

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board Summarized Meeting Agenda and Actions, November 14-15, 2011

Agenda Items without Formal Action

| Item | Board Request for Follow-up |
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| Item 2: Management Report | Share a list of debt commission members and any updates that may be available. |
| Item 3: Puget Sound Partnership Update and Priorities | No follow up action requested |
| Item 4: Board Meeting Practices | No follow up action requested |

Agenda Items with Formal Action

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| Item 1: Consent Calendar | <p>Approved <u>Resolution 2011-23</u></p> <p>a. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes – September 2011</p> <p>b. Time Extension Requests</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RCO #07-1455, Bainbridge Island Sportsmen's Club, BISC Public Archery Range • RCO #07-1236, Bainbridge Island Sportsmen's Club, BISC Pistol Range Upgrade • RCO #07-1213, Cowlitz Game and Anglers, Cowlitz County Shooting Range Phase 1 • RCO #06-1911, WA State Department of Natural Resources, Klickitat Canyon Restoration | None |
| Item 5: Land and Water Conservation Fund Grants: | <p>Approved <u>Resolution 2011-24</u></p> <p>Approved funding and ranked list of projects</p> | |
| Item 6: Schedule for 2012 | <p>Approved <u>Resolution 2011-25</u></p> <p>Establishes the board's 2012 meeting schedule.</p> | Reconfirm or change August date in March |
| Item 7: Written Evaluation Process | <p>Approved <u>Revised Resolution 2011-26</u></p> <p>For the grant cycle in 2012 only, authorizes a written evaluation in the WWRP Urban Wildlife category and replaces the project review meetings for the Critical Habitat, Riparian Protection, and Urban Wildlife categories with staff review.</p> | |
| Item 8. Changes to the Evaluation Criteria for State Lands Restoration Category | <p>Approved <u>Resolution 2011-27</u></p> <p>Adopts revised evaluation criteria</p> | |
| Item 9: Changes to the Evaluation Criteria for Combination Projects | <p>Approved <u>Resolution 2011-28</u></p> <p>Adopts revised scoring for combination projects</p> | |
| Item 10: Recommendations of the Habitat and Recreation Lands Coordinating Group | <p>Approved <u>Revised Resolution 2011-29</u></p> <p>Approves the draft recommendations of the Habitat and Recreation Lands Coordinating Group and acknowledges the work of the group.</p> | |
| Item 11: Recreational Trails Program Grants | <p>Approved <u>Resolution 2011-30</u></p> <p>Approved funding and ranked list of projects</p> | |
| Item 12: Conversion Request: Cheasty Greenspace, City of Seattle, RCO #91-246 | <p>Approved <u>Resolution 2011-31</u></p> <p>Approves conversion and replacement property for project 91-246.</p> | |
| Item 13: Recognition of Board Member's Service: Steven Drew | <p>Approved <u>Resolution 2011-32</u></p> <p>Recognizes the service of board member Steven Drew.</p> | |

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board Summary Minutes

Date: November 14, 2011

Place: Tacoma, WA

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board Members Present:

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| Bill Chapman, Chair | Mercer Island | Stephen Saunders | Designee, Department of Natural Resources |
| Betsy Bloomfield | Yakima | Larry Fairleigh | Designee, State Parks |
| Steven Drew | Olympia | Jennifer Quan | Designee, Department of Fish and Wildlife |
| Pete Mayer | Vancouver | | |
| Harriet Spanel | Bellingham | | |

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Opening and Management Reports

Chair Bill Chapman called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m. Staff called roll, and a quorum was determined.

Member Mayer moved to approve the agenda. Member Brittell seconded. The agenda was approved as presented.

County Executive Pat McCarthy welcomed the board to Pierce County and thanked the members for the board's contributions to their parks programs. She noted several projects and the effect it has had on the quality of life in the county.

Consent Calendar

The Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) reviewed Resolution #2011-23, Consent Calendar. The consent calendar included the following:

- c. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes – September 2011
- d. Time Extension Requests
 - RCO #07-1455, Bainbridge Island Sportsmen's Club, BISC Public Archery Range
 - RCO #07-1236, Bainbridge Island Sportsmen's Club, BISC Pistol Range Upgrade
 - RCO #07-1213, Cowlitz Game and Anglers, Cowlitz County Shooting Range Phase 1
 - RCO #06-1911, WA State Department of Natural Resources, Klickitat Canyon Restoration

Resolution 2011-23 moved by: Drew and seconded by: Mayer
Resolution APPROVED

Item 2: Management Report

Director's Report: Director Cottingham noted that she would be going to Washington, DC to discuss salmon funding and the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) with the Congressional

delegation. In BIG Tier 1, the RCO's grant to update the boating data has been approved for funding. It will include the ability to access data via a handheld device.

Director Cottingham told the board that the RCO has been sued in federal court with regard to the Kah Tai decision.

Policy and Legislative Update: Steve McLellan updated the board on the status of a proposal with National Park Service to change a portion of the LWCF stateside program into a national competitive grant program under the America's Great Outdoors Initiative. This is subject to the appropriation exceeding \$200 million; the House most recently appropriated \$0. We, and other states, have commented that the program should not begin until a higher amount is appropriated and that the state apportionment should not go away.

McLellan also provided updates on the memo. Special session will be focused on the budget and bills necessary to implement it. He noted that the next revenue forecast would come out on Thursday, but likely would not trigger a major rewrite of the capital budget. He also reported that the debt limit commission had put out a list of 5 or 6 proposals that they will look at in November. The big focus is the calculation of the debt limit. The effect would be lower funds over time, and elimination of the "peaks and valleys" in funding. Chair Chapman asked McLellan to share a list of members and any updates that may be available.

Dominga Soliz provided brief update of the allowable uses subcommittee as described in the staff memo. She noted that they need to select an additional member for the subcommittee since Member Drew is leaving the board at the end of December. Chair Chapman suggested that Member Spanel would be a good choice so that the subcommittee includes a member that is not a grant recipient. She will consider the request and let the board know of her decision.

Grant management report: Marguerite Austin, Recreation Section Manager discussed the two projects that would be visited on the tour.

General Public Comment

There was no public comment.

State Agency Partner Reports

State Parks: Member Fairleigh discussed the effect of budget reductions on State Parks. The agency was organized based on general fund support, so the change to an enterprise system is requiring significant changes internally and externally. They are writing a transformation strategy as an addendum to the Centennial Plan. They also are working on the public's view of service delivery from State Parks; they are no longer supported by taxes, so the expectations and their business model need to change. They are not trying to close parks; they may need to cut back on service, but need to keep them open to keep the Discover Pass viable.

Department of Fish and Wildlife: Member Quan noted that the Discover Pass has produced about 20 percent of the amount needed for the fiscal year and that revenue collection is behind expectations. A recent survey and stakeholder meetings have shown that most people didn't know that they needed a pass. At least half of the sales are day use passes sold at the parks; they think this is an indicator of lack of knowledge. They expect an upturn in April as people prepare for the boating season and summer. They are working on a business plan and ways to "tweak" the pass legislation and address transferability. She also noted that they have seen an increase in the amount of Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) funds being paid to counties.

Department of Natural Resources: Member Saunders noted that they are preparing some legislation including recreational immunity and charging for events on DNR trust lands. They redirected state general fund dollars to the Natural Heritage Program, which had received no specific funding. They have provided minimal funding to keep it intact for a year, so it can look at options for sustainable funding. They did the same for the special lands acquisition group, and elected not to fill a vacancy in that group. They are staffing up in the recreation program, but most of the positions are project positions.

Item 3: PSP Update and Priorities

Martha Kongsgaard, Chair of the Puget Sound Partnership (PSP) Leadership Council, gave the board an update about their work and priorities. She noted that the PSP and board share common values, staff, economic struggles, and mission. Kongsgaard noted the difficulties in garnering public support because the problems in the sound are not obvious.

The roadmap for their work is the action agenda, which they are currently updating. This version will include clear targets and better measures to track progress toward Puget Sound restoration, all linked to the six goals in the legislation.

Member Drew noted that he hopes to see more coordination between the RCO and PSP regarding ways that grant program criteria and evaluation can support restoration of Puget Sound.

Item 4: Board Meeting Practices

Chair Chapman explained the reasons behind the change – moving to TVW, it is good practice to review the board rules regularly. He wants to have more time for discussion on the agenda by either having a longer agenda or shorter staff presentations. The reason for the meeting is to make decisions, not to share information; however he does not want to lose the quality of staff presentations.

Director Cottingham noted that staff is working to better estimate the time on the agenda and will shorten the length of staff presentations. Presentations will assume that members have read the memos, and will not repeat the information. Deputy Director Rachael Langen provided more detail about best practices for TVW.

The board discussed the way that the agenda is set and how board members can comment on the time and topics. Members expressed a preference for fewer topics, and careful consideration of when potentially contentious issues would be placed on the agenda. Director Cottingham reminded the board that staff now briefs the board at one meeting and asks for decisions at the next one; members stated that they like this approach. Members noted that it is important to come prepared and ready to discuss topics, and that dialogue among members is useful.

Item 5: Land and Water Conservation Fund Grants: Approve List and Funding Authority

Recreation Section Manager Marguerite Austin presented the LWCF ranked list and information about the program, as described in the staff memo. She concluded her presentation by detailing the two top ranked projects on the list and asking the board to approve the list for submission to the National Park Service.

Director Cottingham noted that the agency hopes to get about \$750,000 if it stays consistent with previous years. Austin noted that we will take applications in 2012 for funding in 2013 and 2014

Resolution 2011-24 moved by: Spanel and seconded by: Fairleigh
Resolution APPROVED

Item 6: Schedule for 2012

The board discussed options for meeting dates and locations in 2012. The board asked staff to reconfirm or change the August date at the March meeting.

Resolution 2011-25 moved by: Fairleigh and seconded by: Saunders
Resolution APPROVED

Board departed for a tour of Kandle Park and Tacoma Nature Center at 2 p.m. Curtis Hancock, Project Manager for the Tacoma Metropolitan Park District conducted the tour of the park sites. He provided information about the history of the sites, past grants, current facility development and management activities. Board members and staff expressed their appreciation to Curtis for tour and successful completion of the projects

The board recessed for the day at 5 p.m.

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board Summary Minutes

Date: November 15, 2011

Place: Room 172, Natural Resources Building, Olympia, WA

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board Members Present:

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| Bill Chapman, Chair | Mercer Island | Stephen Saunders | Designee, Department of Natural Resources |
| Betsy Bloomfield | Yakima | Larry Fairleigh | Designee, State Parks |
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Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Harriet Spanel at 9:15 a.m. with a temporary delegation of authority by Chair Chapman. Mr. Drew arrived at 9:20 a.m. and Mr. Chapman arrived at 9:25.

Board Business: Decisions

Item 7: Written Evaluation Process in WWRP Critical Habitat, Riparian Protection, and Urban Wildlife

Scott Robinson presented the proposal as described in the staff memo. Staff is recommending that the written evaluation process be adopted for the 2012 grant round; there would be an assessment of the process before it is used in future grants rounds. Robinson reviewed the advantages and disadvantages of the proposal, noting that public comment was mixed. The policy would be revisited in 2013.

Board members expressed concern about the proposal, and suggested that staff limit the changes to either (1) omitting project review only or (2) limiting the written evaluation in only one or two categories. They also asked staff about using technology to support the evaluation and exchange of ideas. Members' primary concern about the written process is the lack of interaction and question/answer periods. However, some members thought that the written evaluation could allow the evaluators to focus on the projects rather than the presentation skills of a sponsor. Board members acknowledged the need for balance between efficiency and an open grant process. To achieve this, members discussed the option of testing the written evaluation approach in only one category, omitting the project review in all three categories, and using a staff for project review rather than a separate volunteer review team.

Member Fairleigh moved the resolution with an amendment to eliminate the in-person project review for all three programs, but continue the in-person evaluation. Bloomfield seconded.

Revised Resolution 2011-26 moved by: Fairleigh and seconded by: Bloomfield

Member Drew moved to amend the motion such that the written process would be used in the Critical Habitat Category. Seconded by Saunders.

Board members decided to vote on which category to test: Urban Wildlife received four votes.

Members Drew and Saunders changed the category in their motion to Urban Wildlife.

Motion carried.

Chair Chapman moved to amend the resolution to add the word "only" to clarify that the changes apply to only the 2012 grant cycle and to also amend the resolution to clarify that staff would conduct project review. Seconded by Member Drew. Motion carried.

Resolution APPROVED

Item 8: Changes to the Evaluation Criteria for the WWRP State Lands Restoration Category

The Chair confirmed that members had reviewed the memo, and asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none.

**Resolution 2011-27 moved by: Drew and seconded by: Bloomfield
Resolution APPROVED**

Item 9: Changes to the Evaluation Criteria for Combination Projects

Marguerite Austin presented the proposal and public comment as described in the staff memo. There were no questions or comments from the board.

**Resolution 2011-28 moved by: Saunders and seconded by: Mayer
Resolution APPROVED**

Item 10: Draft Recommendations of the Habitat and Recreation Lands Coordinating Group to the Legislature

Dominga Soliz presented the recommendations of the Lands Group as described in the staff memo. In response to a question from the chair, Dominga clarified that the Lands Group preference to continue would be in the report to the legislature, but the formal recommendation would be a set of options with no stated preference.

Director Cottingham reminded the board that they have discussed legislation to move the sunset date with the Governor's Office, and that they were advised not to submit request legislation. The RCO did not submit request legislation, and cannot advocate for an extension.

The board discussed various options for demonstrating that they support the work and continuation of the Lands Group. Chair Chapman proposed revising the resolution to include a "Whereas" statement that applauds the work that the group has done, recognizes the value of the dialogue, and states that the board hopes that the Legislature will support continuation of at least the core functions. Staff revised the resolution accordingly.

Revised Resolution 2011-29 moved by: Spanel and seconded by: Saunders
Resolution APPROVED

Item 11: Recreational Trails Program (RTP) Grants: Approve List and Funding Authority

Marguerite Austin presented the criteria for RTP along with the top projects in the general and education categories, as described in the staff memo. She clarified that the RCO already has received about \$800,000 for this fiscal year. The second half of the funds, if received, would be used for alternate projects on the list.

Public Comment

John Smithstead, commented on the RTP process. His club is over 40 years old and has about 300 people. Their project received only partial funding, and he appreciates that. The process was overwhelming at first, but the staff and application workshop were very helpful and made it easier.

Resolution 2011-30 moved by: Mayer and seconded by: Fairleigh
Resolution APPROVED

Item 12: Conversion Request: Cheasty Greenspace, City of Seattle, RCO #91-246

Leslie Ryan-Connelly presented this request for a conversion from the city of Seattle, as described in the staff memo. The presentation provided additional photographic and location detail. In response to a question from Member Bloomfield, Leslie confirmed that the city is using a property owned in fee simple to replace a converted easement.

Member Drew asked what options staff had in this situation; he would have preferred that staff be able to negotiate for both on-site and off-site compensation. Leslie responded that for an acquisition project, replacement property was typically the best option for resolving a conversion.

Member Mayer asked if subsurface conversions were typical; Leslie responded that it happens, particularly with utilities. Mayer suggested that it would be a good topic for the allowable uses subcommittee. Chair Chapman noted that a significant question is whether the sponsor seriously considered alternatives to putting utilities through park property.

Resolution 2011-31 moved by: Spanel and seconded by: Quan
Resolution APPROVED

Item 13: Recognition of Board Member's Service: Steven Drew

Chair Chapman and board members thanked Member Drew for his service and read the service resolution. Member Drew stated it had been an honor to serve, and that he was confident that the good work of the board would continue.

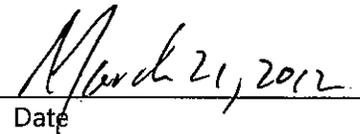
Resolution 2011-32 moved by: Mayer and seconded by: Quan
Resolution APPROVED

Chair Chapman adjourned the public portion of the meeting at 11:45 to convene in executive session for the purpose of conducting the performance review of the RCO director. He noted that the executive session would conclude at or before 2 p.m.

Approved by:



Bill Chapman, Chair



Date

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
Resolution #2011-23
November 2011 Consent Agenda

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following November 2011 Consent Agenda items are approved:

- a. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes – September 2011
- b. Time Extension Requests
 - RCO #07-1455, Bainbridge Island Sportsmen's Club, BISC Public Archery Range
 - RCO #07-1236, Bainbridge Island Sportsmen's Club, BISC Pistol Range Upgrade
 - RCO #07-1213, Cowlitz Game and Anglers, Cowlitz County Shooting Range Phase 1
 - RCO #06-1911, WA State Department of Natural Resources, Klickitat Canyon Restoration

Resolution moved by: Drew
Resolution seconded by: Mayer
Adopted/Defeated/Deferred (underline one)
Date: November 14, 2011

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
Resolution #2011-24
Land and Water Conservation Fund
Funding for Federal Fiscal Year 2012 Projects

WHEREAS, for federal fiscal year 2012, twelve Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) program projects are eligible for funding; and

WHEREAS, these LWCF projects were evaluated using the Open Project Selection Process approved and adopted by the National Park Service and Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board); and

WHEREAS, these evaluations occurred in an open public meeting, thereby supporting the board's strategy to ensure that its work is conducted with integrity and in a fair and open manner; and

WHEREAS, all twelve LWCF program projects meet program requirements as stipulated in Manual 15: *Land and Water Conservation Fund*, thus supporting the board's strategy to fund the best projects as determined by the evaluation process; and

WHEREAS, the State of Washington may receive a federal apportionment for the Land and Water Conservation Fund Program for federal fiscal year 2012; and

WHEREAS, the projects acquire and/or develop public outdoor recreation areas and facilities, thereby supporting the board's strategy to provide partners with funding to enhance recreation opportunities statewide;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the board hereby approves the ranked list and funding of projects depicted in *Table 1 -- LWCF Program Ranked List of Projects, Federal Fiscal Year 2012*; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the board authorizes the director to submit application materials to the National Park Service and execute project agreements and amendments necessary to facilitate prompt project implementation of federal fiscal year 2012 funds upon notification of the federal apportionment for this program.

Resolution moved by: Spanel
Resolution seconded by: Fairleigh
Adopted/Defeated/Deferred (underline one)
Date: November 14, 2011

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board

Resolution # 2011-25

2012 Recreation and Conservation Funding Board Meeting Schedule

WHEREAS, the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) is established by statute and conducts regular meetings, pursuant to RCW 42.30.075, according to a schedule it adopts in an open public meeting; and

WHEREAS, RCW 42.30.075 directs state agencies to file with the code reviser a schedule of the time and place of such meetings on or before January of each year for publication in the Washington state register; and

WHEREAS, having open public meetings is essential to achieving the board's goals to use broad public participation and feedback and to achieve a high level of accountability by using a process that is open to the public; and

WHEREAS, having open public meetings also is essential to the Board's ability to conduct its business so that it achieves its mission and goals as documented in statute and/or its strategic plan;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the following schedule for 2012 regular meetings of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board is hereby adopted; and,

| Date | Location |
|---------------|-----------------|
| March 21-22 | Olympia |
| June 27-28 | Port Angeles |
| August 23 | Conference Call |
| October 17-18 | Olympia |

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the board directs staff to publish notice in the State Register accordingly.

Resolution moved by: Fairleigh

Resolution seconded by: Saunders

Adopted/Defeated/Deferred (underline one)

Date: November 14, 2011

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board

Revised Resolution #2010-26

Approving Changes to the Evaluation and Review Process in
Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program Categories: Critical Habitat,
Riparian Protection, and Urban Wildlife

WHEREAS, in-person Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) project reviews and evaluations in the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP) Critical Habitat and Urban Wildlife categories and Riparian Protection Account require considerable time and resources from volunteer evaluators, project applicants, and staff; and

WHEREAS, the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) wanted to find a way to reduce this commitment without diminishing the high quality of the evaluations; and

WHEREAS, a less time and resource intensive system, based on written evaluations, rather than in-person presentations, is now successfully used in several board program categories including others in the WWRP Habitat Conservation Account; and

WHEREAS, evaluators would discuss project rankings and make final recommendations at the post-evaluation meetings; and

WHEREAS, adopting this revision would continue to ensure that the board funds the best projects as determined by a fair evaluation process, while also promoting the board's goals to be accountable for and efficient with its resources; and

WHEREAS, using written evaluations in other grant programs has shown that the process supports the board's goal to conduct its work in an open manner;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the board does hereby adopt the written evaluation process for the Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP) Urban Wildlife category; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the board hereby retains the in-person evaluation process for the Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP) Critical Habitat category and Riparian Protection Account; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the project review will be conducted by staff for the Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP) Critical Habitat and Urban Wildlife categories and Riparian Protection Account; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the board directs RCO staff to implement these revisions only for the 2012 grant cycle; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the board directs RCO staff to assess the effectiveness of the changes following and make a recommendation for future grant cycles in 2013.

Resolution moved by: Fairleigh

Resolution seconded by: Bloomfield

Adopted/Defeated/Deferred (underline one)

Date: November 15, 2011

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
Resolution #2010-27

Approving Changes to the Evaluation Process in the Washington Wildlife
and Recreation Program State Lands Restoration Category

WHEREAS, the volunteer panelists who have reviewed and evaluated grant applications in the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP) State Lands Restoration category asked that the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) revise the evaluation criteria for the category; and

WHEREAS, the intent of the revisions was to add criteria regarding project design, highlight and explain the important benefits of a project, present the responses in a more logical order, and broaden the evaluators' scoring range to more clearly express their evaluation of the project; and

WHEREAS, this intent is supportive of the board's goals to ensure that the board funds the best projects as determined by a fair evaluation process, while also promoting the board's goals to be accountable for and efficient with its resources; and

WHEREAS, Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) staff drafted changes to the evaluation instrument following the recommendations of the evaluation panel; and

WHEREAS, the RCO published the proposed changes for public comment, thereby supporting the board's goal to ensure programs are managed in a fair and open manner; and

WHEREAS, public comment supported the changes to the evaluation instrument; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the board does hereby adopt the revised evaluation criteria for the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP) State Lands Restoration category as presented in Attachment A to the board memo presented November 2011; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the board directs RCO staff to implement this revision beginning with the 2012 grant cycle.

Resolution moved by: Drew

Resolution seconded by: Bloomfield

Adopted/Defeated/Deferred (underline one)

Date: November 15, 2011

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board

Resolution #2011-28

Approving Changes to the Evaluation Criteria for Combination Projects in Certain Grant Programs or Categories

WHEREAS, all projects funded by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) must include a project "type" that represents the overall activity of the project; and

WHEREAS, the project type selected by the applicant determines the criteria that will be used to evaluate the project; and

WHEREAS, a "combination" project will include two of three types – acquisition and either development, or planning – but current scoring practices in the Boating Facilities Program, Firearms and Archery Range Recreation Program, and Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program State Parks, Trails and Water Access categories require applicants with combination projects to select only one type for scoring consideration; and

WHEREAS, the current approach may not allow combination projects to compete as well, and may not give evaluators the complete picture for scoring; and

WHEREAS, the proposed revisions to the scoring criteria remedy the situation by removing the requirement that sponsors choose one type, by changing the multipliers for combination projects, and by ensuring equitable scoring with single project types; and

WHEREAS, this scoring approach has worked well in other board-funded grant programs; and

WHEREAS, adopting this revision would continue to ensure that the board funds the best projects as determined by a fair evaluation process, while also promoting the board's goals to be accountable for and efficient with its resources; and

WHEREAS, public comment was supportive of this change;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the board does hereby adopt revised evaluation criteria multiplier changes for the Boating Facilities Program, Firearms and Archery Range Recreation Program, and Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program State Parks, Trails and Water Access categories, as shown in Attachments B through F to the November 2011 memo; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the board directs RCO staff to implement this revision beginning with the 2012 grant cycle.

Resolution moved by: Saunders

Resolution seconded by: Mayer

Adopted/Defeated/Deferred (underline one)

Date: November 15, 2011

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
Revised Resolution #2010-29

Approving Draft Recommendations of the Habitat and Recreation Lands
Coordinating Group to the Legislature

WHEREAS, the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) is directed by statute to make a formal recommendation by January 1, 2012 to the appropriate committees of the Legislature as to whether the existence of the Habitat and Recreation Lands Coordinating Group (lands group) should be continued beyond July 31, 2012, and if so, whether any modifications to its enabling statute should be pursued; and

WHEREAS, the board is required by statute to involve the lands group when developing its recommendations to the Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the lands group has developed proposed recommendations for submitting to the Legislature; and

WHEREAS, approving the lands group recommendations would ensure the board's statutory obligation is met by formalizing the lands group's proposed recommendations to the Legislature; and

WHEREAS, approving the lands group recommendations will result in the board providing the Legislature with two options for continuing the visibility and coordination functions of the lands group and one option for eliminating the lands group; and

WHEREAS, consideration of these recommendations supports the board's objective to provide leadership that helps its partners strategically invest in the protection, restoration, and development of habitat and recreation opportunities through policy development, coordination, and advocacy; and

WHEREAS, the board recognizes and appreciates the value and role of the group in fostering improved communication, visibility, and coordination among state agencies and others interested in state habitat and recreation land acquisitions;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the board does hereby approve the lands group recommendations for the Legislature regarding whether the lands group should continue past its sunset date of July 31, 2012 and joins the lands group in hoping the Legislature will choose to keep the group intact and, at minimum, support the continuation of core functions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the board directs RCO staff to submit the lands group recommendations to the appropriate Legislative committee(s) by January 1, 2012.

Resolution moved by: Spanel

Resolution seconded by: Saunders

Adopted/Defeated/Deferred (underline one)

Date: November 15, 2011

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
Resolution 2011-31

Approving Conversion for Cheasty Greenspace in Seattle (RCO #91-246)

WHEREAS, the city of Seattle (city) used a grant from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP) to protect urban habitat in the Cheasty Greenbelt, now known as the Cheasty Greenspace; and

WHEREAS, the city proposes conversion of one of the properties acquired under the grant to facilitate construction of the Sound Transit Central Link Light Rail Tunnel at Beacon Hill; and

WHEREAS, as a result of this proposed conversion, the property no longer satisfies the conditions of the RCO grant; and

WHEREAS, the city is asking for Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) approval to replace the property proposed for conversion with property purchased under a waiver of retroactivity in 2010; and

WHEREAS, the proposed replacement property is in reasonable proximity to the conversion site, has an appraised value that is greater than the conversion site, is eligible in the funding program, and will provide opportunities that closely match those displaced by the conversion; and

WHEREAS, the replacement property supports the city's documented plans that call for acquiring privately owned property within existing green spaces for preservation purposes as well as its goal for open space, thereby supporting the board's goals to provide funding for projects that protect, restore, and develop habitat opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the sponsor sought public comment on the conversion and discussed it during open public meetings, thereby supporting the board's strategy to regularly seek public feedback in policy and funding decisions;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Recreation and Conservation Funding Board approves the conversion request and the proposed replacement site for RCO Project #91-246 Cheasty Greenspace as presented to the board on November 15, 2011 and set forth in the board memo prepared for that meeting.

Resolution moved by: Spanel

Resolution seconded by: Quan

Adopted/Defeated/Deferred (underline one)

Date: November 15, 2011

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
Resolution 2011-32

A Resolution to Recognize the Service of Steven Drew
To the Residents of Washington State and the Recreation and
Conservation Funding Board

WHEREAS, from March 2006 through December 2011, Steven Drew served the residents of the state of Washington as a member of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Drew's service assisted the State of Washington in protecting some of its most important wildlife habitat and farmland, and in providing opportunities for recreational pursuits statewide; and

WHEREAS, during his term, the board approved 1,121 grants, creating a state investment of nearly \$345 million in Washington's great outdoors; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Drew helped lead efforts to ensure that projects sustained our environment and that state investments were protected; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Drew's extensive and practical knowledge of trails helped guide board decisions and improve our investments in this popular and valuable public resource; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Drew provided the board with valuable insight, leadership, and excellent advice that assisted in the development of exemplary policies and decisions for funding projects that promoted increased opportunities for outdoor recreation and conservation of the state's most important landscapes; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Drew's term on the board expires on December 31, 2011; and

WHEREAS, members of the board wish to recognize his support, leadership, and service, and to wish him well in future endeavors;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that on behalf of the residents of Washington and in recognition of Mr. Drew's dedication and excellence in performing his responsibilities and duties as a member, the board and its staff extend their sincere appreciation and compliments on a job well done, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent with a letter of appreciation to Mr. Drew.

Resolution moved by: Mayer

Resolution seconded by: Quan

Adopted/Defeated/Deferred (underline one)

Date: November 15, 2011

