

CLEARANCES	Initial	Date	Date Received in Council Office	Agenda Date	Assigned to:
Originator: Elizabeth K. Olsen	EKO.	March 30, 2007	<div style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; letter-spacing: 0.5em;">RECEIVED</div> <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold; margin-top: 10px;">APR 03 2007</div> <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold; margin-top: 10px;">WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL</div>	Introduction:	April 10, 2007
Diviston Head: Linda Peterson	JP	3.30.07		4/10/07	Introduction
Dept. Head: Hal H. Hart, A.I.C.P.	HHH	4-2-07		4/24/07	P&D/Council
Prosecutor: Royce Buckingham	ZB	4-2-07			
Purchasing/Budget:	BB	4/2/07			
Executive: Peter Kremen	PK	4-2-07			

**TITLE OF DOCUMENT:**

*A Resolution Adopting Recommendations For Open Space/Timber Applications.*

**ATTACHMENTS:**

*Draft Resolution  
Agency Report with attached Staff Report, ratings sheets and maps  
Excerpts from Planning Commission Minutes, February 22, 2007*

SEPA review required? ( ) Yes ( <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ) No	Should Clerk schedule a hearing? ( ) Yes ( <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ) No
SEPA review completed? ( ) Yes ( <input type="checkbox"/> ) No	Requested Date:

**SUMMARY STATEMENT OR LEGAL NOTICE LANGUAGE:**

*Of the eight (8) OPEN SPACE/TIMBER applications received, Planning Commission recommends approval for seven of the applications.*

*On one (1) OPEN SPACE TIMBER application, Planning Commission voted denial. Subsequently, the proponent has withdrawn their application.*

**COMMITTEE ACTION:**

**COUNCIL ACTION:**

4/24/2007: Forwarded to Council for approval

4/10/2007: Introduced  
4/24/2007: Council Approved 7-0  
Res. 2007-021

**Related County Contract #:**

**Related File Numbers:**  
OS 2007-1

**Ordinance or Resolution Number:** Res. 2007-021

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INTRODUCED BY:  
PROPOSED BY: Planning / Dev. Services  
DATE: March 13, 2007

**RESOLUTION NO. 2007-021**

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR OPEN SPACE/TIMBER**

**WHEREAS**, The Planning Commission received eight (8) applications for OST/Timber Management Plans for review and recommendations pursuant to RCW 84.34; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to WAC Section 197-11-800(6)(c), matters relating to Open Space taxation are determined not to be major actions and are exempt from threshold determination and environmental impact statement requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to RCW 36.70.390, legal notice was published in the Bellingham Herald on Sunday, February 11, 2007, and a copy of said notice was sent in a timely manner to all applicants; and

**WHEREAS**, on Thursday, February 22, 2007, the Planning Commission opened the public hearing on the applications and received testimony from the Planning Division staff regarding the proposed Open Space Timber applications; and

**WHEREAS**, Open Space Timber is evaluated upon conformance with RCW 84.34.041; and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Commission recommended approval of the Open Space/Timber applications for:

Transfers from Designated Forestry to Open Space Timber for:  
Francis and Leslie Plonkey, Ronald and Linda Whitman [Brisbane], Yuan Lee [Brisbane];

Updated Timber Management Plans for continuance of Open Space Timber for:  
LaurAnna Williams, Lummi Island Heritage Trust, and Bruce and Teresa Barlean;

A new application for Open Space Timber from Deborah and John Westergreen;  
and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Commission reviewed the Open Space Timber application of Brian and Tamara DeZeeuw and recommended denial; and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Commission forwarded its recommendation to the Whatcom County Council; and

**WHEREAS**, County Council held a public meeting on April 24, 2007, to consider the Planning Commission's recommendations, and

**WHEREAS**, County Council adopted the Planning Commission's recommendations on April 24, 2007.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL:**

1. The Whatcom County Council recommends approval of the Open Space/Timber applications for:  
 Transfers from Designated Forestry to Open Space Timber for:  
 Francis and Leslie Plonkey, Ronald and Linda Whitman [Brisbane], Yuan Lee [Brisbane];  
 Updated Timber Management Plans for continuance of Open Space Timber for:  
 LaurAnna Williams, Lummi Island Heritage Trust, and Bruce and Teresa Barlean;  
 A new application for Open Space Timber from Deborah and John Westergreen.
2. The Whatcom County Council directs the Assessor to place the parcels in the appropriate Open Space status category.
3. Adjudication of invalidity of any of the sections, clauses or provisions of this Resolution shall not affect or impair the validity of the Resolution as a whole or any part thereof other than the part so declared to be invalid.

PASSED this 24 day of April, 2007.

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL  
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON



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Carl Weimer, Chairperson

APPROVED     VETOED

*[Signature]*  
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Pete Kremen, County Executive

Date: 5-4-07

Approved as to form:

*[Signature]*  
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Royce Buckingham  
Civil Deputy Prosecutor