



MEETING AGENDA

CLALLAM COUNTY REVENUE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**223 East 4th Street, Room 160
Port Angeles, Washington
August 18, 2025 – 2:30 p.m.**

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- I. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL**
- II. APPROVAL/MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA**
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE MEETINGS ON: May 19, 2025**
- IV. PUBLIC COMMENT (total of 20 minutes)**
- V. BUSINESS ITEMS**
 - a. Forest inventory and status of sales on pause - DNR
 - b. Forest Practices proposed new buffer – DNR/Commissioner Johnson
 - c. Encumbered lands funding – Commissioner Johnson
 - d. Title III Funds – Commissioner Beauvais/Commissioner Johnson
- VIII. FUTURES AGENDA ITEMS**
- IX. PUBLIC COMMENT (total of 20 minutes)**
- X. NEXT MEETING DATE**
- XI. ADJOURNMENT**

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CLALLAM COUNTY REVENUE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES OF MAY 19, 2025

MEETING OF THE REVENUE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RAC)

Chair Connie Beauvais called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m., May 19, 2025. Also present were Commissioner Johnson, Ben Pacheco, Gregory Bellamy, Sandra Lyons, Drew Rosanbalm, Noah Glaude, Michael Mingee, Diana Reaume, John Nutter, Regan Nickels, David Bingham, Regan Nickels, Ryan Amiot (alternate) and Steve Hopf (alternate). Janine Ledford, Michelle Olsen, Steve Burke, Dan Huff, Dave Gedlund, Nerissa Davis, and Scott Horton were absent.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ACTION TAKEN: Johnson moved to adopt the agenda as presented, Pacheco seconded, mc

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- April 21, 2025

ACTION TAKEN: Johnson moved to approve, Mingee seconded, mc

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Ed Bowen, Clallam Bay, commented on Burnt Mountain encumbered lands, Department of Natural Resources, Cape Flattery School District absence, Elwha court action

BUSINESS ITEMS

a. Mill tours – Commissioner Johnson

Commissioner Johnson reported that there will be mill tours on Monday, June 9, 2025 starting at 12 p.m. Tours will be held at Port Angeles Hardwood, Interior, and Hermann Brothers. Commissioner Johnson asked RAC Members to let him know no later than June 8 if they plan to attend so he can coordinate who plans to attend the tours. CRC Members held discussion.

b. Timber sales – DNR

- Planned
- In harvest
- In litigation

Drew Rosanbalm, Department of Natural Resources DNR provided a report on DNR timber sales that are planned, in harvest and in litigation. CRC Members held discussion.

c. Legal discussion & possible action regarding trust lands – Beauvais/Johnson

Beauvais briefed RAC members on legal discussion and possible action regarding trust lands. She noted that taxing districts can submit a declaration on their own or a special RAC meeting could be called so everyone could sign the document at a meeting. RAC members held discussion.

d. Encumbered lands update – Commissioner Johnson

Commissioner Johnson provided a report on encumbered lands.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Timber sales
- Commissioner of Public Lands

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PUBLIC COMMENT

- Ed Bowen, Clallam Bay, commented on capital budget, South Ozette trust lands transfer, trust land transfer public meeting at North Olympic Library System on June 2 at 5 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

- August 18, 2025 @ 2:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT - The meeting concluded at 4:08 p.m.

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August 18, 2025

Commissioner Mike French
Commissioner Mark Ozias
Commissioner Randy Johnson

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Dear Commissioners:

In January 2025 the Washington Commissioner of Public Lands announced and imposed a six-month “pause” on timber sales meeting certain criteria. This pause affected over \$7.9 million in Clallam County timber sales and has had a devastating effect on the countywide and junior taxing districts which had budgeted for those funds. This action also has an impact on our economy—we see a continued decline in the number of family-wage jobs and the average wage as wood product manufacturers struggle to access supplies. Over seven months have passed. However, DNR has yet to bring these sales to market.

The Revenue Advisory Committee was established to inform Clallam County Commissioners on issues related to DNR management of county trust lands and fiduciary responsibilities. We believe the current pause in sales is an urgent issue that the County must address to preserve vital civic services and quality of life in our communities.

Background

In January 2025 the Commissioner of Public Lands canceled, modified, or delayed eight timber sales on lands that Clallam County deeded in trust to the State. These sales comply with the Washington Forest Practices Act, the 1997 State Lands’ Habitat Conservation Plan, and DNR’s own policies regarding old growth, riparian protection, and sustainable harvest. They have also undergone review under the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA).

DNR’s own data developed because of the pause shows that all habitat conservation planning units are already in the 10% to 15% range of “Older Forests” expected to be created by the Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP). Additionally, as stated in the 2006 Policy for Sustainable Forests, DNR has identified adequate acres of structurally complex forests to be managed to ensure the “10% to 15% Older Forest” expectation is met. The HCP expected to meet this outcome by the end of the 70-year period of the plan (1997 to 2070). DNR is already beyond that 70-year goal, costing our county dearly.

According to DNR’s own data (see Table 1), these eight sales have a combined appraisal of \$7.9 million. Based on recent auction results, their market value is estimated at

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approximately \$12 million. Revenue from these sales would directly support Clallam County services and its junior taxing districts.

The continued delay in offering these sales negatively impacts Clallam County's economy, threatens jobs, jeopardizes the viability of local wood products manufacturers, and reduces funding for vital public services including education and fire response.

Clallam County has exercised patience during the pause. However, further delay exacerbates fiscal strain and risks service reductions for residents and visitors alike. Table 1 illustrates the projected revenue and its importance to County operations and junior taxing districts.

Table 1 – Estimated Value of Delayed Timber Sales by Junior Taxing District

Taxing District	Appraised Value	Likely Bid Value (~50% over)
Clallam County Roads	\$695,514.00	\$1,043,271.00
School District (#121) Enrichment	\$223,945.00	\$335,917.50
School District (#313) Enrichment	\$241,413.00	\$362,119.50
School District (#323) Enrichment	\$312,396.00	\$468,594.00
School District (#121) CP/Bond	\$374,962.00	\$562,443.00
School District (#313) CP/Bond	\$56,334.00	\$84,301.00
School District (#323) CP/Bond	\$156,564.00	\$234,846.00
Port of Port Angeles	\$98,753.00	\$148,129.00
State School Part 1	\$1,347,786.00	\$2,021,679.00
State School Part 2	\$723,033.00	\$1,084,549.50
Conservation Futures	\$15,931.00	\$23,896.50
Clallam County Roads (2nd Entry)	\$95,979.00	\$143,968.50
Clallam County General	\$592,954.00	\$889,431.00
Fire District #2	\$224,255.00	\$336,382.50
Fire District #3 (EMS)	\$331,104.00	\$496,656.00
Fire & Rescue (District #4)	\$308,466.00	\$462,699.00
North Olympic Library	\$262,380.00	\$393,570.00
Hospital District #1	\$40,139.00	\$60,208.50
Hospital District #2	\$243,757.00	\$365,635.50
William Shore Memorial Pool	\$64,200.00	\$96,300.00
DNR RMCA Account (31%)	\$367,500.00	\$551,250.00
Common School	\$1,102,500.00	\$1,653,750.00

Legal and Fiduciary Concerns

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Under 1935 legislation, the State is obligated to manage these lands in trust for the benefit of the counties, including Clallam County. These lands are to be managed for sustainable timber production to generate revenue for county services. The Washington Supreme Court has repeatedly affirmed the state's trust obligations to counties as trust beneficiaries. Given Clallam County's unique exposure from the pause on these eight sales, we believe DNR's inaction appears to violate both statutory requirements and its common law fiduciary duty to manage the trust prudently and with undivided loyalty to the County and its taxpayers.

Inasmuch as there is no legal reason to delay the paused sales another day, the Clallam County Revenue Advisory Committee respectfully urges the Clallam County Board of Commissioners to move with expediency to:

- Formally request Commissioner Upthegrove and DNR to move these sales forward without delay. Substituting other trust land acres for the paused sales is not acceptable.
- Request a clear and public timeline for offering the sales.
- Explore legal remedies to defend the County's rights as a trust beneficiary if DNR continues to delay the sales.

Clallam County must act now to protect its interests and those of its residents under the terms of the trust.

Respectfully,

Connie Beauvais, Chair
Clallam County Revenue Advisory Committee