

**INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE FOR OUTDOOR RECREATION
SUMMARY MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING**

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Tacoma, Washington

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INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ruth Mahan, Chair	Friday Harbor
Bob Parlette	Wenatchee
Rex Derr	Director, State Parks and Recreation Commission
Craig Partridge	Designee, Department of Natural Resources
Elyse Kane	Designee, Department of Fish and Wildlife

IT IS INTENDED THAT THIS SUMMARY BE USED WITH THE NOTEBOOK PROVIDED IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING.
A RECORDED TAPE IS RETAINED BY IAC AS THE FORMAL RECORD OF MEETING.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:18 a.m. by chair Ruth Mahan.

Elyse Kane MOVED to approve the December 5, 2002, and January 29, 2003, meeting minutes. Rex Derr SECONDED the motion. Meeting minutes APPROVED.

Director Johnson reviewed the meeting agenda; one project change has been removed from consideration (State Parks Project #96-1081 – Beacon Rock Doetsch Campground Development). The Board would like to start the executive session earlier than originally planned and resume the meeting 1:00 p.m. instead of 1:30 p.m. The agenda was approved as amended.

MANAGEMENT STATUS REPORT

Director's Report

Director Laura Johnson reported on staff activities since the last meeting. (See notebook item #2a for details.)

- She updated the IAC on the Salmon Recovery Funding Board's (SRFB) technical panel activities.
- The Federal budget has passed. The SRFB received money for salmon recovery; Land and Water funding was reduced to under \$2 million, which will be difficult since we have over \$2 million in requests this year.
- Coordination with other agencies: IAC is the lead agency on development of a Data Portal. This will be a place to go to gather all natural resource data available through state agencies. The IAC data management system (PRISM) was recently sold to the Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW). The Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) is also interested in purchasing PRISM.

Financial and Administration Report

There is a written report only since Debra Wilhelmi is on annual leave. Mark Jarasitis is at the meeting to answer questions if necessary. (See notebook item 2b for details.)

Planning-Related Status Report

There is a written report only. (See notebook item 2c for details.)

Project Services Report

Marguerite Austin presented this agenda item. (See notebook item 2d for details.)

Marguerite updated the Board on project staff activities and highlighted the grant programs brochure and publications brochure.

- Recently completed the NOVA grant cycle.
- Many local agency applicants are having budget problems and will not be able to submit as many projects as planned earlier.
- The city of Cheney has voted to disband its Parks and Recreation Department. Some of the duties will be picked up by other departments but IAC staff will need to make sure project activities are covered.
- The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has had to temporarily close some campsites for budget purposes. (Craig Partridge noted these are general fund sites and the governor's budget zeros out the DNR general fund budget. They are hoping this is a temporary closure.)

Legislative Update

Jim Fox presented this agenda item. (See notebook item 2e for details.)

- March 5, 2003, was cutoff for bills to move from house of origin or be deemed dead. This does not include budget bills.
- House Bill 1698 concerning NOVA funds is still alive. There is a specific agenda item on this bill later in the meeting.
- A number of bills that came out of State Parks and Outdoor Recreation Task Force (SPORTF) have died except the one that continues the work of the task force for another year.
- Substitute Senate Bill 5518, one of the land acquisition bills, is still moving along. This bill would require a County Commissioner hearing on any state agency land acquisition over 5 acres and would require the legislature to specifically direct those acquisitions.
- Senate Bill 5112 and House Bill 1136 would reduce minimum acquisition percentage in the state parks category of the Washington Wildlife Recreation Program (WWRP) from 75% to 50%. This change was a recommendation from the SPORTF.

- Budget will hopefully be completed by the end of session, April 27. Expecting House version to be released later this month after the economic forecast is released.

Rex Derr asked about the local park districts having more ability to move moneys from acquisition to maintenance and operations and to expand its revenue base in support of parks and recreation. Jim reported that the interest is there but the solution is not clear yet. One of the conservation futures tax bills is still alive that would raise it from 6.25 cents per thousand to 10 cents and allow a fraction of that revenue to be used for maintenance and operation costs.

CONSENT AGENDA

Elyse Kane MOVED to approve Resolution #2003-02. (See notebook item 3 for details.) Rex Derr SECONDED the motion. Resolution #2003-02 APPROVED.

PROJECT CHANGES - CONVERSIONS

Scott Chapman presented this agenda item. Scott reviewed the IAC conversion policy.

Thurston County Parks and Recreation - Chehalis Western Trail (See notebook item 4 for details.)

Scott Chapman reviewed the Thurston County conversion request.

The question was raised on whether the 14th Avenue trestle would be eliminated. Michael Welter, Thurston County Parks Director, did not think, due to the large volume of traffic in that area, that an overpass type access would ever be eliminated.

Elyse Kane wanted to explore the conversion request without property number 2. Bob Parlette wanted to see the property conditioned to make sure an over- or under-pass is required at 14th Avenue.

Marguerite Austin informed the Board that the replacement property is over the amount required for the original conversion, so the Board could approve the conversion without this parcel, wait until the actual conversion takes place to include special conditions in the agreement language, or condition the parcel through Resolution #2003-03.

Public Testimony:

Michael Welter, Thurston County Parks Director reported that the funding is coming from County Conservation Funds. On the 14th Avenue piece, when originally purchased from the city of Olympia, the city had started discussing widening the road. They anticipate this will happen but still don't know when. Thurston County would prefer IAC condition this parcel than to remove it from this conversion. There is a push to get both state and federal funding to connect the Thurston County Chehalis Western Trail to DNR's Woodard Bay Trail. The plans would require dedicated pedestrian routes over or under both I-5 and Martin Way.

Rex Derr reported that he uses the trail and that it is a wonderful trail. He would like to see the condition to keep trails safe by requiring an over- or under-pass so there is no need to cross any busy unsafe roads.

Elyse Kane does not want to see the trestle pulled apart. Replacement is the harder issue, they can't take the property away but we can't require an overpass. Welter stated Thurston County will work with the city of Olympia to see that they continue to follow the original master plan.

Bob Parlette wanted to condition the conversion so the overpass on 14th Avenue will be maintained in perpetuity.

Craig Partridge asked if the city of Olympia has the right to make revisions on the property that would cost the county? Mr. Welter reported that no, the city of Olympia is actually leasing the right-of-way from Thurston County.

Ruth Mahan noted that the language would need to be in the deed and whether or not this could be attached is another question. You can put whatever you want in a deed but whether or not you follow through would be in question. Staff will need to come back to the Board at the July meeting with the technical details on how to protect this property.

Bob Parlette agreed with a condition of replacement of the trestle or suitable overpass.

Rex Derr MOVED to adopt Resolution #2003-03. Craig Partridge SECONDED.

Board Discussion:

Bob Parlette moved to amend Resolution #2003-03 to include "The IAC approves the 14th Avenue conversion (parcel #2) conditioned upon suitable replacement with a new overpass or maintaining the existing overpass as currently exists."

Rex Derr SECONDED the amendment. Amendment APPROVED.

Resolution #2003-03 APPROVED as amended.

King County Parks Conversion

Darrell Jennings presented this agenda item.

Elyse Kane MOVED to approve Resolution #2003-04. Rex Derr SECONDED.
Resolution #2003-04 APPROVED.

Grass Lake Nature Park Conversion

Scott Chapman presented this agenda item. (See notebook for details.)

Elyse Kane MOVED to approve Resolution #2003-05. Bob Parlette SECONDED.
Resolution #2003-05 APPROVED.

NOVA ORV FUNDING

Marguerite Austin and Scott Chapman presented this agenda item. (See notebook item 5 for details.)

Scott Chapman provided an overview of the Nonhighway Off-Road Vehicle Activities (NOVA) funding for both Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) and Nonhighway Road (NHR) projects. He also showed some previously funded projects.

Marguerite explained that in the ORV category there were 18 projects requesting \$1.6 million. Projects were evaluated in January 2003. Sixteen of the projects were for capital improvement/planning and two for maintenance. The reason there were so few maintenance requests was most of the maintenance requests were brought before the Board in the last funding cycle.

Staff recommended funding all eighteen projects.

Rex Derr asked for a summary of the issues surrounding two Department of Natural Resources (DNR) projects.

Walker Valley - Craig Partridge reported that DNR is working with the local citizens to address concerns and working with enforcement agents to keep the noise level down for surrounding residents.

Burnt Hill – Craig reported DNR is working with local citizens to address concerns. Rex Derr asked Craig Partridge if funding of the project would result in a plan that addresses concerns. Craig reported that he would get additional information later in the day for the questions presented on both projects.

Public Testimony

No public testimony on this agenda item.

Rex Derr MOVED to adopt Resolution #2003-07. Craig Partridge SECONDED.

Board Discussion:

Ruth Mahan was concerned about approving a project prior to having answers to the questions raised during the discussion. The concern is with the Walker Valley project. Chair Mahan would like to get answers to this prior to adopting or amending the Resolution.

Craig Partridge proposed amending Resolution #2003-07 to adopt the list while waiting for an answer on Walker Valley.

Elyse Kane preferred tabling the vote on Resolution #2003-07. Craig Partridge agreed and believed he would be able to get answers to the questions prior to the end of the meeting.

Bob Parlette commented that there is nothing more frustrating to citizens who write letters than to not get answers to their questions.

The vote on Resolution #2003-07 was tabled until the afternoon.

NOVA NHR FUNDING

Marguerite Austin presented this agenda item. (See notebook item 6 for details.)

Marguerite noted a few concerns with projects on the list. There is also some written public testimony concerning the Norwegian Memorial Camp project. Mr. Ed Bowen provided written testimony that this project was not eligible for funding. Staff is researching his concerns and would recommend conditioning this project to fund it only if the project is determined to be eligible.

Fifteen projects were submitted for funding in the Nonhighway Road Category. Requests total \$675,515.

Director Johnson notified the Board that Mr. Bowen had originally requested twenty minutes to provide his testimony in person. Staff, in consultation with the Chair, informed Mr. Bowen that it would be difficult to guarantee twenty minutes but that a three to five minute timeframe would be available. Staff included Mr. Bowen's earlier e-mail comments in the Board packet as well as a hard copy of his latest correspondence. Marguerite Austin reviewed other concerns raised by Mr. Bowen. Staff believes, after reviewing the process, the NPS has met all public notice guidelines the IAC required.

Elyse Kane asked, if the Board amended this Resolution to not fund until the project is found to be eligible or not, if the project is not eligible, what happens?

Ms. Austin outlined the process and informed the Board that staff reviews all projects prior to funding for eligibility. In this case, staff has asked the National Park Service (NPS) to check the eligibility issue and staff is also reviewing the project file.

Rex Derr MOVED to adopt Resolution #2003-08. Elyse Kane SECONDED.

Rex Derr MOVED TO AMEND the Resolution to condition funding of the Norwegian Memorial project until eligibility can be determined. Bob Parlette SECONDED. Amendment APPROVED.

Resolution #2003-08 APPROVED as amended.

THURSTON COUNTY SPORTS PARK CLOSURE

Scott Chapman gave a short overview of the Thurston County Sports Park closure.

Of past funded projects at this site:

- 9 allowed repayment of funds if a conversion takes place (\$1,282, 637)
- 3 required replacement if a conversion takes place (\$355,372)
- 2 did not have language restricting conversion (\$38,220)

Elyse Kane asked about the current M&O agreement.

Scott Chapman reported that Thurston County was given a two-year agreement for M&O. After closure of the ORV Park by the County, Director Johnson gave the County permission to use up to \$13,000 for winterization of the park. The Director will be asking the Board for further direction.

Ruth Mahan quoted the RCW concerning Executive Sessions.

After the presentation the Board went into an executive session at 11:45 with the Board's Assistant Attorney General. The Board announced it planned to reconvene at 1:15 unless the session ran later and, if so, someone would announce the longer session. After the executive session the Board would reconvene to hear public testimony and have an open Board discussion on the topic.

Open meeting reconvened at 1:20 p.m.

Public Testimony:

Jeanette Willis, neighbor of Thurston County Sports Park – Concerned with the possibility of professional night racing and problems caused for neighbors. Trusts the IAC Board to make the right decision.

Cathy Wolfe, Thurston County Commissioner – This was a very difficult decision for the County to make. There are several concerns with keeping the park open including: environmental risk, financial risk (County budget was cut \$3.6 million last year and this year), and short and long term funding for the park. People have been hurt and killed, and there are environmental concerns with dust and sound. Master plan had the park working more as a business, but the users rejected this plan. The County has appreciated working with IAC in the past and is looking forward to a win-win for the County, IAC, and the public.

Bob Parlette expressed appreciation for the Commissioner's attitude and would like to see a solution that would work for all.

Jerry Homola, citizen – Explained that there is only one ORV park on the west side of the state. It is critical to keep this park open. Need to find a solution to reopen the Park. He does not use the ORV Park very often but feels it is a needed resource.

Panel (Ed Bushnell, Angela Marek, David Overfield, and Laurie Bushnell) representing The Northwest Outdoor Coalition - Ed Bushnell gave a PowerPoint presentation of the ORV Park history and concerns. He also showed pictures of various uses of the park and showed the income generated by the various events. The Northwest Outdoor Coalition is looking for a win-win situation. Angela Marek gave reasons why the park should be kept open. David Overfield also gave reasons for the park to be open and noted that the DNR campgrounds are closed on the other side of Capital Forest.

Rex Derr asked Michael Welter about the marketing and service area of the ORV Park and if there was a breakdown of where the users come from.

Michael Welter reported that the information presented by Mr. Bushnell came from the consultant's report in the master plan. They have had very large-scale events at the park. Surveys at the park show that attendance has not had more than 15% of the participants being from the Grays Harbor or Thurston County (85% are from elsewhere).

Budget for the park includes \$200,000 M&O grants from IAC for the biennium plus user fees; no county general funds are used for this park. There are no direct costs to the county but there are indirect costs (liability, administration, etc.).

Craig Partridge asked about the ORV users rejection of the master plan and reduction in number of events.

Welter stated there are several large events that do make money, however, the smaller family day use events cost almost as much to put on. They were talking about limiting the smaller day use events.

Board Discussion:

Director Johnson stated staff would like to have direction from the Board on process they would like to see staff follow.

Bob Parlette was very impressed with all the comments today. Most important is the attitude to work together. Would like Director Johnson to work with the Assistant Attorney General and the Thurston County prosecutor, Commissioner, and/or parks director to explore options with the user groups. A facilitator may be needed. State legislators may need to be involved since they set up the original ORV program.

Rex Derr noted that we have all been extremely fortunate for 30 years to have a county host a regional/statewide facility, to have neighbors who have put up with these events, and to have user groups willing to help keep this park as a place to play. Seems like the county is now in a position that they no longer want to host this regional facility due to budget and other concerns. Mr. Derr is interested in keeping the state investments not losing them. He would like to see the county, state and user groups find another solution. Not opposed to the option of finding a different place with another host with the funds being transferred to this new solution. Walking away is not an answer nor is saying no at a moment's notice; sitting down trying to address a growing demand is the right thing to do.

Craig Partridge, as a representative of an agency that provides much of the recreation area for this user group, does not feel we can walk away from this situation. We need to provide for this use. Need to search for a creative solution.

Bob Parlette asked about the size of the park (163 acres). Does not think this is a lot of land and there should be a way to find a parcel of land to operate an ORV park.

Ruth Mahan would like staff to begin a discussion with Thurston County about the use of the park. The Board is willing to work with the county to find a way to use the money spent to develop the land. Although Thurston County has changed its direction, the public trust for that money is still obligated to the land in the public trust. At a minimum the county would owe the state the fair market value of the park as developed to use in an alternate location. The Board would like to have this resolved soon. Director Johnson needs to meet with county representatives and report back to the Board by the beginning of May. The Board will call a special meeting either in person or by a phone conference call. At that time the Board may need to take some action.

Chair Mahan heard a clear message that the county is willing to work on a solution that is agreeable to everyone.

Bob Parlette asked the user group to pick three representatives to work with the county.

Ed Bushnell reported that the users have already done this with the creation of the Northwest Outdoor Coalition. The Coalition is here to work with both entities to find a solution.

Rex Derr is sensitive to the county's concern with the need for an appropriate place with an appropriate solution, but is not willing to give up on the state's investment. He does not want the user group to feel that that park in that location is the only answer, it may not be. He would like the right decision to be made.

Question from the audience – Could the park be reopened this season for limited use only, not events?

Chair Mahan responded that the IAC could not make a decision such as that. It would be up to the county to make that decision.

Director Johnson commented that staff would work hard to come up with a solution. During today's meeting she heard a strong sense of commitment from the Board to honor the investment.

Ruth Mahan would like some concrete sense of direction by the beginning of May. The Board needs to evaluate the promise of what comes out of the next eight weeks or so.

Closed the discussion on Thurston County ORV Park closure.

Returned to Walker Valley discussion and consideration of Resolution #2003-07.

Craig Partridge reported that DNR staff has been in contact with the neighbors and working on the concerns for quite a while. DNR plans to come back to the Board with additional grants to address some of the legitimate concerns. This grant does not lead to any trail development in the neighbor buffer zone area, and actually includes some trail abandonment that may be an improvement. In addition to the letter in the packet, DNR has received hundreds of letters in support of this project. This project also rates very high through the IAC evaluation process.

Public Testimony:

Jerry Homola, citizen - The problem is that there are now neighbors with nice big houses that don't like to have motorized vehicles driving by their houses. The problem could be taken care of with moving the staging area deeper into the forest. Need to work closer with DNR and the user groups to manage the trails better.

Chair Mahan called for a vote on Resolution #2003-07 (previously moved and seconded, see page 6). Board APPROVED.

PROJECT CHANGES – SCOPE CHANGES

Upper Bear Creek

Darrell Jennings presented this agenda item. (See notebook item 10 for details.)

Darrell reported that there was a typographical error in the notebook memo; It should be 153 acres of adjacent conservation lands, not 253.

Craig Partridge MOVED to adopt Resolution #2003-09. Bob Parlette SECONDED.

Board Discussion:

Elyse Kane is not in favor of exchanging a large parcel of land for a lot of smaller parcels but is aware of unwilling sellers.

Craig Partridge asked if the substitute parcels were on the radar screen when the original parcel was identified.

Yes, they were part of the Waterways 2000 project.

Rex Derr asked if the original intent of the project was for salmon habitat protection. Yes, as well as for upland forested land.

Resolution #2003-09 APPROVED.

King County – Mid-Fork Snoqualmie Riverfront Park

Darrell Jennings presented this project's scope change. (See notebook item 10 for details.)

Rex Derr MOVED to adopt Resolution #2003-11. Bob Parlette SECONDED.
Resolution #2003-11 APPROVED.

NOVA LEGISLATIVE CHANGES

Jim Fox presented this agenda item. (See notebook item 8 for details.)

He gave an overview of the NOVA legislation currently before the legislature.

Jim noted that it is difficult to forecast what will happen with the bill but wanted to update the Board.

NOVA STAKEHOLDER INVOLVEMENT STATUS REPORT

Jim Fox presented this agenda item. (See notebook item 9 for details.)

He provided the Board with an update on the stakeholder involvement and where we are in the process.

1) Created a small stakeholder group to begin working through the issues; 2) engaged a professional facilitator to direct this process; and 3) invited the fuel use study advisory group to continue to work on the stakeholder involvement, expanding the group by two: one federal agency and one in the "other" category identified in the fuel study.

Jim will provide an update in July and present policy options for consideration in September.

Board Discussion:

Elyse Kane noted that the proposed legislation (HB #1698) changes the way the projects are evaluated. Will the user groups look at this issue?

Jim reported that in the past one group has often been pitted against another. The new legislation could help with this problem. All the agencies involved will be included in this process.

FUTURE PARTICIPATION REPORT

Jim Eychaner presented this agenda item. (See notebook item 12 for details.)

This report uses a different approach. Jim Eychaner used a national survey and applied local numbers to come up with a projection of future recreation participation in the state.

Mr. Eychaner highlighted several items from the participation report.

Rex Derr noted that in State Parks, convenience camping is getting very popular. Yurts and cabins are reserved as soon as they are available.

Mr. Eychaner thought it might be due to more single-family households with a female head of home. Able to get into a cabin or building and lock the door – safety is an issue for this group of people.

Hunting and fishing activities are going down in popularity.

Staff would like the Board to approve this to be used as an addendum to the SCORP documents. This would also be used by other agency planners and in FERC licensing details.

Rex Derr reported that State Parks is currently using the document in its planning exercises. They adopted a centennial vision for the next ten years. They will use this document to fill in details for how state parks should look in 10 years at the 100-year anniversary in 2013. This is a very usable and practical tool to use right now.

Elyse Kane MOVED to adopt Resolution #2003-03. Craig Partridge SECONDED. Resolution #2003-12 APPROVED.

WWRP SCOPE CHANGES

Jim Fox presented this agenda item. (See notebook item 11 for details.)

Jim reviewed the various WWRP issues associated with proposed land acquisition in a geographic area rather than for specific parcels:

- Landowner negotiations take time,
- The IAC evaluation team does not know which parcels will ultimately be acquired, sometimes making it difficult to evaluate the project,
- A project may rank high in the evaluation process based on an assumption that the highest priority parcels will be acquired first,
- When the Legislature approves WWRP project lists, some legislators want specific information about what property will be acquired, and
- The IAC Board may wish to have more certainty about what property will be acquired and its cost.

Staff is asking the Board for approval of the staff recommendation to convene a workgroup consisting of state agency representatives and other WWRP stakeholders to address the above issues and recommend solutions. Proposals for policy changes

would be brought to the September or November 2003 meeting of the IAC for implementation.

Jim Fox explained how the SRFB is working on this issue and how the Skagit Watershed Council is ranking these type of projects.

Elyse Kane feels the IAC already has a process to take care of areas that evaluators may be concerned with. Is the problem that too many projects are coming back for capital funds?

Ruth Mahan isn't sure she understands. When she was an applicant she knew she had to explain what it was she wanted and needed to know exactly what property was going to be bought.

Jim Fox explained that many times an area is defined for purchase but that only smaller parcels in the larger block will be actually purchased.

Ruth Mahan commented she had not understood that was the way IAC approved projects.

Jim Fox noted that we do need to figure out a way to be more definite on what will be purchased, still keeping some flexibility for the agencies.

Craig Partridge is agreeable with staff doing this review but feels the agencies need to have flexibility to purchase parcels within a designated area as they become available. DNR is ready to have the discussion.

Elyse Kane is not sure the Board needs to have a workgroup and would like to clarify what the charge of this workgroup would be.

Mr. Fox reported that he has not written a scope of work yet, but, it would be basically to look at current IAC policy on this issue, review the issues, develop clearer direction on how the Board would proceed with this, how we score projects in a block, and be able to explain to others how we follow this procedure.

Board approved the staff recommendation to convene a work group.

FERC UPDATE

Jim Eychaner presented this agenda item. (See notebook item 13 for details.)

He outlined how SCORP is used in the FERC relicensing process.

Craig Partridge noted that some of the smaller dams are being removed.

Rex Derr inquired how long the FERC relicensing process takes. Jim Eychaner noted that most of these projects take many years depending on the issues and conflicts.

Jim Eychaner went over the different projects in the process currently and gave some of the issues involved.

Bob Parlette would like to have the IAC take a proactive stance on the recreation possibilities on FERC projects. He expressed his opinion that recreation activities do not have to be on the reservoir. And he believes it is the IAC's responsibility to let the locals know how to be involved and not get pushed out of the process. He suggested that Chair Mahan or Director Johnson write a letter to the groups to let them know about alternate funding sources.

Director Johnson noted that IAC should thank Jim for his work – bringing more recreation money for the state. Our message is being heard pretty clearly. Jim's work with FERC has been picked up nationally.

CONSENT AGENDA POLICY REVIEW

Chair Mahan provided a history of the consent agenda policy. (See notebook item 14 for details.)

This process has been helpful in the last year for items that are non-controversial. This is in the spirit of saving the Board time. Director Johnson anticipates staff using the Consent Agenda somewhat more in the future.

Elyse Kane feels this has worked great and encouraged staff to add more items onto the Consent Agenda.

Bob Parlette noted that the consent agenda is only as good as the Executive Director. As long as you trust the Executive Director the consent agenda works wonderfully.

No action needed.

Returned to Topic 2b to consider Board Policy B2 – Travel Reimbursement.

Director Johnson outlined the Travel Reimbursement Policy, primarily technical updates. (See notebook for details.)

Elyse Kane MOVED to adopt Board Policy #2002-101. Rex Derr SECONDED. Board Policy #2002-101 APPROVED.

REPORTS FROM PARTNERS

Craig Partridge discussed the DNR bill concerning the Legacy Trust. This is a complex policy idea (study proposal).

Rex Derr reported that next Wednesday (March 18, 2003) State Parks turns 90 years old. The Parks Commission is developing its centennial vision for 2013. He would like comments from IAC Board, staff, and the public on the draft vision.

A study on financing state parks has just been completed. Some public perspectives are that state parks are to preserve nature, not just provide recreation. Some of the study findings were surprising. Mr. Derr will get copies for distribution to the Board.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Ruth Mahan, Chair

Next Meeting: July 10 & 11, 2003
NRB Room 172
Olympia, Washington

RESOLUTION #2003-02
March 2003 Consent Agenda

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following March 2003, Consent Agenda items are approved:

- a: Time Extensions, and
- b: Advisory Committee Service Recognitions

Resolution moved by: _____ Elyse Kane _____

Resolution seconded by: _____ Rex Derr _____

Adopted / Defeated / Deferred (underline result)

Date: March 13, 2003

Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation

RESOLUTION #2003-02 SERVICE RECOGNITION – Robin Estes

WHEREAS, from 2000 through 2002 Robin Estes served as the Department of Natural Resources' representative on the Boating Facilities Program Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, the result of this service was the provision of valuable analysis and technical advice which assisted in the development of exemplary program policies, program planning, and evaluation of many state and local agency Boating Facilities Program projects; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Interagency Committee wish to recognize this support and service,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that in recognition of Ms. Estes' dedication and excellence in performing this service, IAC does herewith extend its sincere appreciation and complements on a job well done; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent along with a letter of appreciation to Ms. Estes.

**Approved by the Board of the
Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation on March 13, 2003.**

Ruth Mahan, Chair

Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation

**RESOLUTION #2003-02
SERVICE RECOGNITION – Sheryl Lydon**

WHEREAS, from 1998 through 2003 Sheryl Lydon served the citizens of the State of Washington and the Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation (IAC) through participation on the Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities Program Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, the result of this service was the provision of valuable analysis and technical advice which assisted in the development of exemplary program policies, program plans, and the evaluation of many projects; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Lydon is moving to a new agency thus vacating her position on the Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities Program Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Interagency Committee wish to recognize Ms. Lydon's support and service,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that in recognition of Ms. Lydon's dedication excellence in performing this service, IAC does herewith extend its sincere appreciation and complements on a job well done; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent along with a letter of appreciation to Ms. Lydon.

**Approved by the Board of the
Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation on March 13, 2003.**

Ruth Mahan, Chair

**Amended RESOLUTION #2003-03
Thurston County Parks Department
Chehalis Western Railroad R/W, IAC #91-202A
Chehalis Western Trail Missing Link, IAC #96-1205A
Thurston Co./Lacey Athletic Complex, IAC #99-1201A
Conversion Requests**

WHEREAS, Thurston County Parks Department, with WWRP funding assistance acquired the Chehalis Western Railroad R/W, the Chehalis Western Trail Missing Link, and the Thurston Co./Lacey Athletic Complex; and

WHEREAS, Thurston County Parks Department has requested IAC approval to convert 9.3 acres of outdoor recreation property to non-outdoor recreation uses; and

WHEREAS, Thurston County Parks Department proposes to replace the converted land with 8.52 acres of outdoor recreation land; and

WHEREAS, the IAC approves the 14th Avenue conversion (parcel #2) conditioned upon suitable replacement with a new overpass or maintaining the existing overpass as currently exists; and

WHEREAS, the replacement property meets the criteria set forth in IAC Manual #7, *Funded Projects: Policies and the Project Agreement*, Section 3: Conversions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the conversion request from Thurston County Parks Department is hereby approved, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director be authorized to execute the necessary amendments associated with this conversion request.

Resolution moved by: _____ Rex Derr _____

Resolution seconded by: _____ Craig Partridge _____

Adopted/Defeated/Deferred (underline one)

Date: March 13, 2003

RESOLUTION #2003-04
King County Parks and Recreation
Green River/Cedar River Trail, IAC #92-085A
Conversion Request

WHEREAS, King County Parks and Recreation with IAC funding assistance acquired land for development of the Green River/Cedar River Trail under IAC project 92-085A, Green River/Cedar River Trail Acquisition; and

WHEREAS, the trail corridor runs north/south through the City of Maple Valley with limited crossing points; and

WHEREAS, the City of Maple Valley desires to construct a crossing of the Green River/Cedar River Trail at 263rd Street in Maple Valley to provide a vehicular connection of neighborhoods to other major arterial streets; and

WHEREAS, King County and the City of Maple Valley have worked jointly to identify the best crossing point of the Green River/Cedar River Trail; and

WHEREAS, King County requests IAC approval to convert 6,672 square feet of this trail corridor to non-recreational use; and

WHEREAS, King County and the City of Maple Valley propose 9,712 square feet of replacement properties that meet the eligibility criteria set forth in IAC Manual #7, *Funded Projects: Policies & The Project Agreement*, Section 19: *Acquisition Projects - Converted*, that will result in replacement land for public use,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the conversion request as proposed by King County Parks and Recreation for Green River/Cedar River Trail Acquisition project is hereby approved, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director is authorized to execute the necessary amendments associated with this conversion request.

Resolution moved by: Elyse Kane

Resolution seconded by: Rex Derr

Adopted / Defeated (underline one)

Date: March 13, 2003

RESOLUTION #2003-05
City Of Olympia Parks, Arts, and Recreation
Grass Lake Nature Park, IAC #91-194A
Conversion Request

WHEREAS, the City of Olympia with WWRP Urban Wildlife Habitat funding assistance acquired 163 acres now known as Grass Lake Nature Park; and

WHEREAS, the City of Olympia requested IAC approval to convert 25.38 acres of Urban Wildlife Habitat property to non wildlife habitat purposes; and

WHEREAS, the City of Olympia proposes to replace the converted land with 36.9 acres of urban wildlife habitat land; and

WHEREAS, the replacement property meets the criteria set forth in IAC Manual #7, *Funded Projects: Policies and the Project Agreement*, Section 3: Conversions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the conversion request from the City of Olympia for Grass Lake Nature Park is hereby approved, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director be authorized to execute the necessary amendments associated with this conversion request.

Resolution moved by: _____ Elyse Kane _____

Resolution seconded by: _____ Bob Parlette _____

Adopted/Defeated/Deferred (underline one)

Date: March 13, 2003

RESOLUTION #2003-07
Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities Program
Off-Road Vehicle Category Funding
Fiscal Year 2003

WHEREAS, eighteen NOVA Off-Road Vehicle projects are submitted for fiscal year 2003 fund consideration by the Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation; and

WHEREAS, all eighteen projects have been evaluated through a written evaluation process; and

WHEREAS, all projects meet program requirements as stipulated in statute, administrative rule, and policy,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that IAC hereby approves the ranked list of Off-Road Vehicle projects as depicted in Table 1, *NOVA Off-Road Vehicle Projects Fiscal Year 2003, (2003-07)*; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that IAC hereby approves fiscal year 2003 project funding for the NOVA Off-Road projects as depicted in this table; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director be authorized to execute any and all project agreements necessary to facilitate prompt project implementation.

Resolution moved by: _____ Rex Derr _____

Resolution seconded by: _____ Craig Partridge _____

Adopted/Defeated/Deferred (underline one)

Date: March 13, 2003

RESOLUTION #2003-09
King County Parks and Recreation
Upper Bear Creek Acquisition, IAC #00-1284A
Scope Change Request

WHEREAS, in 2001, IAC awarded a \$900,000 Urban Wildlife Habitat grant to King County Parks and Recreation for acquisition of 94 acres of high quality aquatic resource land in the Bear Creek Basin; and

WHEREAS, after years of negotiations for the property, King County and the property owner were unable to reach an agreement on price; and

WHEREAS, other important habitat lands exist in the Bear Creek Basin and are also supported by the *Waterways 2000 Report* and *Draft WRIA 8 Salmon Recovery Near Term Action Agenda for Salmon Habitat Conservation (February 2002)*; and

WHEREAS, King County Parks and Recreation Department seeks IAC approval to replace acquisition of the Stevens property with the purchase of the Castro, Granston, and Stensland properties; and

WHEREAS, IAC concludes that the Castro, Granston, and Stensland properties have similar habitat and natural resource qualities as the Stevens site;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the scope change request from King County Parks and Recreation Department to replace the Stevens property with the purchase of the Castro, Granston, and Stensland properties in the Bear Creek Basin is approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director shall execute all necessary amendments to the project agreement to facilitate this change of project scope.

Resolution moved by: _____ Craig Partridge _____

Resolution seconded by: _____ Bob Parlette _____

Adopted/Defeated/Deferred (underline one)

Date: March 13, 2003

RESOLUTION #2003-11
King County Parks and Recreation Department
Mid-Fork Snoqualmie Riverfront Park, IAC #00-1271C
Scope Change Request

WHEREAS, the IAC approved funding for King County's Mid-Fork Snoqualmie Riverfront Park project on July 18, 2001, and

WHEREAS, the King County negotiated diligently for nearly three years before reaching agreement with the landowner, and

WHEREAS, the value of the Mid-Fork Snoqualmie Riverfront Park site appraised higher than originally anticipated by the County, and

WHEREAS, King County requests that the project scope be changed from a combination project to an acquisition only project and that the entire grant funding of \$360,000 be applied towards eligible acquisition costs,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that IAC hereby approves the scope change and fund allocation as requested for King County's Mid-Fork Snoqualmie Riverfront Park project #00-1271C, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director is authorized to execute the amendment for implementation.

Resolution moved by: _____ Rex Derr _____

Resolution seconded by: _____ Bob Parlette _____

Adopted/Defeated/Deferred (circle one)

Date: March 13, 2003

Resolution #2003-12
Approving the Document
“Estimates of Future Participation in Outdoor Recreation
in Washington State”
As An Addendum to the
State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan

WHEREAS the Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation is responsible for maintaining the State of Washington’s eligibility for participation in Land and Water Conservation Fund grant-in-aid assistance, and

WHEREAS LWCF participation requires the submission of a state comprehensive outdoor recreation plan (SCORP), and

WHEREAS the State of Washington’s current SCORP document was adopted by Board action, approved by the Governor, and accepted by the National Park Service in 2002, and

WHEREAS the addition of projections of future outdoor recreation participation would make the SCORP document more complete and useful to the public,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation approves the above-titled document as an official IAC publication and directs staff to submit the document to the National Park Service as an addendum to Washington’s SCORP.

Resolution moved by: _____ Elyse Kane _____

Resolution seconded by: _____ Craig Partridge _____

Adopted/Defeated/Deferred (underline one)

Date: March 13, 2003



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Board Policy - B2002-101

WHEREAS, the Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation members have reviewed the Office of Financial Management compensation regulations (25.30.30), relevant statutes, and the Board's statutory mission; and

WHEREAS, compensation for eligible board members is allowable at \$50.00 per each day of performance of statutorily prescribed duties and meeting attendance, see RCW 43.03.240; and

WHEREAS, a Board resolution guiding interpretation of official duties and meetings as applied to IAC functions will carry out the mandates of RCW 79A.25.110; and

WHEREAS, statutorily prescribed duties that qualify for compensation are defined as attendance at IAC meetings and functions that benefit the state of Washington and relate to the mission of IAC under RCW 79A.25 and related statutes; and

WHEREAS, Board Policy - B2002-101 sets out procedures to implement and guide Board compensation practices; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the IAC hereby adopts Board Policy - B2002-101, and will comply with such compensation practices for all eligible members.

Elyse Kane Moved Rex Derr Seconded

Date: March 13, 2003