

**BOARD OF ISLAND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES OF MEETING
APRIL 20, 2007 SPECIAL SESSION**

The Board of Island County Commissioners met in Special Session on Friday, April 20, 2007, departing from the Courthouse in Coupeville at approximately 2:00 p.m. to participate in a field visit to Parego's Lake, arranged by Phil Bakke, Director, Planning & Community Development, to learn about functions of a marine estuary. Mike Shelton, Chairman, Wm. L. McDowell, Member, and John Dean, Member, participated.

Also attending were:

Staff: Jeff Tate; Justin Craven, Matt Kukuk, Kirsten Harma, Chris Wilson

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 Planning & Community Development Department.

Mr. Bakke indicated this was the first in a series of proposed field trips. Island County's wetland categories are currently under review for categorization into a four-tier system. The on-site visits will explain the evaluation process, identification of wetland samples for each of the four categories in order to provide the Commissioners on-the-ground knowledge of wetland categories, habitat and buffers.

The special session adjourned upon completion of the field trip at approximately 3:45 p.m. The Board's next regular meeting is scheduled on April 23, 2007 at 11:00 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