

Grant News June 2011

Project Snapshot Will Highlight Your Projects – Photographs Needed

PRISM soon will have a new feature, called Project Snapshot, that will allow Internet users to get information about your projects. Web visitors will be able to see information on your projects, including contacts, funding, location, metrics, status, and photographs. In preparation, we are asking YOU to upload a few of your best photographs to showcase your completed projects.

Load each photograph into PRISM as a “.jpeg” and include a caption. We want high quality photographs (less than 1 mg) that demonstrate recreational use of your project or that highlight some of your project’s best features. Photographs you identify as primary and secondary in PRISM also can be included in your final report and may be used in our “Featured Projects” section of our Web site.

To find Project Snapshot now, go to PRISM, selected a project on the Project Browse screen, they click on the View Snapshot button in the upper right (above the Projects Meeting Criteria section of the page). You can send this link to others or use it on your Web sites.

Right now, you can only get to Project Snapshot from PRISM or a created link, but RCO soon will have a search tool on our Web site that will allow the public to find your projects.

Workshop for Successful Applicants Coming in July

In June, after Legislative approval of the 2011-2013 state capital budget, the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board will award grants for the following programs:

- Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account
- Boating Facilities
- Firearms and Archery Range Recreation
- Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities
- Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program

In addition, grants were approved last fall for:

- Land and Water Conservation Fund
- Boating Infrastructure Grants Program
- Recreational Trails Program.

All applicants awarded grants in these programs are asked to participate in a Successful Applicant Workshop. RCO staff is offering this workshop to share tips on how to implement a funded project and comply with the terms of the project agreement. Topics we will cover include:

- Revisions to the RCO agreement (new project description)
- Revised reporting requirements (documenting progress)
- Revisions to the acquisition procedures
- Revised billing procedures (sponsor profile)
- Meeting project agreement milestones
- Expectations for development projects

This workshop, planned for July 2011, is for applicants awarded grants in 2010 and 2011. Our plan is to offer an in-person and online training option for your convenience. Details about the workshop dates, times, and registration process will be published soon.

Salmon Habitat Conference

More than 500 people attended the Salmon Recovery Funding Board's third Salmon Habitat Conference: Building Better Projects, on April 26-27, 2011 at the Great Wolf Lodge in Grand Mound. The conference offered an opportunity for those involved in salmon recovery to reflect upon the past decade of recovery work and to consider what worked, what was not working, and ways to improve the quality and cost-effectiveness of projects.

This conference included two full days of learning opportunities from experts in salmon recovery. Keynote speakers included Congressman Norm Dicks, Congressman Doc Hastings, the National Oceanic and Atmosphere Administration's Regional Administrator Will Stelle, and Tom Jay, a salmon naturalist. Through project presentations, panels, and technical workshops, participants had a chance to listen to specialists and meet with their peers, hear their stories, and share information on how to build higher quality salmon projects. A variety of exhibitors provided information about salmon recovery work. [See conference materials.](#)

PRISM / Habitat Work Schedule (HWS) Gateway

The HWS-PRISM Gateway allows Lead Entities to start a project contract in HWS and then submit it to Recreation and Conservation Office directly into PRISM. The HWS-PRISM relationship allows Lead Entities to work more seamlessly between the two systems, and paves the way for data mining between the two systems in the future.