,876.7	Percent of parcel:	60.9
Trust:	Common School Trust (03)	Acres:	1,204.9	Percent of parcel:	39.1
Trust:	Click or tap here to enter text.	Acres:	Click or tap here	Percent of parcel:	Click or tap here
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Topography (flat, hilly, mountainous): Hilly

Average annual rainfall (estimated): 29.4 in./749 mm

Part B: Forested Parcels

Fill out this section for forested parcels being managed primarily for timber harvest through DNR's Timber Sales program. If your parcel is not forested, leave blank but make sure you fill out Section B. The data source for each item is indicated in parentheses.

Dominant site class (GIS): Site Class IV

Dominant tree species (RS-FRIS): Western hemlock, Douglas fir

Are there any planned, sold, or recently completed timber harvests on this parcel? (LRM and GIS)

Yes No

If yes, describe:

Unit 2 of the Dry Bike timber sale was completed across 69 acres in the southeastern portion of the eastern parcel in 2017. The Aldwell sale in the southwestern portion of the eastern parcel was sold in October 2022 and is currently in operation across 169 acres. The TCB23 sale was sold in July 2023 and is currently in operation across 46 acres. The Power Plant sale was sold in July 2023 across 143 acres in the central parcels, but the Commissioner of Public Lands opted to conserve parts of the sale area as part of the 2,000 acres of carbon-dense, structurally complex forests that she ordered set aside in December 2023. A portion of the Trees A Crowd commercial thinning sale sold in 2022 covers 35 acres in the northern portion of the eastern parcel.

In addition to the recently harvested and sold sales, several future sales are also planned across the parcels. In the eastern parcel, 100 acres are in the planned Alley Cat sale scheduled for auction in December 2024. Approximately 204 acres of the Parched timber sale in the eastern parcel are scheduled for a February 2025 auction date. A 3.4-acre portion of the Oh Well timber sale is planned in Fiscal Year 2026 in the central parcel. The Shore Thing timber sale is planned for three units across 100 acres on the western parcel in Fiscal Year 2027.

Paste output table from the TLT Automation Toolbox below.

Parcel Acres		3081.58
Harvestable Acres		1763.71
Percent of Parcel Harvestable		57.23
Minimum Stand Age		3
Maximum Stand Age		220
Local Knowledge Deferrals	Yes	
Deferral Category	Specific Deferral Reasons	Acres
Non-forested		121.59
Riparian Areas		622.28
Unstable Slopes/Inoperable /Non-Productive Sites		215.94
Reason	Unstable Slopes	209.17
Reason	Inoperable Area	7.68
Reason	Non-Productive Sites	0.00
Indefinite Policy Deferrals		358.06
Non-Local Knowledge Reason	GENE_POOL	2.15
Non-Local Knowledge Reason	GENE_POOL:LCL_DF_YR	3.12
Non-Local Knowledge Reason	GENE_POOL:LCL_DF_YR:LTFC_PSTG	0.13
Non-Local Knowledge Reason	GENE_POOL:LCL_DF_YR:LTFC_PSTG:MM_INNER_BUFF	0.76
Non-Local Knowledge Reason	GENE_POOL:LCL_DF_YR:LTFC_PSTG:MM_INNER_BUFF:WOGHI_INDX	0.37
Non-Local Knowledge Reason	GENE_POOL:LCL_DF_YR:LTFC_PSTG:MM_OCC_SITE	1.06
Non-Local Knowledge Reason	GENE_POOL:LCL_DF_YR:MM_INNER_BUFF	5.52
Non-Local Knowledge Reason	GENE_POOL:LTFC_PSTG:MM_OCC_SITE	1.13
Non-Local Knowledge Reason	GENE_POOL:MM_INNER_BUFF	2.87
Non-Local Knowledge Reason	LCL_DF_YR:LTFC_PSTG:MM_OCC_SITE	1.15
Non-Local Knowledge Reason	LCL_DF_YR:MM_INNER_BUFF	2.25
Non-Local Knowledge Reason	LCL_DF_YR:OLD_GROWTH	2.42
Non-Local Knowledge Reason	LTFC_PSTG	12.58
Non-Local Knowledge Reason	LTFC_PSTG:MM_INNER_BUFF	11.20
Non-Local Knowledge Reason	LTFC_PSTG:MM_OCC_SITE	167.03
Non-Local Knowledge Reason	LTFC_PSTG:MM_OCC_SITE:OLD_GROWTH	1.14
Non-Local Knowledge Reason	LTFC_PSTG:OLD_GROWTH	5.79
Non-Local Knowledge Reason	LTFC_PSTG:OLD_GROWTH:WOGHI_INDX	9.01
Non-Local Knowledge Reason	LTFC_PSTG:WOGHI_INDX	0.84
Non-Local Knowledge Reason	MM_INNER_BUFF	75.87
Non-Local Knowledge Reason	MM_INNER_BUFF:OLD_GROWTH	0.83
Non-Local Knowledge Reason	OLD_GROWTH	28.83
Local Knowledge Reason	CLIFF	1.94
Local Knowledge Reason	WILDLIFE_ISSUE	20.09

Discount Rate	NPV Total	NPV per Harvestable Acre	BLV Total	BLV per Harvestable Acres
0.02	11843145.51	6714.92	3596781.38	2039.33
0.03	10431688.87	5914.64	1066275.73	604.57
0.04	9428606.73	5345.91	-39897.42	-22.62
0.05	8702809.54	4934.39	-592371.96	-335.87
0.06	8168804.00	4631.61	-881925.26	-500.04
0.07	7769711.07	4405.33	-1032768.05	-585.57

Part C: Non-forested Parcels

Fill out this section for non-forested or partially forested parcels that are not being managed primarily for timber harvest under DNR's Timber Sales program. If the parcel is forested, fill out Part B and leave this section blank.

Are there any current leases (for example, grazing, agriculture, lease number, other) on the parcel?

Yes No

If yes, describe: Communications site lease

Annual revenue from current leases, if any: \$7,290.30

Does DNR have water rights for this parcel?

Yes No

If yes, describe: Click or tap here to enter text.

Is there any infrastructure on the parcel (for example, buildings, wells, water pipelines, water storage tanks, irrigation systems, grain elevators, etcetera)?

Yes: No:

If yes, describe: Communications site infrastructure.

Part D: Ecological and Social Factors, All Parcels

In this section, provide a narrative description of the ecological and social factors that impede the generation of long-term, sustainable revenue on this parcel under its current, dominant use, such as agriculture, grazing, or timber harvest. For forested parcels, this information is meant to supplement the acres summary provided in the TLT Automation Toolbox table.

1. Ecological factors

What is the type and extent of water bodies on the parcel (for example, streams, wetlands, lakes)?

The westernmost parcel includes a riparian buffer for Indian Creek, as well as one fish-bearing tributary to the creek. The central and eastern parcels surround the footprint of the former Lake Aldwell, the drained remnants of the reservoir on the Elwha River. The northern portion of the central parcel has a wetland adjacent to where State Route 112 crosses the parcel. Several non-fish-bearing streams, including one perennial stream, drain from the central parcel into the Elwha River. The Little River flows through the southernmost portion of the eastern parcel, and one of its fish-bearing tributaries flows slightly to its north for the width of the parcel. Eight non-fish-bearing tributaries also flow west from the parcel into the Elwha River.

Describe any unique site features (such as bogs, cliffs, caves, other) that require protection:

Kelly Ridge, which runs east-to-west through the central parcel, is habitat for the Taylor's checkerspot butterfly. Several cliffs are present in the southwest corner of the eastern parcel.

Describe any habitat for protected plant or wildlife species (endangered, threatened, sensitive, or candidate species). If possible, indicate how much of the parcel is affected.

Much of the central parcel is dominated by occupied marbled murrelet sites set aside for conservation under DNR's State Uplands Habitat Conservation Plan, which also has a large set-aside for Taylor's checkerspot butterfly habitat. The eastern parcel also contains multiple occupied marbled murrelet sites that are set aside under the HCP. Between these conservation areas, four patches of field-verified old growth, a DNR forest gene pool reserve, and riparian areas managed for long-term forest cover, nearly 43 percent of the parcels as a whole are in some type of conservation status.

The central parcel also includes a small population of yerba de selva, a critically imperiled plant statewide.

Does the parcel contain known cultural resources?Yes No **What is the proximity of this parcel to other conserved or scenic lands? (approximate distance)**

Two of the three parcels are directly adjacent to lands managed by the Olympic National Forest, and the third is less than 1/2 mile from the National Forest boundary. The easternmost parcel is adjacent to a large occupied marbled murrelet site on DNR-managed lands that is protected under DNR's State Uplands Habitat Conservation Plan. The central parcel contains a portion of Taylor's checkerspot butterfly habitat that totals approximately 575 acres.

Does the parcel contain potential old growth forest (indicated in GIS but not field verified)? If yes, how many acres? [Include??]

In addition to the approximately 75 acres of field-verified old growth present in the parcels:

- 6 acres on the western edge of the westernmost parcel have a moderate old-growth potential, according to DNR's Weighted Old-Growth Habitat Index
- 60 acres in the central parcel have a moderate old-growth potential, according to DNR's Weighted Old-Growth Habitat Index
- 90 acres in the eastern parcel have a high old-growth potential, according to DNR's Weighted Old-Growth Habitat Index, and another 140 acres have a moderate old-growth potential.

2. Social Pressure**Is this parcel experiencing high public recreation use? For example, does it include DNR-managed or user-built trails? Is it being used for fishing, hunting, camping, or other uses?**

The Olympic Discovery Trail Adventure Route, managed by Clallam County, travels through the central parcels.

What is the proximity of this parcel to urban areas? (approximate distance)

The nearest parcel is approximately 1 mile southwest of the Port Angeles Urban Growth Area.

What is the proximity of this parcel to residential land? (approximate distance)

A homesite is directly adjacent to the western parcel to its northwest, and homesites exist to the north and west of the central parcel and surround three sides of the eastern parcel.

Is there strong local opposition to natural resource management on this parcel specifically, or on all natural resource lands in this general area?

There has been local opposition to recent DNR timber sales in the area, including the Power Plant sale.

Part F: Land Use Analysis, all Parcels

In this section, consider whether zoning, comprehensive plan designation, and development trends may affect DNR's ability to manage this parcel for revenue generation.

Is the parcel within the urban growth area?

Yes No

Current zoning: Rural Conservation Character 3, Rural Conservation Character 5

Comprehensive plan designation: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Existing development trends in local area that could affect future trust management activities on this parcel:

These parcels are not currently threatened by encroachment from development.

Part E: Access and Adjacent Land Impacts, all Parcels

This section addresses DNR's ability to access this parcel for management, and the potential impact that transfer of this parcel could have on DNR's access to, and management of, nearby or adjacent state trust lands.

Does the property have legal access? Yes No

If yes, what type? State highways, county roads

If no, can access be attained? Yes No

Does the property have physical access (such as roads)? Yes No

Do additional roads or bridges needed to be built or improved to carry out trust management activities? In your answer, include any known obstacles to building necessary roads or bridges, such as unstable slopes or other sensitive areas.

No additional roads or bridges would be necessary to continue managing these parcels.

Indicate the approximate distance between this parcel and other state trust land parcels. Will transfer of this parcel affect either management of, or access to, adjacent or nearby state trust lands?

All three parcels are directly adjacent to other DNR-managed lands. Transfer of the central and eastern parcels would compromise road access to DNR-managed lands.

Part G: Other DNR Program Opportunity, all Parcels

Indicate if the proposed parcel would be a better fit for one of the following programs or strategies instead of the TLT program, and describe why.

Public auction:

Click or tap here to enter text.

Direct transfer to public agency:

Click or tap here to enter text.

Exchange:

Click or tap here to enter text.

Re-conveyance:

Click or tap here to enter text.

Transition lands program:

Click or tap here to enter text.

Could DNR generate long-term, sustainable revenue on this parcel through a different revenue-generating activity, such as alternative energy development? Why or why not?

The parcels are currently zoned for forestry management and are a short distance from the nearest mill, and forestry management remains their highest and best use.

Part H: Analyst Summary and Conclusion, All Parcels

Based on this analysis, is transfer of this parcel out of trust status through the TLT program in the best interests of the trusts? Why or why not?

In your response, address the following:

- The potential of this parcel to generate revenue for trust beneficiaries, including whether this parcel is suitable for a change of use.
- Why the parcel is or is not appropriate for other land disposal strategies.
- Whether this parcel is a good fit for the TLT program.

This parcel has generated significant revenue for trust beneficiaries and is poised to continue doing so going forward, and, per RCW 79.17.300, does not meet the Legislature's requirement that lands included in the Trust Land Transfer process be nonperforming or underperforming economically.

These parcels continue to produce regular revenue for the Common School Trust and junior taxing districts in Clallam County, while also protecting and growing habitat for the marbled murrelet, Northern spotted owl, and Taylor's checkerspot butterfly under DNR's State Uplands Habitat Conservation Plan. Future timber sales remain planned inside the boundaries of the proposed Trust Land Transfer indicate an ongoing potential for these lands to generate revenue for both present and future generations.

These are prime forestlands, zoned for forestry, blocked up with other DNR-managed lands, facing limited development pressures, and close to milling infrastructure. These parcels are not appropriate for disposal or a good fit for the Trust Land Transfer program because these parcels are not economically underperforming and because their transfer may compromise the management of other trust parcels west of Port Angeles. A Trust Land Transfer would not be in the best interest of the State Forest Transfer Trust nor the Common School Trust.

In addition to this proposed transfer not being in the best interests of the trusts, the valuation of the parcel in DNR-operable net present timber value and bare land value exceeds \$15 million and required a pre-meeting with DNR before the application was submitted.

Part I: Management review and final agency determination

Date of review: Click or tap here to enter text.

Reviewer name: Click or tap here to enter text.

Based on your review of the information on this form, do you concur that transfer of this parcel out of trust status through the TLT program in the best interests of the trusts?

Yes No

If you disagree with the analyst's conclusion, indicate why:

Click or tap here to enter text.