

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSINERS
PACIFIC COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

RESOLUTION NO. 2012 - 003

**IN THE MATTER OF ELECTING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE
VOLUNTARY STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM (RCW 36.70A.705)**

WHEREAS, the Washington State Legislature, through Engrossed Substitute House Bill (ESHB) 1886, effective July 22, 2011, created a Voluntary Stewardship Program (VSP) for the protection of critical areas in areas of agricultural activities; and,

WHEREAS, the legislation makes enrollment in the VSP an alternative for protecting critical areas on lands used for agricultural activities; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to ESHB 1886, counties that wish to enroll must do so by January 22, 2012; and,

WHEREAS, Pacific County planning staff, in cooperation with the Washington State Conservation Commission, the Ruckelshaus Center, US Natural Resource Conservation Service, and the Pacific County Conservation District have held a public workshop to consider all options pertaining to ESHB 1886 and the requirement to protect critical areas with respect to agricultural activities within unincorporated Pacific County under the Growth Management Act; and,

WHEREAS, Pacific County advertised the VSP on the County website, provided public notice in the *Chinook Observer* and the *Willapa Harbor Herald*, and mailed the public hearing notice to property owners and other affected and interested individuals, tribes, government agencies, businesses, school districts, and organizations (375 postcard notices); and,

WHEREAS, on January 5, 2012, the Planning Commission held a public meeting to review the VSP with staff and representatives from the Conservation District, and the Farm Bureau; and were in favor of opting into the VSP: and,

WHEREAS, it appears to be in the best interest of the public to opt-in to the VSP; and now therefore,

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Pacific County Commissioners hereby:

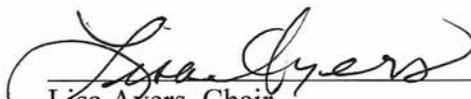
- 1) Elects to enroll the entirety of unincorporated Pacific County, and all of its watersheds, in the Voluntary Stewardship Program established by Engrossed Substitute House Bill 1886.
- 2) Nominate the Willapa watershed (Water Resource Inventory Area 24), as delineated in the attached map, as a priority watershed; this designation shall be conveyed to the State Conservation Commission.

- 3) Elects to have Pacific County proceed as required by ESHB 1886 to implement the requirements of the VSP once the Washington State Legislature provides adequate funding for such activity.

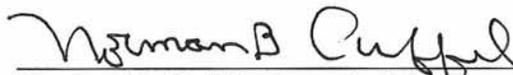
PASSED by the Board of Pacific County Commissioners this 17th day of January, 2012 by the Board of Pacific County Commissioners in a continued session at South Bend, Washington then signed by its membership and attested to by its Clerk in authorization of such passage:

3 YEA; 0 NAY; 0 ABSTAIN; 0 ABSENT

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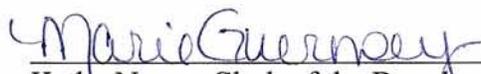


Lisa Ayers, Chair

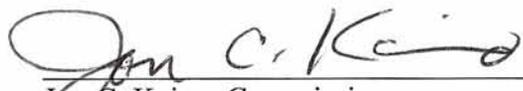


Norman B. Cuffel, Commissioner

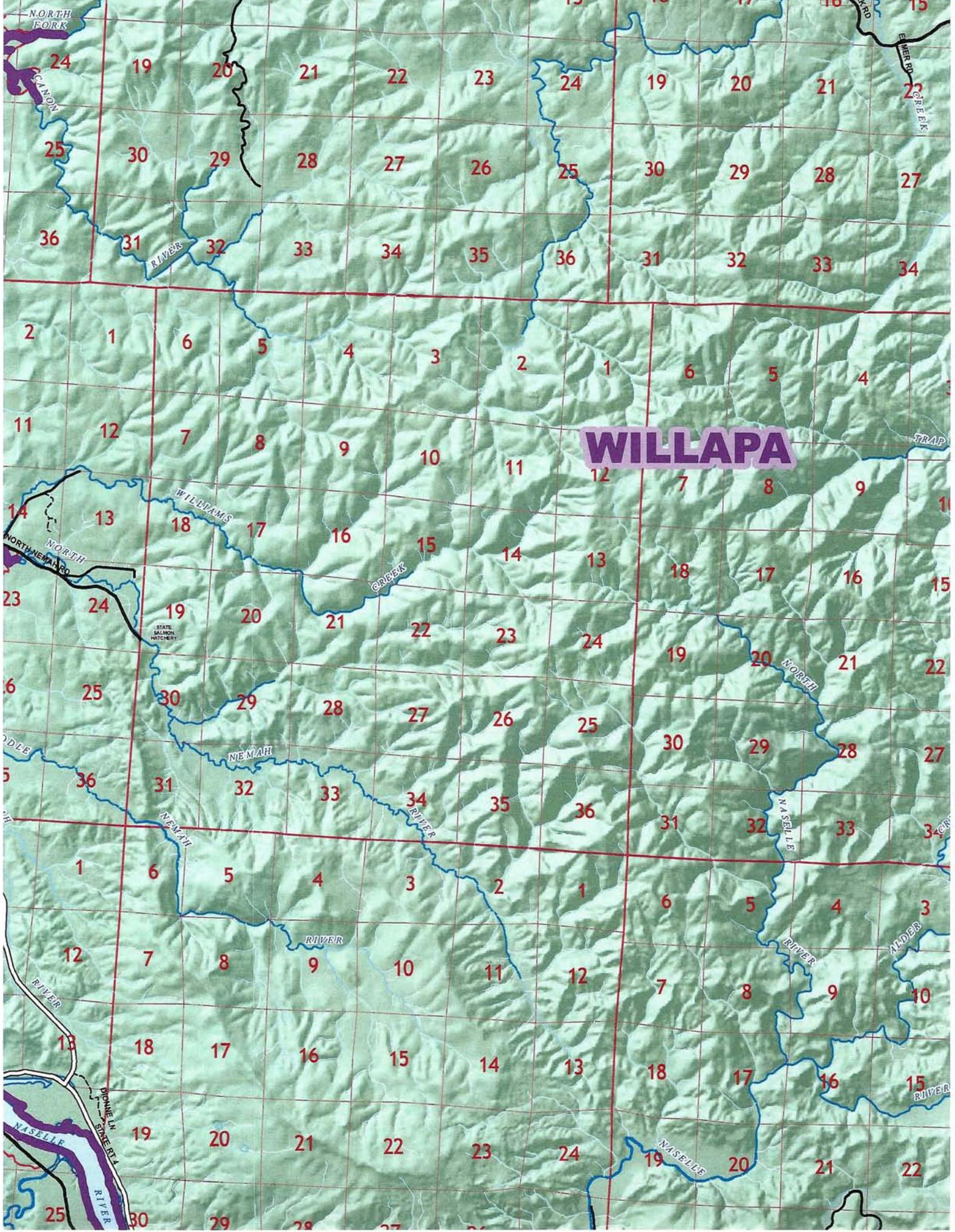
ATTEST:



Kathy Noren, Clerk of the Board
Deputy



Jon C. Kaino, Commissioner



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