

# COUNTY OF PACIFIC

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PACIFIC COUNTY COURTHOUSE  
National Historic Site

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North Cove Area – (360) 267-9300\*  
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December 11, 2006

**R E C E I V E D**

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**WSAC**

Bill Vogler: Executive Director  
Tom Robinson: Timber Program Manager  
Washington State Association of Counties  
206 Tenth Avenue SE  
Olympia, WA 98501

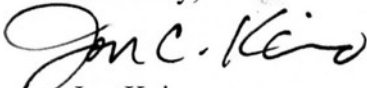
Bill and Tom:

Please accept this letter as my declaration of interest in the WSAC appointment to the Board of Natural Resources.

If supported by the counties, I am prepared to make the commitment necessary to vigorously represent our interests as a member of this very important panel. I also commit to do what is necessary to gather input from, and provide information to, the WSAC members I represent on this Board.

If you need any additional information, please let me know.

Sincerely,

  
Jon Kaino

December 6, 2006

Washington State Association of Counties:

I am writing this letter to let you know that I have been approached and asked if I would consider becoming a candidate to serve as the Timber Counties Representative on the Board of Natural Resources. After careful and thoughtful consideration, I have concluded that I would be very interested and honored to have such an opportunity.

I have served as County Commissioner for the past 6 years and participated on many committees during that time, including the WSAC Legislative Steering Committee as Co-Chair, NACo's Environmental, Energy and Land Use Committee, Chair of NACo's Watershed and Water Quality Committees, in addition to serving on a NACo Appointed Committee to review the Endangered Species Act Revision. I've been involved in numerous forestry issues in Skagit County, along with Commissioner Ted W. Anderson. Yet, with all the challenges facing our counties, it has become very clear to me the most significant to our rural timber counties is a sustainable forest practice industry.

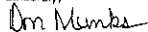
That challenge has become even greater as we have been faced with a growing population, pressures on land uses within resource designations, which includes conversions and places to recreate and new regulations. Protecting our interests as beneficiaries is of the utmost concern as we (Counties) struggle with finding ways to finance our growing demands. I fully support sustaining forestry to help maintain healthy forests, clean water, diversified wildlife habitats, recreational opportunities, open space amenities, and cultural values as well as providing other public benefits. As a rural county who depends on our resources for economic diversity and stability I also believe in the preservation and sustainability of the entire forest management scheme including forest management, timber harvesting and wood products manufacturing, etc., and will strive to promote a viable forest industry in our State.

My background has included working at the local, state and federal levels on a variety of issues. I have been a Skagit County Commissioner since 2000 and Chairman two times during that period. I have also served on the NACo Meth Task Force, which requires a strong leadership role.

I have had the great advantage of observing my colleague, Ted Anderson, reside in this position over the last two years as he has mentored me through the issues and challenges. I am very aware of the time commitment and am willing to engage in the responsibilities with energy and motivation to serve the timber counties and promote our best interests as beneficiaries on this very important Board. As many of you may know, Skagit County created the Natural Resource Lands Policy Director position, which has enabled staffing for this appointment, the ability to stay in constant contact with DNR and other resource agencies/tribes and to remain informed on up to the minute issues so that we have been able to take immediate actions as needed. For these reasons, I would very much appreciate your consideration and support in appointing me to the Counties seat on the Board of Natural Resources.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Don Munks  
Skagit County Commissioner

