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Sent: Thursday, July 31, 2025 1:51 PM
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Subject: Board of Natural Resources Election - Ballot Attached - Return by 8/13/2025
Attachments: BNR Election Ballot 2025.pdf

Good afternoon Timber Counties,

WSAC was notified a month ago by Skagit County Commissioner Lisa Janicki that she was resigning from the Board of Natural Resources. Since then, WSAC has been conducting a process to elect one of our members to replace her.

The Board of Natural Resources has authority over the State Forestlands held in trust by the state and managed by the Department of Natural Resources for counties and taxing districts. There are 21 counties in our state where State Forestlands exist. The legislative authorities of those 21 counties have the right to vote for the county representative to the Forest Practices Board. WSAC sent out a detailed memo dated 7/7/2025 describing the background of the Board of Natural Resources county representative and the election process.

As part of the election process, WSAC called for nominations with a deadline of 7/25/25. One nomination was received from Clallam County Commissioner Randy Johnson.

A meeting was held this morning, 7/31/205, at 11 AM to hear from the nominee. Members who attended also asked questions and received responses.

It is now time for the eligible counties to vote. Those counties that have a vote are as follows: Clallam, Clark, Cowlitz, Grays Harbor, Jefferson, King, Kitsap, Kittitas, Klickitat, Lewis, Okanogan, Mason, Pacific, Pierce, Skagit, Skamania, Snohomish, Stevens, Thurston, Wahkiakum, and Whatcom. According to statute, each eligible county is entitled to one vote. Since it is the legislative authority that may vote, counties may submit a unanimous ballot, or they may choose to fractionalize their vote for different candidates. For instance, if a three-member board chooses to fractionalize its vote, each member may cast a 1/3 vote for that candidate of their choice. To fractionalize the vote, each board or council merely needs to divide its one vote by the number of board or council members.

I've attached a ballot for you to use to cast your vote. You decide how your board/council will conduct the vote.

Please complete your ballot and return it to me by 5:00 PM on Wednesday, August 13, 2025. After the election deadline, I will tally the votes, certify the results, and notify you of the outcome.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need anything further from me.

Sincerely,

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Board of Natural Resources Election Ballot

Election Deadline: August 13, 2025, 5:00 PM

County: _____

Is this ballot fractionalized?* _____

If so, please indicate the percentage of the vote next to each nominee in the boxes below:

_____ Commissioner Randy Johnson (Clallam County)

_____ Write In _____

Chair Signature: _____

Name (Please Print: _____

*Each County with State Forestlands has one vote in this election and shall submit only one ballot. A Board of Commissioners or County Council may choose to fractionalize it's one vote among candidates to reflect the vote of each Commissioner or Councilmember. The total of all fractionalized votes must be equal to 1 vote.

Ballots must be received by WSAC via email no later than **August 13, 2025, 5:00 PM.**

Completed ballots must be emailed to Paul Jewell, WSAC Government Relations Director (pjewell@wsac.org).