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NEWS RELEASE

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Statewide Mandatory Manual Recount for Commissioner of Public Lands

CLALLAM COUNTY – The 2024 Primary was certified by the Clallam County Canvassing Board on Tuesday, August 20, 2024, bringing the Primary to a close. Results are available on the Clallam County Elections website at www.clallamcountywa.gov/elections.

The Office of the Secretary of State called for an official statewide manual recount for the office of Commissioner of Public Lands.

Candidate Dave Upthegrove is leading Sue Kuehl Pederson by 51 votes which is well within recount range. A statewide race triggers a hand recount when the difference between the two candidates is both less than 1,000 votes and less than ¼ of 1% (.0025).

At a Canvassing Board meeting that was held today, Friday, August 23, at 2:00 p.m. authorization was given to conduct a mandatory manual recount for the office of Commissioner of Public Lands. The Board formally set the date and time of the recount, and authorized election staff to open the sealed ballot containers. The mandatory recount will be conducted August 26-30, 2024, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. each day. A meeting to certify the results of the recount has been scheduled for Tuesday, September 3, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. All meetings and recount activities will be held in the Elections Center, located on the lower level of the Clallam County Courthouse, 223 E 4th St, Room 072, Port Angeles, Washington, 98362.

The meetings of the Canvassing Board and the recount are open public meetings under the applicable provisions of chapter 42.30 RCW. Each meeting will be continued until the activity for which the meeting is held has been completed.

Candidates and official observers of the two major parties are being notified of the recount and invited to observe the recount.

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