

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
 PEND OREILLE COUNTY
 STATE OF WASHINGTON

ORDINANCE NO. 2012- 2

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

- WHEREAS:** the Washington State Legislature, through ESHB 1886, created a Voluntary Stewardship Program ("VSP") for protection of critical areas in areas of agricultural activities; and
- WHEREAS:** ESHB 1886, as codified in RCW 36.70A.710, states that "As an alternative to protecting critical areas in areas used for agricultural activities through development regulations adopted under RCW 36.70A.060, the legislative authority of a county may elect to protect such critical areas through the program."; and
- WHEREAS:** in order to participate in the VSP, the legislative authority of a county must elect to participate by January 22, 2012; and
- WHEREAS:** prior to electing to participate in the VSP, a county is required to (a) confer with tribes, and environmental and agricultural interests; and (b) provide notice following the public participation and notice provisions of RCW 36.70A.035 to property owners and other affected and interested individuals, tribes, government agencies, businesses, school districts, and organizations; and
- WHEREAS:** Pend Oreille County, provided public notice in the *Newport Miner*, and mailed the public hearing notice to property owners and other affected and interested individuals, tribes, government agencies, businesses, school districts, and organizations and
- WHEREAS:** after due notice, the Pend Oreille County Board of County Commissioners held a public hearing JAN 17, 2012, to hear testimony and take public comment regarding Pend Oreille County electing to participate in the VSP; and
- WHEREAS:** on January 17, 2012, the Pend Oreille County Board of Commissioners deliberated on this ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED That the Pend Oreille County Board of Commissioners hereby:

1. Elects to have Pend Oreille County participate in the *Voluntary Stewardship Program*.
2. Identifies the entire county of Pend Oreille watershed for participation in the *Voluntary Stewardship Program*.
3. Nominates the WRIA 62 for consideration by the State Conservation Commission as state priority watersheds.
4. Elects to have Pend Oreille County proceed as required by ESHB 1886, as currently codified in RCW 36.70A, to implement the requirements of the *Voluntary Stewardship Program* once the Washington State Legislature provides adequate funding for such activity.

ADOPTED this 17th day of Jan, 2012.

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 Laura Merrill, Chair

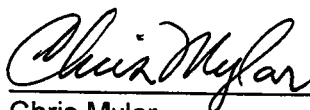


 Diane Wear, Vice-Chairman



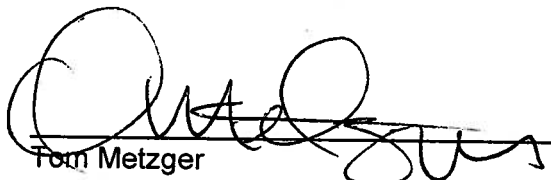
 John Hankey, Commissioner

ATTEST:
CLERK OF THE BOARD



 Chris Mylar

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



 Tom Metzger
 Prosecuting Attorney