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## BOARD of CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

### MINUTES for the week of May 8 – 12, 2023

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION – 7:30**

Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110, an executive session will be held at 7:30 a.m., Monday, May 8, 2023 in the Commissioners Board Room, 223 East 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Port Angeles, Room 160. No Zoom option will be available.

The Parks, Fairs and Facilities Department has requested an Executive Session with the Board of County Commissioners, the County Administrator, and the Real Estate Department to discuss the proposed purchase of property for Robin Hill Park.

Discussing this matter in executive session is appropriate because public knowledge of the discussion would reveal the County's legal strategies and likely result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency. RCW 42.30.110 (1) (i) expressly authorizes a governing body to convene an executive session for the above-described purposes.

Despite the availability of an Executive Session, the final action purchasing property shall be taken in a meeting open to the public.

The Board may recess into executive session to consider employment or dismissal of personnel, to review the performance of a public employee, to consult with legal counsel, to consider the position to be taken in collective bargaining, to consider acquisition or sale of real estate, or other matters per RCW 42.30.110

The Board convened in open session at 7:30 a.m. to discuss purchase of property for Robin Hill Park. Present were Commissioners Ozias and Johnson, Deputy Human Resources/Administrator/Risk Reyes, Parks Fair and Facilities Director Crawford, and Real Estate Representative Capps. Commissioner French was excused.

**ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to recess to executive session for 30 minutes, CMOs, mc**

The board recessed into executive session at 7:32 a.m.

The board convened in open session at 7:58 a.m.

**ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to authorize Linda Capps for Clallam County to enter into negotiations for purchase and sale agreement for property owned by the Gritton's including earnest money and sign authorize said agreement, CMFs, mc**

The meeting recessed at 8 a.m. and continued to an executive session to be held at 8:15 a.m.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION – 8:15 a.m.**

Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110, an executive session will be held at 8:15 a.m., Monday, May 8, 2023 in the Commissioners Board Room, 223 East 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Port Angeles, Room 160. No Zoom option will be available.

This executive session is being called to discuss potential purchase of real estate.

The Board may recess into executive session to consider employment or dismissal of personnel, to review the performance of a public employee, to consult with legal counsel, to consider the position to be taken in collective bargaining, to consider acquisition or sale of real estate, or other matters per RCW 42.30.110

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The Board convened in open session at 8:15 a.m. to discuss purchase of property for Health and Human Services. Present were Commissioners Ozias, Johnson, and French, Deputy Human Resources/Administrator/Risk Reyes, Health and Human Service Director LoPiccolo, Prosecuting Attorney's Office Boughton, and Real Estate Representative Capps.

**ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to recess to executive session for 15 minutes, CMFs, mc**

Board recessed into executive session at 8:17 a.m.

Board convened in open session at 8:29 a.m.

**ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to authorize Linda Capps, Clallam County enter into a purchase and sales agreement negotiation with Thomas Baker for a Forks property subject to earnest money payment up to \$10,000, inspection, title, and all other due diligence and authorized to sign, CMFs, mc**

The meeting recessed at 8:32 a.m. and continued to the Board of Commissioners work session at 9 a.m.

**WORK SESSION – 9 a.m.**

The work session convened at 9 a.m., Monday, May 8, 2023. Present were Commissioners Ozias, Johnson, and French and Deputy Administrator Reyes. Administrator Sill was excused.

Items of discussion per the agenda published May 3 were:

- Calendar/Correspondence
- Agreement with Jefferson County Noxious Weed Control Board for weed control services
- Discussion regarding implementation of a Body-Worn Camera Program
- Resolution establishing salary and benefits for elected officials
- Briefing and call for hearing to be held Tuesday, June 6 at 10:30 a.m. regarding a proposed Ordinance for the Clallam Bay / Sekiu Sewer System
- Discussion and next steps regarding Bullman Beach
- Review of Encumbered Lands Proviso

The meeting recessed at 12:38 p.m. and continued to a BOCC Special Meeting – Board of Equalization at 2 p.m.

**BOCC SPECIAL MEETING – BOARD OF EQUALIZATION**

This Special Meeting is being held to discuss and determine the final disposition of the Board of Equalization board order recommendations forwarded by the Board of Equalization Hearing Examiners to the Board of Commissioners pursuant to RCW 84.48.014.

The Board convened in open session at 2 p.m. to discuss and determine the final disposition of the Board of Equalization board order recommendations. Present were Commissioners Ozias, Johnson, and French.

2022-108 Michalson

The Board of Commissioners held a discussion regarding the board order forwarded from the Board of Equalization Hearing Examiners.

**ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve the board order forwarded by the Board of Equalization Hearing Examiners for Michalson 2022-108, CMFs, mc**

2022-145 Rankin

The Board of Commissioners held a discussion regarding the board order forwarded from the Board of Equalization Hearing Examiners.

**ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve the board order forwarded by the Board of Equalization Hearing Examiners for Rankin, 2022-145, CMFs, mc**

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2022-181 Petersen

The Board of Commissioners held a discussion regarding the board order forwarded from the Board of Equalization Hearing Examiners.

**ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve the board order forwarded by the Board of Equalization Hearing Examiners for Petersen 2022-181, CMFs, mc**

2022-220 Bridge/Argersinger

The Board of Commissioners held a discussion regarding the board order forwarded from the Board of Equalization Hearing Examiners.

**ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve the board order forwarded by the Board of Equalization Hearing Examiners for Bridge/Argersinger 2022-220, CMFs, mc**

2022-197 Vanwormer

The Board of Commissioners held a discussion regarding the board order forwarded from the Board of Equalization Hearing Examiners.

**ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve the board order forwarded by the Board of Equalization Hearing Examiners for Vanwormer 2022-197, CMFs, mc**

2022-198 Vanwormer

The Board of Commissioners held a discussion regarding the board order forwarded from the Board of Equalization Hearing Examiners.

**ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve the board order forwarded by the Board of Equalization Hearing Examiners for Vanwormer 2022-198, CMFs, mc**

2022-199 Vanwormer

The Board of Commissioners held a discussion regarding the board order forwarded from the Board of Equalization Hearing Examiners.

**ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve the board order forwarded by the Board of Equalization Hearing Examiners for Vanwormer 2022-199, CMFs, mc**

2022-200 Vanwormer

The Board of Commissioners held a discussion regarding the board order forwarded from the Board of Equalization Hearing Examiners.

**ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve the board order forwarded by the Board of Equalization Hearing Examiners for Vanwormer 2022-200, CMFs, mc**

2022-201 Vanwormer

The Board of Commissioners held a discussion regarding the board order forwarded from the Board of Equalization Hearing Examiners.

**ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve the board order forwarded by the Board of Equalization Hearing Examiners for Vanwormer 2022-201, CMFs, mc**

2022-202 Vanwormer

The Board of Commissioners held a discussion regarding the board order forwarded from the Board of Equalization Hearing Examiners.

**ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve the board order forwarded by the Board of Equalization Hearing Examiners for Vanwormer 2022-202, CMFs, mc**

2022-203 Vanwormer

The Board of Commissioners held a discussion regarding the board order forwarded from the Board of Equalization Hearing Examiners.

**ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve the board order forwarded by the Board of Equalization Hearing Examiners for Vanwormer 2022-203, CMFs, mc**

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2022-204 Vanwormer

The Board of Commissioners held a discussion regarding the board order forwarded from the Board of Equalization Hearing Examiners.

**ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve the board order forwarded by the Board of Equalization Hearing Examiners for Vanwormer 2022-204, CMFs, mc**

2022-155 Westport, LLC

The Board of Commissioners held a discussion regarding the board order forwarded from the Board of Equalization Hearing Examiners.

**ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve the board order forwarded by the Board of Equalization Hearing Examiners for Westport, LLC 2022-155 , CMFs, mc**

2022-59 Slezak

The Board of Commissioners held a discussion regarding the board order forwarded from the Board of Equalization Hearing Examiners.

**ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve the board order forwarded by the Board of Equalization Hearing Examiners for Slezak 2022-59, CMFs, mc**

2022-48 Ralston

The Board of Commissioners held a discussion regarding the board order forwarded from the Board of Equalization Hearing Examiners.

**ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve the board order forwarded by the Board of Equalization Hearing Examiners for Ralston 2022-48, CMFs, mc**

2022-123 Scharf

The Board of Commissioners held a discussion regarding the board order forwarded from the Board of Equalization Hearing Examiners.

**ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve the board order forwarded by the Board of Equalization Hearing Examiners for Scharf 2022-123, CMFs, mc**

2022-124 Scharf

The Board of Commissioners held a discussion regarding the board order forwarded from the Board of Equalization Hearing Examiners.

**ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve the board order forwarded by the Board of Equalization Hearing Examiners for Scharf 2022-124, CMFs, mc**

2022-138 Windle

The Board of Commissioners held a discussion regarding the board order forwarded from the Board of Equalization Hearing Examiners.

**ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve the board order forwarded by the Board of Equalization Hearing Examiners for Windle 2022-138, CMFs, mc**

2022-172 Reandeau, Jr.

The Board of Commissioners held a discussion regarding the board order forwarded from the Board of Equalization Hearing Examiners.

**ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve the board order forwarded by the Board of Equalization Hearing Examiners for Reandeau, Jr. 2022-172, CMFs, mc, CRJ abstained**

2022-173 Reandeau

The Board of Commissioners held a discussion regarding the board order forwarded from the Board of Equalization Hearing Examiners.

**ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve the board order forwarded by the Board of Equalization Hearing Examiners for Reandeau 2022-173, CMFs, mc, CRJ abstained**

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2022-192 Deam Trust

The Board of Commissioners held a discussion regarding the board order forwarded from the Board of Equalization Hearing Examiners.

**ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve the board order forwarded by the Board of Equalization Hearing Examiners for Deam Trust 2022-192, CMFs, mc**

2022-13 Interfor US Inc.

The Board of Commissioners held a discussion regarding the board order forwarded from the Board of Equalization Hearing Examiners.

**ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve the board order forwarded by the Board of Equalization Hearing Examiners for Interfor US, Inc. 2022-13, CMFs, mc**

2022-45 Interfor US, Inc.

The Board of Commissioners held a discussion regarding the board order forwarded from the Board of Equalization Hearing Examiners.

**ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve the board order forwarded by the Board of Equalization Hearing Examiners for Interfor US, Inc. 2022-45, CMFs, mc**

2022-81 Port Angeles Hardwood, LLC

The Board of Commissioners held a discussion regarding the board order forwarded from the Board of Equalization Hearing Examiners.

**ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve the board order forwarded by the Board of Equalization Hearing Examiners for Port Angeles Hardwood, LLC 2022-81, CMFs, mc**

2022-82 Port Angeles Hardwood, LLC

The Board of Commissioners held a discussion regarding the board order forwarded from the Board of Equalization Hearing Examiners.

**ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve the board order forwarded by the Board of Equalization Hearing Examiners for Port Angeles, LLC 2022-82, CMFs, mc**

2022-185 Whittall

The Board of Commissioners held a discussion regarding the board order forwarded from the Board of Equalization Hearing Examiners.

**ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve Chair Ozias to sign the corrected board order for Whittall 2022-185, CMFs, mc**

2022-170 C.H.I. Port Angeles, LLC

The Board of Commissioners held a discussion regarding the board order forwarded from the Board of Equalization Hearing Examiners.

Chelsea Reynolds noted that the petition number on the prior board order was described as 2022-17 and it should have been 2022-170

The meeting concluded at 3:49 p.m.

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

Chair Ozias called the meeting to order at 10 a.m., Tuesday, May 9, 2023. Also present were Commissioners Johnson and French and Deputy Administrator Reyes. Administrator Sill was excused.

**REQUEST FOR MODIFICATIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to adopt the agenda as presented, CMFs, mc**

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**PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Ed Bowen, Clallam Bay, commented on Conservation Futures Fund, Heritage Advisory Fund
- Kenneth Reandeau, Port Angeles, commented on item 2b
- Tammy Dziadek, Port Angeles, commented on Power Plant and TCB 23 – Elwha River
- Wendy Ray Johnson, commented on Power Plant and TCB 23 – Elwha River (see attached)

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- 1a Approval of vouchers for the week of May 1
- 1b Approval of minutes for the week of May 1
- 1c Letter to Harper Ridgeview Funeral Chapel for the Indigent Remains Program
- 1d Proclamation Recognizing Provider Appreciation Day May 12, 2023

**ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to adopt the consent agenda as presented, CMFs, mc**

**REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

- CMO read the Proclamation Recognizing Provider Appreciation Day May 12, 2023
- CMF commented on Trails Advisory Committee Meeting
- CRJ commented on Olympic Area Agency on Aging
- CMO commented on Olympic Experimental State Forest Science Conference Clerk's Conference

**CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS**

- 2a Agreement with State of Washington Tourism for the Tourism Sustainability Grant for Robin Hill Farm

**ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve, CMFs, mc**

- 2b Agreement with Wetherholt and Associates, Inc. for roof design consulting services

**ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve, CMFs, mc**

**BIDS AND AWARDS**

- 3a Bid opening – 2023 Hot Mix Asphalt Requirements

| <b><u>Contractor</u></b>  | <b><u>Amount</u></b> |
|---------------------------|----------------------|
| Lakeside Industries, Inc. | \$665,856            |

**ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to forward bids to Road Department for review and recommendation, CMFs, mc**

**ADMINISTRATION**

- 4a Resolution authorizing an expenditure from the Clallam County Heritage Advisory Fund

**ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to adopt, CMFs, mc**

- 4b Resolution authorizing expenditures from the Conservation Futures Fund for approved 2023 applications

**ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to adopt, CMFs, mc**

- 4c Resolution calling for a hearing on the sale of surplus property

**ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to adopt, CMFs, mc**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

- William Spring, Port Angeles, commented on Power Plant and TCB 23 – Elwha River (see attached)
- Lexi McKay, King County, commented on Power Plant and TCB 23 – Elwha River
- Tom Massey, Port Angeles, commented on Power Plant and TCB 23 – Elwha River

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#### HEARING(S)

H1 Amending Clallam County Code Chapter 5.100 Consolidated Fee Schedule – Fairground Division Services 215-A

- Reyes read the agenda item into the record
- Shari Ioffrida, Park, Fair and Facilities, provided a staff report

#### **ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to open the public hearing, CMFs, mc**

- The following provided testimony:
  - Ed Bowen, Clallam Bay
- The following sent in written comments: Laurie Davies, Christine Paulsen, Theresa Whitney (see attached)

#### **ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to close the public hearing and adopt, CMFs, mc**

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

- Emily Beals, Sequim, commented on Power Plant and TCB 23 – Elwha River
- Rod Fleck, Forks, commented on Encumbered Lands Proviso presentation
- Harmony Rutter, Sequim, commented on Power Plant and TCB 23 – Elwha River
- Elizabeth Dunne, Port Angeles, commented on Power Plant and TCB 23 – Elwha River
- Ed Telenick, Sequim, commented on the Board of Equalization (see attached)
- Ed Chadd, Port Angeles, commented on Power Plant and TCB 23 – Elwha River
- James Wesley, Port Angeles, commented on Power Plant and TCB 23 – Elwha River
- Ryan Qualls, Port Angeles, commented on Power Plant and TCB 23 – Elwha River
- Ed Bowen, Clallam Bay, commented on the Encumbered Lands Proviso presentation, Department of Natural Resources funds
- Nina Sarmiento, Port Angeles commented on Power Plant and TCB 23 - Elwha River
- Maureen McElravy, Clallam Bay, commented on Bullman Beach
- Peter Stedman, Port Angeles, commented on Power Plant and TCB 23 - Elwha River
- Rich James, Port Angeles, commented on Encumbered Lands Proviso presentation, legacy forest, Department of Natural Resources, Power Plant and TCB 23 - Elwha River (see attached)
- Adrian Hoban, Port Angeles, commented on science, legacy forest, Power Plant and TCB 23 - Elwha River
- Kenneth Reandeau, Port Angeles, transportation and omissions, electric vehicles
- Jolie Will, Sequim, commented on Power Plant and TCB 23 – Elwha River

The meeting concluded at 11:43 a.m. and continued to 9 a.m., Monday, May 15, 2023.

There are no Zoom chat logs for the week of May 8.

The Board of Commissioners attended WSAC Virtual update, Special BOCC Meeting – Board of Equalization, Coffee with Colleen, KONP Radio Show and KSQM Radio Show during the week of May 8.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 9<sup>th</sup> day of May 2023.

ATTEST:

  
Loni Gores, MMC, Clerk of the Board



BOARD OF CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Mark Ozias

Randy Johnson

Mike French

#### KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS:

ARS Administrator Rich Sill  
CMO Commissioner Mark Ozias  
CRJ Commissioner Randy Johnson  
CMF Commissioner Mike French

m moved  
mc motion carried  
s seconded

# **BOCC Regular Meeting**

**Public Hearing Comments**

**H1 on 5-9-23**



RECEIVED  
CLALLAM CO. COMMISSIONERS

April 18, 2023

Clallam County Commissioners

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Regarding: Increased gate fees to cover ticketing/marketing expenses.

Dear Clallam County Commissioners,

My name is Laurie Davies. I served on Clallam County Fair Board from 2004 until January 2023. I came off fair board because I took a position with Department of Agriculture as a Washington State Fair Commissioner. I also am a 20+ 4H leader and am current president of leader's council. I am a leader of a 4H home ec club. I am the executive director for Clallam County Fair Royalty and am a director of the North Olympic History Center. I have written a children's book.

I sat on fair board when the discussion of raising the gate fees up since fees had not been raised since 2011. I did vote on that. However, months later after that gate fee proposal came before us, Director Crawford came to us saying he found a company that would handle the use of credit cards at our gates. He said there would be no costs. We did not know at that time that the plan was to raise the gate fees to accommodate that. He never mentioned the company's name to us until the fair board meeting April 5, 2023, along with showing fair board that to have no cost to the county, well, we would just raise our gate fees. We never saw a contract or had any knowledge of this company Afton. We were not presented with any names of other companies. The 2023 Fair Admission Rates V-7 was not presented to you at your work session April 17, 2023, but I am sending it to you to see why I am so upset about this. The side in what I wrote shows the increased rate that is quite a bit from where we are today, and I do not believe that while we are living in a depressed economy should pass this extra fee onto our fair goers. After finding the Afton draft contract on public records, I was shocked to see how many fees are there and were not discussed at work session including air fare, their hotels and food items. It also says we do not receive our money until the event is over so if we start to do presales now, we cannot receive that money until our event is over which is August 20? That is our event, the county fair. We were not told that cash only people will still have to pay the credit card surplus fee. There are many other items in this draft contract which worry me, and this is a three-year contract which I did not think the county allowed with contracts? Essentially this is a marketing company, and we are being asked and saddled with, to pay them \$30,000 for this? Please read their mission statement I have included. We were not and are not looking at a concert promoter, booking agent, event organizer or booking platform. Currently our marketing is doing well, and we hit the targets we should for less money. Our fair manager Shari Ioffrida does a remarkable job with our booking of entertainers and keeps everything within the budget. This all started out asking about credit cards at gates-how did we get to marketing and websites? Fair board inquiry was about credit cards at our gates, nothing more.

After attending yesterday's meeting, I did some research on my own. Director Crawford stated in the public hearing that Afton is used by other Washington county fairs. So, I decided to find out who uses them and to date I cannot find any county fairs in the state of Washington who uses them. Director Crawford put on the application page that he contacted Saffire and another group that I had not heard of. I am familiar with Saffire and they are part of the Washington State Fair Association of which I have participated with for many years. My husband has put in several phone calls to Afton and several emails, and they have not responded so I do not have an answer as to who they service.

We have 40 county fairs in our state, 2 community fairs and 3 livestock shows. I contacted either by email or their websites 16 of these county fairs who use credit cards. I picked those small and large and asked them about usage of credit cards at their fairs. We are given the impression that all are using credit cards and all are doing pre-season. Several of them do not use credit cards. Several of them do not do pre-season. All who use credit cards add the transaction fee onto the ticket-THEY ARE NOT ABSORBED INTO GATE FEES which is the proposal before you. This is the breakdown-

Process fee is added to ticket and they use pay pal, one uses Saffire for pre-season or online and use pay pal at gate, two use their counties bank which their county/county treasurer set up with Key Bank which is their county's system, one uses authorize.net, one only had credit card terminals at gate, one uses e-tix and you can own or rent that system (they preferred to own), four use Saffire for online. One used Square. They all add the process fee to ticket.

Nobody I contacted said they used Afton. I also found that the average gate fee is \$10.00 for adults, \$6-8 for youth, senior is \$6-8, and military with ID is \$7.00. If the vote is to use column three our gate for adults will be \$12.00 from \$8.00, youth \$5.00 to \$9.00. Where are the three bids in writing that I thought was county procedure? Only Afton was presented. I know this was questioned by commissioners, and I also had the same thought.

FACT- there is no guarantee that many will buy pre-season passes which seems to be the basis for using Afton.

FACT—we cannot assume that more use credit cards than cash.

FACT- we will penalize those using cash vs using a credit card.

FACT-if internet is iffy at the fairgrounds, there is no guarantee this will work efficiently.

FACT-this is a three-year contract with Afton whether it works or not.

FACT-not using credit cards will not be the death of us.

A family of six such as my daughter's family as an example with column three gate fees, their family will face a charge of \$60.00 for one day at our fair. My daughter's family does not use credit cards for this sort of event. They would not purchase preseason or more than a one day. I can see families come to our gates and decide they cannot afford to come one day into our fair. And this will not include perhaps the food they may have purchased.

When past Director Joel Winborn was here as our director, we asked him about using credit cards at our gates. He always said no that he would not be comfortable in passing any fees onto the fair goer and would not want to add that fee to anything else. I now see his wisdom in this. I use credit cards and qr codes and such but to say that all our fairgoers must be put to our standards is unfair and not justified. I love our county fair and love our county and community. I want each person to have the same experience as those from years ago at our fair. To come and be lighthearted in the light of what we have had to endure these past few years with Covid. We have increased homelessness, increased poverty in our area. Can we impose these things on individuals and our families to make a few bucks? Thank you for your time.

Laurie Davies

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# 2023 Fair Admission Rates v.7

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## Admission Pre Season- Daily

- Seniors 80+
- Senior 65- 79
- Active Military & Veteran w/ ID
- Adult
- Student 13-17
- Youth 6-12
- Youth 6-12 Thursday
- Children under 5

Current Rates

Rate adjustment  
Approved at 10/22  
board mtg

Proposed Rate  
adjustment to  
cover online  
ticketing charge

|        |        |             |
|--------|--------|-------------|
| \$6.00 | free   | free        |
| \$6.00 | \$6.00 | \$7.00      |
| \$6.00 | \$6.00 | \$7.00      |
| \$8.00 | \$9.00 | \$10.00 # 2 |
| \$6.00 | \$7.00 | \$8.00 # 2  |
| \$5.00 | \$6.00 | \$7.00 # 2  |
| free   | free   | free        |
| free   | free   | free        |

## Admission Pre Season- Season Pass (Buy three days get one free)

- Seniors 80+
- Senior 65- 79
- Active Military & Veteran w/ ID
- Adult
- Student 13-17
- Youth 6-12
- Children under 5

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| \$13.00 | free    | free         |
| \$13.00 | \$18.00 | \$21.00 # 8  |
|         | \$18.00 | \$21.00 # 3  |
| \$24.00 | \$27.00 | \$30.00 # 6  |
| \$13.00 | \$18.00 | \$24.00 # 11 |
| \$12.00 | \$12.00 | \$14.00 # 2  |
| free    | free    | free         |

## Admission- Daily

- Adult - 18+
- Youth - under 18
- Youth 6-12 Thursday
- Children under 5

|        |         |             |
|--------|---------|-------------|
| \$8.00 | \$10.00 | \$12.00 # 4 |
| \$5.00 | \$7.00  | \$9.00 # 4  |
| free   | free    | free        |
| free   | free    | free        |

## Admission- Season Pass (Buy three days get one free)

- Adult - 18+
- Student 13-17
- Youth 6-12
- Children under 5

|         |         |              |
|---------|---------|--------------|
| \$24.00 | \$30.00 | \$36.00 # 12 |
| \$13.00 | \$24.00 | \$27.00 # 14 |
| \$12.00 | \$14.00 | \$18.00 # 6  |
| free    | free    | free         |

Presented to fair board  
4 - 5 - 2023  
by Director Crawford

Inc- means  
increase if  
common vote on the  
fee schedule  
to accom re fees.

## Our Story

Afton, Mississauga  
I see nothing that represents credit  
cards?

Afton is a concert promoter, booking agent, event organizer, and booking platform that works with both independent artists and signed, nationally touring artists. [Our MyAfton Booking & LiveStream Platform](#) and [Afton Shows platform](#) is built specifically to help indie artists. But Ryan & Amy also own the [Afton Tickets LiveStream platform](#) for larger signed acts and the [Afton Tickets platform](#) for event organizers and concert producers.

Afton Shows was founded by musicians, and for musicians, in 2004 by Ryan Kintz & Amy Kintz. We had one goal in mind - to make it easier for independent bands, rappers, and musicians to book shows and do what they were meant to do - perform live onstage. Local & regional indie artists are the ground floor and the lifeblood of the entire music industry. After all, your favorite major music artist, no matter who they are, started out as a local artist!

The MyAfton Booking Platform allows artists to easily book shows for in-person concerts at music venues, or create and curate their very own virtual live stream concert. The best part is, artists can sign up for free and there are no up-front costs or monthly subscription requirements.

"It was so important to us from day 1 that we offered our services to musicians for free, with no up-front costs. As a musician myself, the last thing I wanted was yet another company that required indie musicians to pay a subscription or a huge up-front fee in order to use their service!" Explains Afton founder, Ryan Kintz.

Afton not only offers booking services and a live stream platform, we also provide a Booking Rep for 1-on-1 email support to all of our musician users, along with marketing and promotion guides, and products in the [MyAfton Store](#) such as high quality beats, flyer & poster printing, ticket printing, and paid promotion products.

We've helped connect millions of music fans to their favorite independent artists since 2004. Afton has seen our local artists rise into major artists, book their own tours, and take what they learned while working with Afton Shows to elevate their careers to the next level.

"There are so many people in the Music Industry that repeatedly tell indie artists that 'they can't,' here at Afton we tell our artists that 'they CAN.' We teach them how to promote better, how to build their fan base, and we let them know they are valued as a vital part of this Industry. As a musician myself, I wish I had someone helping me along the way back when I was in a band." - Ryan Kintz

Whether your a music fan or a musician, we welcome you to the Afton community. See you at the next live stream, or see you in the crowd at the next show!

MEET THE TEAM



# Editorial

A FINE WORK  
WELL DONE.

Port Angeles and Clallam County have reason to be proud of the County Fair just closed,—and by the same token pride must be taken also in the executive ability of the Fair Association and the live-wire capable secretary, Charles L. Pollock.

From acres of stumps to a fine fair ground, with substantial buildings in a bare four months is some-what of a record as county fairs go, and the Association can feel satisfied that the work was well done. The exhibits of cattle, swine, rabbits, poultry, grains, grasses, vegetables, dairy products, fruits, needle-work, drawing, cooking, etc., were of a high order and surprised even the oldest residents of the county. The handling of the crowds, policing of the grounds and traffic regulations were performed in a capable manner, and no accident is recorded due to congested traffic at the fair. With the closing of such a successful institution, plans are already under way for next year's fair and many farmers have paid their \$10.00 admission into the Fair Association. With the main buildings already constructed the fair next year will be undoubtedly be larger, with more exhibits, and added improvements and entertainment features.

Clallam county has had many fairs, but none like the one just closed. Attendance was greater than ever before and residents proved they want a fair. For Secretary Pollock the News has much praise. In all his trying moments at the fair he was courteous to everyone and gave a capable administration. The following members of the Fair Association were on the job of pioneering the fair, and their judgment in buildings, etc., has proven first-class: Willis Chambers is president of the organization; Frank Iotzessell, Vice-President, of eastern district; Mrs. E. R. McNamara, vice-president central district; R. H. Kidd, vice-president western district. Trustees—Ray L. Hayden, S. J. Hauge, Stephen Land, O. H. Babcock, Herbert Baker, Treasurer, E. S. Stewart, Secretary, Charles L. Pollock; ex-officio members are his County Commissioner Rixon, Miller and Wagner, County Agent A. W. Holland.

It is doubtful if a more active group of men could have been associated together and the News hopes they will take the same interest next year.

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## ATTEND THE FAIR

The Eighth Annual Clallam County Fair, opening its doors to the public on next Thursday morning, September 14, and continuing for three days thereafter, marks another milestone in the progress of Clallam County and witnesses the opening of the greatest county fair ever seen here.

Starting some years ago with a few exhibits, the County Fair idea has grown and keeping pace with the development of the County, will this year eclipse all other efforts and be one worthy of Clallam County, the fairest spot in the Evergreen State.

County Fairs are not just exhibits of blooded cattle, big pumpkins and squash, and the joys of having a good time at the concessions, but they are the meeting place for the exchange of ideas by the people of the county. They should have, and do have, great educational value, and we challenge anyone after visiting the Eighth Annual Fair to leave there without getting some ideas of value. They will find some feature there that will interest them and fix itself upon their minds and something of value to take home with them that will mean money in their pockets.

The County Fair will be the meeting place of every one in Clallam County. It is there that you will meet friends that you have not perhaps seen for years and acquaintances of long ago will be renewed that will make everyone feel better.

To the newcomer, the fair will be of especial interest, for there he will see illustrated in a graphic form every phase of industry in Clallam County and he will become better acquainted with the possibilities and the resources of the county in a day than he would in years of residence here.

Every broadminded citizen of Port Angeles and of Clallam County will visit the County Fair, look over the varied exhibits, join in the fun and come away a broader and better citizen and a better booster for Clallam, Washington's fairest county.

Joanne

Thank you for  
supporting the family  
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Kandace Allison Olivia

2023 BIOS FOR FAIR ROYALTY Queen-Allison Pettit, is a 17 year old Junior at Port Angeles High School and a Running Start student at Peninsula College. Allison's parents are Pete and Michele Pettit. Her sponsors are Herman Brothers Logging and Construction and Westport LLC. Allison has lived in Clallam County all her life and she loves the Clallam County Fair. She is the Senior Chief and part of the color guard team, performing flag detail and air rifle precision team in the NJROTC. She is part of the Physical training team for NJROTC as well. Allison plays the double bass in the high school Symphonic Orchestra. Allison's hobbies are deer hunting with her dad, fishing, hiking, quad riding. She loves to write funny short stories and make people laugh. Allison's future school plans are attending U of W to study environmental science and marine biology. Her platform is the high school NJROTC program with her hopes to instill leadership skills in others.

Princess-Olivia Ostlund, is a 17 year old Junior at Sequim High School. Olivia's parents are Jeromy and April Wright and Bob Ostlund. Her sponsors are Caregivers Home Health Inc. and Boys and Girls Club of the Olympic Peninsula. Olivia has lived in Clallam County all her life. This is her first year in the Sequim FFA program at Sequim High School. She plans on raising and showing rabbits at the 2023 Clallam County Fair. Olivia is a girl scout and is at the Ambassador level. She is also a member of the Sequim Boys and Girls club. Olivia participates in the Sequim High School bowling team and Port Angeles Youth Bowling League where she started out at 3 years old and has bowled ever since. Olivia's future school plans are to attend an Auto Mechanics Program at Wyoming Tech in Wyoming. Her platform is the Boys and Girls Club of America with her hopes of encouraging others.

Junior Princess-Kendall Adolphe, is a 12 year old 6<sup>th</sup> grade student at Sequim Middle School. Her parents are Jeremie and Kyla Adolphe and her sponsor is J and J Construction. Kendall has lived in Clallam County all her life. She is a member of the Clallam County 4-H Lambchop club. Her 4H projects are poultry and swine. Kendall looks forward to being a part of the Clallam County Fair each year and enjoys showing her chickens, turkeys and pigs. Kendall is involved in basketball and acrobatics. She likes exercising and learning new routines. Her hobbies include crafting, camping, hiking, piano, swimming and spending time with her friends and family. Her future plans are to attend the University of Washington to study medicine and become a pediatrician.



## Gores, Loni

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| Comments   | <p>I have read through the many pages that will be presented at the work session May 1. I was at the April work session and heard what was presented and looked at the public document regarding Afton and I sent you all a letter regarding my concerns. My comments about the information I am seeing for May 1 meeting is this-where are the comparison from Saffire and Igniter as I thought that was the instruction from the commissioners? All that was presented in April was Afton and again it looks like the same but now with 15 pages only from Afton and front page of Agenda says "a three year contract for Ticketing with Afton Tickets." I see references to Saffire and Igniter but where are their bid/contract for your review and the public? I read that Afton -the client- can either pass onto customers (this would be where the gate increase would be) or absorb. Three year contract-isn't that chancy with a company we know nothing about. There have been discussions at fair - board but fair board has not seen the Afton contract, the name has been mentioned loosely. The fair board was asked if credit cards were worth pursuing so in other words no vote on a company has taken place and no discussion with plans in front of them. And again, commissioners and fair board should see all 3 companies. Also in the letter I sent I found four county fairs using Saffire and one wrote to me after I sent that letter that they did as well so five county fairs that I know of are happy. Comment in the proposal is a county fair called Columbia Fair and exact words are "Saffire equipment was old, battery life was horrible, and died quickly (they had to swap out new devices every 30-45 minutes). Columbia Fair was so</p> |

unhappy they demanded to be let out of their Saffire contract two years early so they could switch to Afton Ticekts. " I am not saying this isn't true, but one statement should not override others who are happy with Saffire. Again, as the public I want to see all three bids/contracts with Saffire and Igniter and I am hoping the commissioners will as well. Again for the record, I am not against using credit cards. I am against using our gates for fee increase to accommodate the \$30,000 or more and I would like to see time put into looking into can we look at other options like into the credit card handling the county already uses , other county fairs use Pay Pal and etc and in my letter I mention that no fairs increased their gate admission to accommodate credit card usage. That is what I am against.  
thank you  
Laurie Davies

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| Subject    | Proposed changes at the Clallam County Fair Grounds                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Comments   | <p>Dear Commissioners,</p> <p>I am appalled at the proposal of adding a Beer Garden to the Fair. Our fair has always been a family friendly event. I don't see how adding alcohol to the fair benefits the families in attendance, the 4H projects. FFA club, Grange members and the vendors. The Fair has a strict policy of no alcohol on premises and requires a signed statement when camping onsite during fair. With the addition of a beer garden is that going to negate that rule for those camping on site?</p> <p>If alcohol is allowed on the grounds, what safety measures will be put in place to protect the livestock projects from drunken attendees. I would hate to see a 4H or FFA Hog injured because some drunken idiot decided to try and ride it in it's pen.</p> <p>Please consider the safety of our children when making this dangerous decision. If anyone or anything is harmed by drunken disorderly conduct, who will be held responsible or will be sued?</p> <p>No Beer Garden at the Fair!</p> <p>Also, I am against the proposed ticket increase at the gate. There must be a cheaper alternative to accepting credit cards. With the rising cost of gas and groceries, why not give our families a break this year and not raise the admission.</p> <p>Thank you,</p> <p>Christine Paulsen</p> |

Please Note

MAY 01 2023

Dear Commissioners;

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My name is Theresa Whitney. I have been a 4-H leader in Clallam Co. for 54-years, and as such have supported Cl. Co. Fair every year. The culmination of most 4-H members year is the County fair in which they display their project for public view. These 4-H members are supported by their families who come to share their accomplishments with the public. Parental support is crucial for both mental and physical growth of children. Without this support many would struggle to complete a project on their own. NOW — you are wondering what my narrative has to do with the current proposed gate fee increased presented to you by Don Crawford for the Company Afton. To put it simply — an additional gate price increase (over and above the already Fair Board approved decision in Oct of 2022) seems a blatant disregard for county funds and the current economy. There are other less expensive and better options available to facilitate gate access entry than what has been presented by Afton Company without spending \$30,000 pr year and being tied into a 3-yr Contract to the tune of \$90,000. A credit card terminal can be installed at a far lesser fee and cash payers will not be subjected to an extra charge. →

It is my belief this proposed contract  
with Afton is exorbitantly expensive and  
totally unnecessary. No Thank you!  
This seems an egregious waste of County  
funds.

Thank you for your time. A Concerned  
tax paying citizen and 4-H leader.

Sincerely,  
Theresa Whitney,  
Silver Spurs 4-H  
Sidekicks 4-H

**BOCC Regular Meeting**

**Public Comments**

**5-9-23**



Wendy Ray Johnson

Public comment  
Wendy Ray Johnson  
5/9/23

- A 2022 State Supreme Court ruling found that DNR is under no obligation to maximize revenue from logging and has myriad ways it can create benefits for “all the people.”

We do not need to choose between our older forests and infrastructure.

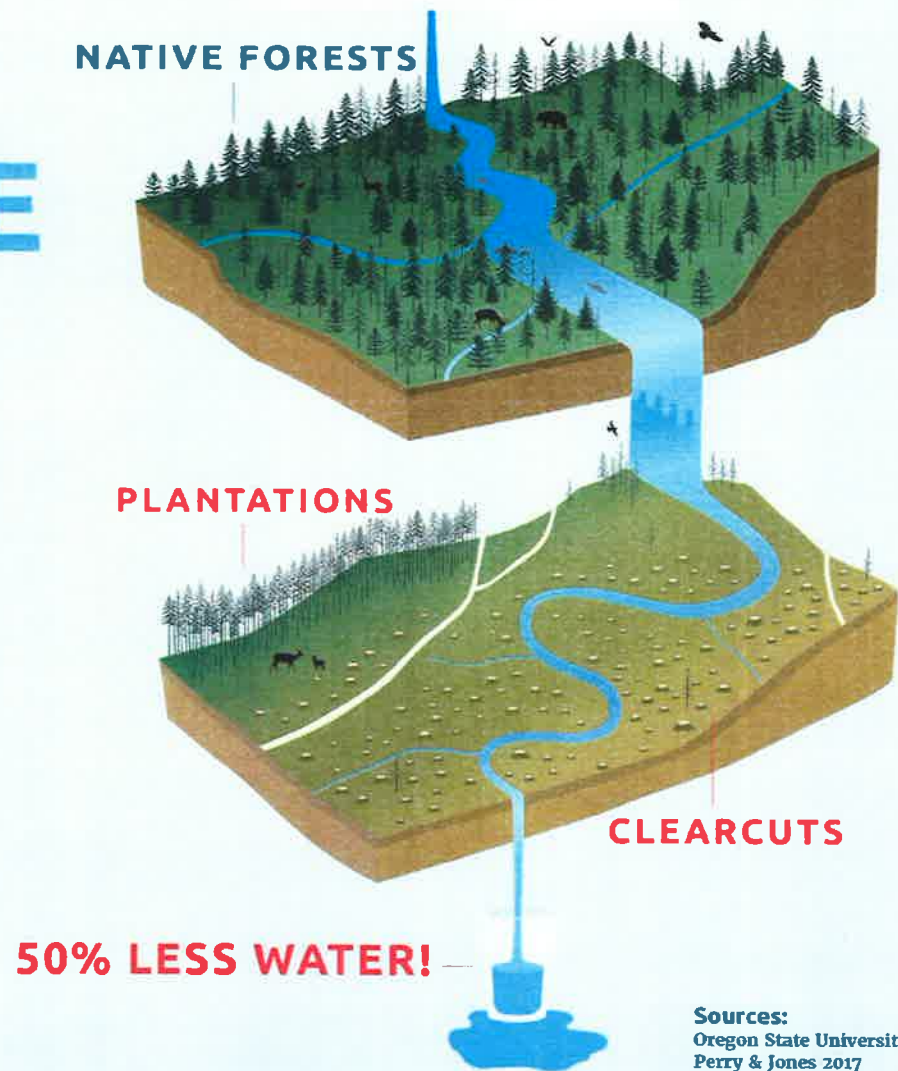
- Trust Land Transfer & Reconveyance
- DNR Carbon Program
- NEW State Budget Funding

These are programs that could fully fund our rural community beneficiaries AND conserve legacy/older forests.

**Please pause these sales to allow for the new state programs and applications to be in place.**

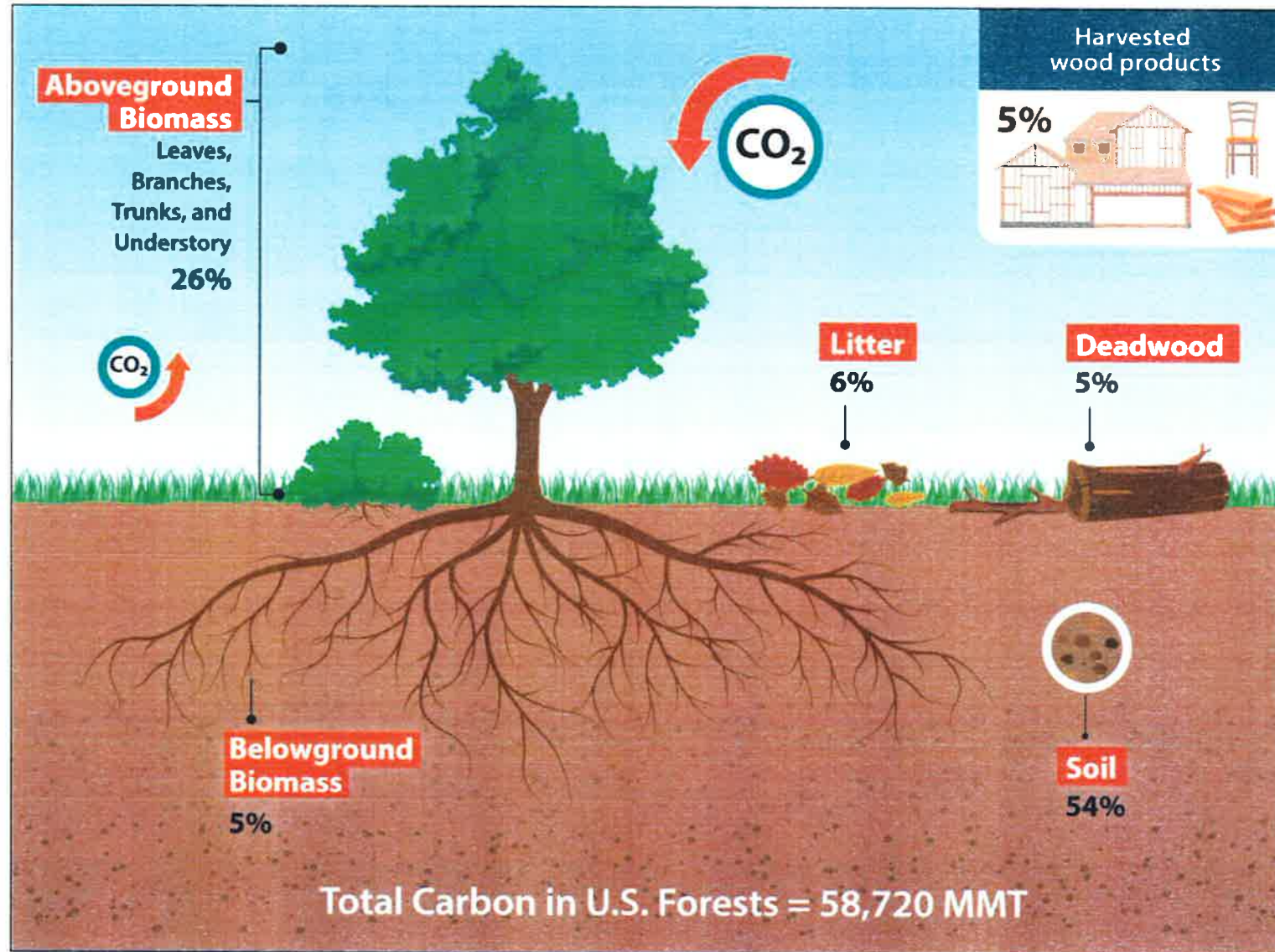
# WE CAN'T MAKE MORE WATER

INDUSTRIAL FORESTRY  
**REDUCES SUMMER  
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Sources:  
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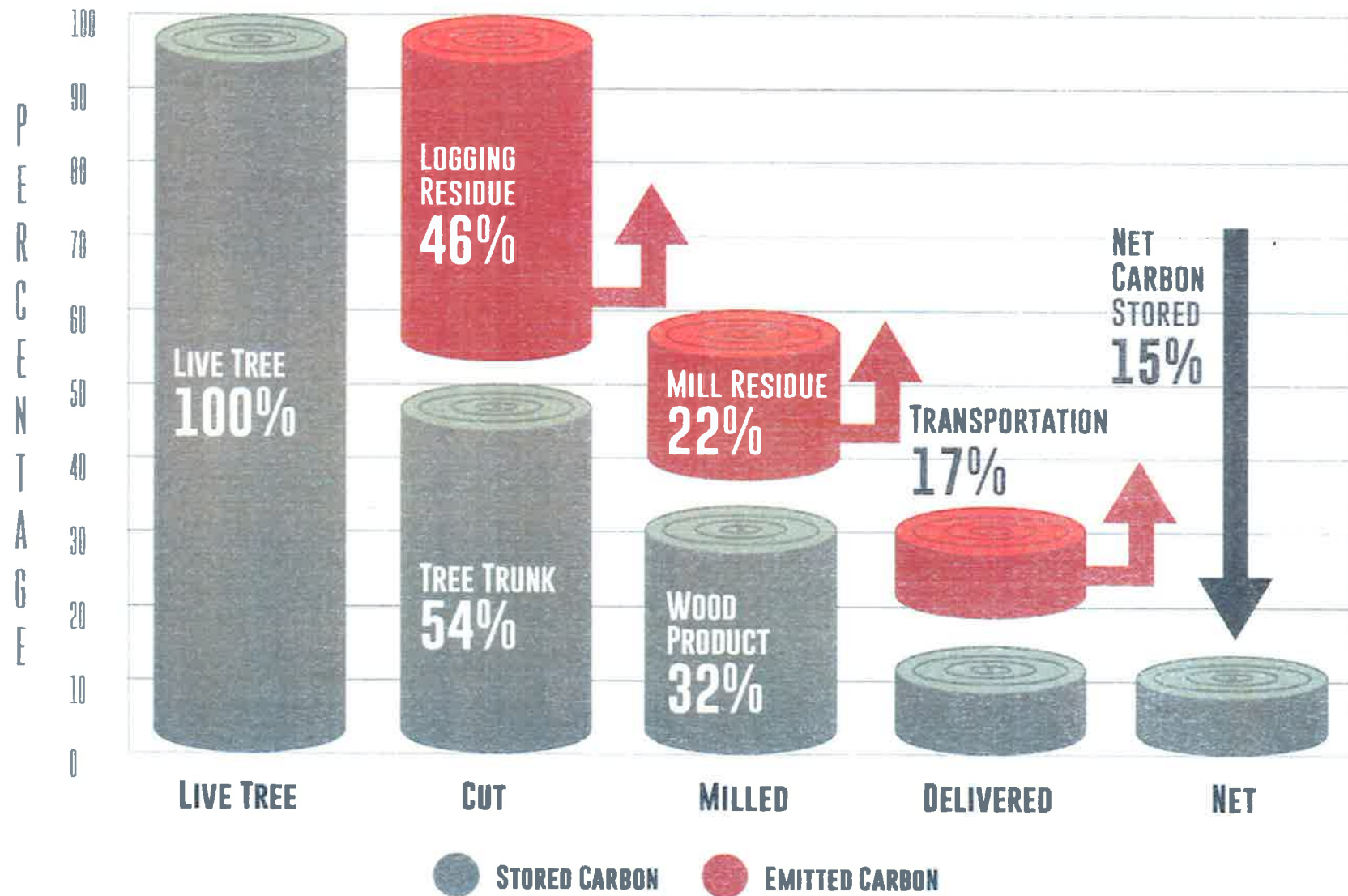
**Figure 2. Forest Carbon Pools**



**Source:** CRS, using data for 2019 from EPA, Table 6-12 in Chapter 6, “Land Use, Land-Use Change, and Forestry,” in *U.S. National Greenhouse Gas Inventory*, EPA 430-R-20-002, April 13, 2020.



# FATE OF CARBON FROM HARVESTED WOOD



◆ DATA FROM SMITH ET AL. 2006 AND GOWEN ET AL. 2006









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GOLF COURSE ARCHITECT



- . Machines harvest with minimal labor
- . Dense replanting in plantation rows
- . Pesticides and fertilizers control production





Public comment  
William Spring

5/9/23

Statement to the Clallam County Board of Commissioners, May 9, 2023

My name is William Spring. Next year will mark my fortieth as a Clallam County resident. I strongly support both protection of our precious and dramatic Peninsula landscape and the goal of an environmentally responsible forest products industry, which is an important, integral part of our local economy.

Gentlemen, I am here today to respectfully urge you to oppose proposed DNR Elwha watershed forest block sales TCB23 and Power Plant. Alternative funding sources for county capital projects exist, and should be utilized. Not least of these is the current bonanza in property tax revenues made possible by major increases in assessed valuations for the 2023 tax year. Another source of alternative revenue would be a portion of the 83 million dollars allocated by the Washington State legislature for conservation projects.

These proposed DNR sales violate both the letter and the spirit of DNR's purportedly sustainable, ecologically sound forest practices. The accelerating and systematic elimination of these complex, older, biologically crucial forests on DNR forest blocks is shameful and irresponsible. Our county must rise above condoning such indefensible policy decisions by DNR. Forestry science clearly asserts that these reservoirs of biodiversity, salmon habitat enhancement, watershed protection, and carbon sequestration deserve our protection and should not be dismantled for short-term financial gain. Should you elect to forbear and vote against these sales, nearby, existing, conventional, short-rotation DNR clear-cuts would be significantly aided in their ecological recovery by the retention of intact, complex, healthy forest islands.

We should also be mindful of likely damage to the integrity of the Elwha watershed, which supplies almost all of the drinking water supply of Port Angeles.

At a more general, conceptual level, there is truly no longer a rational justification for current cut levels on Washington DNR trust lands. One can understand that, at statehood in 1889, Washington was cash-poor, with both a small population and very modest tax revenues to support public capital project spending. How radically different is the current status in our state! We are now a heavily urbanized, wealthy state with a population of approximately eight million and an average per capita income third highest in the United States. We do not need to overcut our state's publicly owned forests to finance capital project construction.

I respectfully urge you, our elected County Commissioners, to follow the leadership of the Port Angeles City Council and vote against these ill-advised DNR proposals and set a higher standard for our very special county.

BOCC clerk copy

MAY 9, 2023  
Ed Telenic  
Public comment

Commissioners,

I am speaking today regarding a serious concern I have regarding the de facto Board of Equalization that you recently served on.

The sole function of this Board (BOE) is to provide citizens the opportunity to petition their property taxes before an independent group of fellow citizens. Property taxes generate almost 50 percent of the revenue for this County. It is the economic engine that allows this government to function. It pays for everything from this meeting room to your salaries. This Board is supposed to be the primary mechanism for taxpayers to have an audience before fellow citizens, and who theoretically do not have a vested interest in that revenue stream.

I want the public to more fully understand how this process unfolded this year so bear with me for a moment while I give a brief run down on what happened and why this is a big deal.

For the 2022 tax season there were 209 petitions submitted by citizens or organizations who were dissatisfied with their tax bills, according the clerk. Of those, approximately 70 of these cases ended up in front of the BOE. The remaining petitions were dropped for some reason.

I am told the usual reasons for dropping their hearings, is that citizens come to understand their taxes were fairly determined and decide against appearing before the Board; or they are offered some relief prior to their scheduled BOE hearings and they withdraw their petitions. In speaking to several petitioners and non-petitioners alike, I have also been told that people are routinely cautioned that their taxes may in fact go up by petitioning, which definitely raises the specter of an even higher tax bill. I'll leave it to the public to decide which explanations seem the most plausible!

Of those 70 odd cases appearing before the Board, only one petitioner had the Assessors valuation overturned. Another 14 were stipulated and granted a reduction in valuation by the Assessor's office. The numbers are a bit fuzzy because some petitioners had more than one property or their petitions involved multiple years.

In those stipulated cases, this means that the Assessor's office actually agreed that they erred in the original valuation and suggested that the Board concur with the new values. While it may have appeared that the Board was exercising independence, they were essentially once again agreeing with the Assessor's office. In some cases, the valuations had increased over 300 percent in one year. Even the newest Board member repeatedly raised this concern, and yet time and time again the Board sustained the Assessor's valuations.

I became concerned early on, when I observed what seemed like a very cozy relationship between Board members and the Assessor's office appraisers, especially when the cameras were turned off. I also discovered that their determinations were made within minutes of the end of the meetings, despite giving the petitioners the impression that there would be thoughtful deliberation to their petitions.

When one of the board members resigned, the Board continued to hold hearings without the required number of board members (3). They did not have an alternate who had also previously resigned. I found it troubling that they did not immediately notify the petitioners of that resignation. While they may have had a quorum, they failed to meet the other requirement of a minimum of three board members as required by law.

The State Dept of Revenue contacted the County and notified them they were in violation of the law. However that same statute granted them the option of allowing the Commissioners to serve as that Board, which you have done. The two remaining board members who remained, then became "Hearings Advisors" to you.

As expected, you were in essence caught in a trap and rubber stamped the cases brought before you. You didn't even have the luxury of questioning the "hearings examiners" who were not present for either "special Hearing", much less the petitioners who put a good faith effort into preparing their cases. The clerks in attendance were asked to field questions, but only had a brief summary to refer to when those questions were asked. Those questions should have been directed at the decision makers (or maker) as the last Hearing only had one "Examiner" in attendance.

While it can be argued that this decision is not necessarily final as petitioners are given the opportunity to appeal the Board's decisions to the state, it is generally not worth pursuing for most of us. What they are not told that it will likely take 18-24 months and they will become entangled in another bureaucracy even more frustrating than that of the County.

The BOE was already admonished for several procedural problems in a 2020 audit conducted by the WA Department of Revenue. In one instance there was a recommendation that they change their procedure for separately filing evidence to the Board and Assessors office in order maintain the appearance of independence. How do you think this process will be viewed in their eyes?

Taxpayers are already on the hook for paying for tax attorneys in two current lawsuits involving the Assessors' office, Interfor LLC and P.A Hardwoods for a previous tax year. Yesterday you rubber stamped this year's Hearing Examiner's determination for these same two companies and will likely become embroiled in future litigation because of how this entire process unfolded.

Because the Board had already made their determinations this entire exercise was really just a charade. In the end you may have met the legal requirement by serving on this board but you are all very smart guys and have to realize that this entire process was a sham. How in the world does this qualify as an independent process?

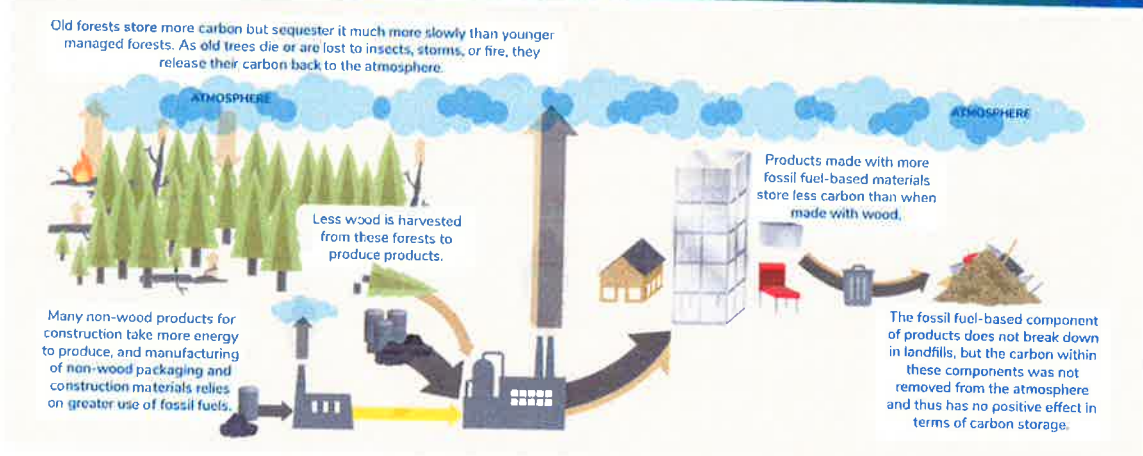
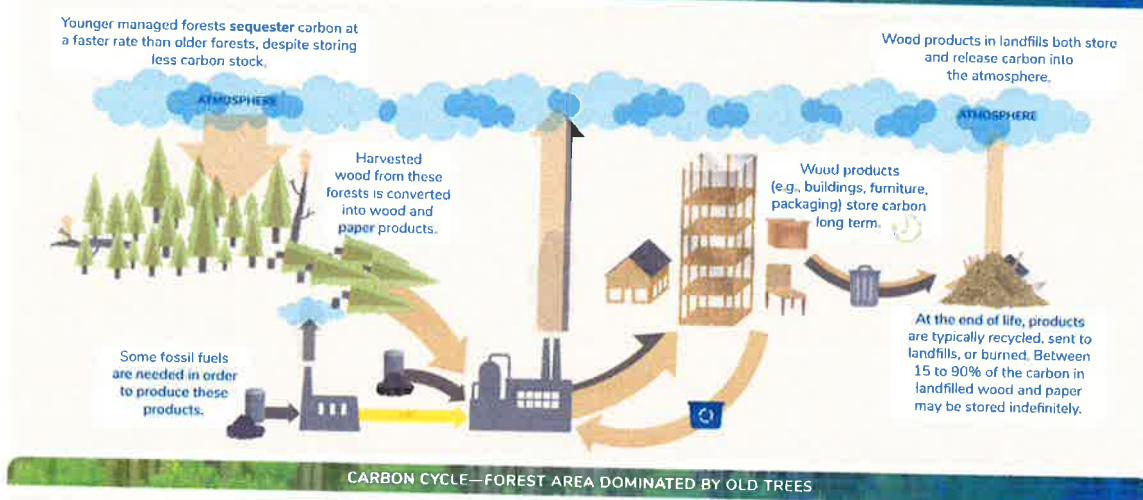
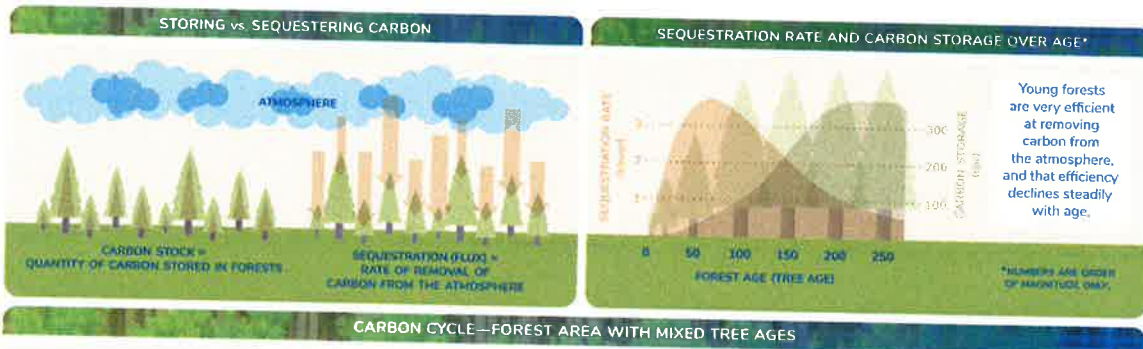
Frustratingly,

Ed Telenick

# Forest Carbon from Young vs. Old Forests

Rich James  
Public comment  
5/1/23

Forests of different ages play different roles in removing carbon from the atmosphere and storing it in wood. Old forests have accumulated more carbon than younger forests; however, young forests grow rapidly, removing much more CO<sub>2</sub> each year from the atmosphere than an older forest covering the same area. Managing forests to avoid large emissions from the loss of old trees while rapidly removing CO<sub>2</sub> from the atmosphere through young forest growth can provide both storage and sequestration benefits. In addition, managed forests produce wood products that store carbon long after the trees are harvested. These products provide an added benefit when they are used in place of more energy-intensive ones that require more fossil fuel emissions.



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Mary Jean Ryan

Rich James

Public Comment

6/9/23

Center for Responsible Forestry

- Not one representative of the Board of this organization has a Forestry Degree
- Purpose of the Center for Responsible Forestry is to protect Legacy Forests

- They define Legacy Forests as 2<sup>ND</sup> growth forests logged before WW2. This term has no meaning outside this organization & is not a recognized term used in Forest Management or by professional foresters

- This Legacy Forest term is being used by the forest protectionist lobby to remove a large area of land ~~managed~~ by the DNR. It's a meaningless term meant to appeal to those who would haffle the DNR in the same fashion as the US Forest Service has been crippled by the forest protectionist extreme environmentalist community.

- This group and their associates from the Colorado based Earth Law Center have been urging you & other local politicians to stop 2 DNR logging sales located in the Elwha River Drains

"This organization has been spreading false information about the effects of ~~logging~~ harvesting these 2 sites in the Elvula River Drainage.

• ~~Logging~~ Harvesting these sites will not have any effect on the water quality of the Elvula River. These unharvested area adjacent to the River that was purchased by the Federal Government prior to the removal of the dams is more than sufficient to filter any erosion materials that may be generated by harvest.

• The harvest of these 2 blocks will not affect the water quality of the water used by the City of PA as it comes from a surface well located near the Elvula river bridge.

• The harvest of these 2 blocks will also not shut down the Olympic adventure trail for more than 6 months time, a reasonable shut down, similar to the ones the trail has users have dealt with along other sections of the OAT. ~~The OAT doesn't need "driving" as they~~  
~~Abner A. Tiro had said. Santa Fe Law Center doesn't put up~~

• Even the argument about the Carbon Sequestration benefits of older forests is a false narrative. I submit to you a Carbon Sequestration comparison of young forests versus old forests put out by the National Council for Air and Stream Improvement which scientifically supports the fact that young forests remove much more CO<sub>2</sub> each year from the atmosphere than older forests.



The DNR has apparently managed first  
lands for the county & in years having  
disturb for many decades & there is  
no reason for the county to question  
their handling decision now in  
favor of an optimum environment  
by trying a series of false starts  
and even further to influence public  
opinion.

The Board needs to support the professional  
forest managers of the DNR in their management  
of forest resources and reject the social justice  
of extreme environmentalism of the "decaying"  
named "order for responsible forestry".  
As a tax payer, I do not want to  
see any decrease in revenues brought  
in by the DNR forestry which support  
County revenues & school revenues &  
~~the district revenues.~~

I do not want pay more taxes to get credit  
another 100,000 acres of ~~the~~ record growth DNR lands

self created  
to minimize  
forest



• I would urge the Board to reject the false narrative of a bunch of Seattle ~~and~~ <sup>Seattle</sup> food systemists. Please do not support this drive to haffle the DVR & turn the DVR into another

the protectionist organization like they have done to the food service through their lawsuits.

• The Board needs to support professional & responsible food management ~~and~~ <sup>as exemplified by the DVR & reject the environmental system of the people</sup> seeking only to support <sup>economic benefits</sup> ~~all~~ <sup>human</sup> activities from our managed food lands.