

# Stillaguamish Country Club Tree Cutting Authorization Form

Date \_\_\_\_\_

This form is for authorization for member \_\_\_\_\_ Lot # \_\_\_\_\_

To cut and remove trees as specified by the Grounds Committee and in accordance with the Standing Rules of the Club.

## Check Appropriate Box Below

\_\_\_\_\_ I wish to cut 1 to 3 trees on my assigned Lot# \_\_\_\_\_  
*See Standing Rules 17.A, B, C, D, F, G, I, J, K*

\_\_\_\_\_ I wish to cut more than 3 trees on my assigned Lot# \_\_\_\_\_  
*See Standing Rules 17.A, B, C, D, F, G, I, J, K*

\_\_\_\_\_ I wish to cut wood on SCC grounds.  
# of Trees \_\_\_\_\_ Approximate # of cords \_\_\_\_\_  
*See Standing Rules 17.C, D, F, G, H, I, J, K*

\_\_\_\_\_ I wish to cut hazardous trees.  
*See Standing Rules 17.E, F, G, H, I, J, K*

Notes or Comments:

Grounds Committee Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Trees have been cut and debris removed within 90 days of above date per agreement:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Club Member

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Committee Member

Please return to chair of Grounds Committee upon completion

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## Special Rules Covering Tree Cutting - SR 17

17. As recognized by Washington State law, trees belong to the land. Thus, Club members may not profit individually from trees on their assigned lots or elsewhere on corporation property nor can firewood be removed from Club grounds. Trees enhance the beauty of the Club and provide a special and unique ecosystem. Thus, members must contact the Grounds Committee before cutting any trees on any corporation property, except in emergencies (e.g., trees that have been damaged by weather and that threaten member's improvement). Yarding report must be submitted as required by the State of Washington.

a. No tree may be cut for personal financial gain. Profit from cutting of trees (sale of trees less cutting costs) must be given to the Corporation. If trees are cut and sold, the member must provide the Board of Trustees with an itemized invoice showing sale price and cutting costs.

b. In any 3-year period, members may not cut more than 50 percent of trees on their assigned lot. Tree cutting rules apply only to trees greater than 6" in diameter at four feet off the ground and more than 150' from a waterway.

c. Members must mark all trees to be cut, either on their assigned lot or on community property, and advise the chairman of the Grounds Committee in writing of the proposed cutting and reason for removal. If a member will cut 1 to 3 trees in a one calendar year period, he or she must have a signed authorization form from the Grounds Committee before cutting begins. If a member wishes to cut more than 3 trees in a one-year period, he or she must have an authorization form approved by the Board and signed by the Grounds Committee before cutting begins. Possible reasons for denial include property line issues, need for County permission, need to limit cut to three trees, or the need for a hazard tree assessment from a certified arborist.

d. Upon completion of cutting and cleanup the Grounds Committee chair shall give all notifications of tree cutting and authorizations for such cutting to the Administrative Secretary. These will be filed by lot number in the Club files.

e. Members are to contact the resident Grounds Committee person and request, either orally or in writing, permission to cut windfalls. Written permission must be given before any cutting is done. The resident Grounds Committee member can act immediately on dangerous trees or those obstructing right-of ways and does not need the signatures of other committee members.

f. Any member of the Grounds Committee wanting to cut and/or remove trees on their assigned lot or on community property must obtain the signature of another member of the committee for permission.

g. Before signing the Tree Cutting Authorization Form the Grounds Committee member must personally inspect the tree(s) to be cut.

h. Club members shall exercise reasonable care in cutting trees. The intent of permission is to prevent damage to persons or property and to preserve and manage the natural environment consistent with the intent of the Bylaws of the Corporation.

i. Each Club member in good standing is entitled to up to three cords of wood per year from Club community property as allocated by the Grounds Committee.

j. Members shall have no more than 90 days to remove debris from tree cutting. If a member fails to do so, the Grounds Committee or Board of Trustees may have the area cleaned and costs will be borne by the responsible member.

k. **Large Trees Within 150' of French Creek, the River, or Blue Pond:** In addition to the above requirements c,d,f,g, and h for large trees, a hazard tree assessment by a certified arborist is required by Snohomish County to cut any tree within a "Critical Area," defined as a buffer of 150' around any salmon-bearing waterway. This includes French Creek and Blue Pond in addition to the North Fork of the Stillaguamish River. Refer to Assistance Bulletins #15 (Critical Area Regulations) and #52 (Hazard Tree Removal) from the Snohomish County Planning and Development website. Any tree may not be removed for sale or firewood. The SCC Standing Rule for cleanup is therefore overruled in this case. Replanting the area is recommended.

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