

**BOARD OF ISLAND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES OF MEETING
MAY 16, 2007 - SPECIAL SESSION**

The Board of Island County Commissioners met in Special Session on Wednesday, May 16, 2007, departing from the Courthouse in Coupeville at approximately 2:50 p.m. to participate in a 3:00 p.m. field visit at the Rhododendron County Park arranged by Lee McFarland, Island County Parks Superintendent, to review the proposed hazardous tree removal project at the county park. Mike Shelton, Chairman, Wm. L. McDowell, Member, and John Dean, Member, participated.

Also attending were:

Staff: Elaine Marlow, Lee McFarland

Press: Reporters from Whidbey News Times and Whidbey Examiner

As the notice of special session indicated, anyone interested in attending was invited to make arrangements through the General Services Administration, Parks Department, by contacting Lee McFarland.

All concerned walked around the campgrounds and viewed the trees marked for possible removal. It was decided that at an upcoming staff session the Board and county staff will further discuss the issue of tree removal from the county park. To a question as to how certain trees were selected for removal, Lee McFarland commented that the trees marked in blue are identified as hazardous trees or those whose removal will improve the overall health of the forest.

The special session adjourned upon completion of the field trip at approximately 3:50 p.m. The Board's next regular meeting is scheduled on May 21, 2007 at 9:30 a.m.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ISLAND COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Mike Shelton, Chairman

Wm. L. McDowell, Member

John Dean, Member

ATTEST: _____
Elaine Marlow, Clerk of the Board