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TO: IAC Members & Designees
FROM: Laura E. Johnson, Director 
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SUBJECT: Project Services and Planning Report
Notebook Item #1c

1. Grant Program News.

a. *2006 Grants Cycle.* Initial planning for the 2006 grants cycle is well underway. Next year, IAC will be accepting applications for the following programs:

- Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account (ALEA)
- Boating Facilities Program (BFP)
- Boating Infrastructure Grant (BIG) Program
- Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Program
- National Recreational Trails Program (NRTP)
- Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities (NOVA) Program, and the
- Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP).

The application deadline is May 1st for all programs. Staff anticipates holding the 2006 Grants Workshops the last week of February. Letters of Intent (applicants' preliminary proposals) will be due March 15, 2006.

b. *Boating Facilities Program (BFP).* At the November IAC meeting, staff will be asking the Board to approve funding for seven local agency boating projects. Seventeen projects were submitted for fund consideration in the Boating Facilities Program. The results of the evaluations by the BFP advisory committee are included under notebook item #8. As reflected in the number of projects submitted, dollars requested, and needs described during the evaluations, this year is one of the most competitive grant rounds for the local agency category.

- c. *Firearms and Archery Range Recreation (FARR) Program.* The FARR advisory committee consists of representatives from various shooting disciplines and members of the general public. On September 27, this committee reviewed and ranked four grant projects, which expand and enhance facilities at existing ranges. The results of the evaluations are included under notebook item #7. Staff will be asking for Board approval of funding for all four projects.
 - d. *Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities (NOVA) Program.* As described under tabs 6a-d in the board's November meeting notebook, the 15-member NOVA advisory committee completed evaluating this cycle's 79 grant applications over a four-day period in early October. As indicated in the recommendations, there are sufficient funds for 49 (62 percent) of this year's projects, distributed among the program's four categories: Education and Enforcement, Nonhighway Road, Nonmotorized, and Off-Road Vehicle.
 - e. *National Recreational Trails Program (NRTP).* This IAC grant program was established by a provision of the federal Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (ISTEA) and was recently reauthorized by Congress and signed by President Bush. Based on program changes in the revised law and recommendations provided by IAC's NRTP Advisory Committee, staff has drafted several new policies that are now under review. It is our intent to bring these revisions to NRTP policy manual 16 to the board for adoption consideration when it meets in February 2006.
 - f. *Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program.* Staff is drafting new policies and making revisions to implement changes approved for WWRP through Substitute Senate Bill 5396. In this notebook are status reports on the progress to date, timelines for adoption of program rules and policies, and an outline of plans for public comment and review of changes prior to Board adoption in February 2006.
2. **Participation Data Gathering.** As previously reported, IAC's recreation participation data, published in *An Assessment of Outdoor Recreation (2002)* and its companion *Estimates of Future Participation (2002)*, are now in the early stages of revision. In this regard, staff has just finished working with an advisory committee¹ that helped identify a contractor for the new survey. In addition, we are coordinating with other agencies, including State Parks, and developing a contract for the survey work to begin in December 2006. Through the years, participation data has been extremely valuable in the Priorities of Government budgeting process, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission relicensing program, recreation planning at all levels of government, and to policy work done by IAC.

¹ • Steve Donahue, Citizen, business owner, Seattle; • Speed Fitzhugh, Relicensing Specialist, Avista Utilities; • Erica Gardner, PhD, Forecast Analyst, Office of Financial Management; • Dr. Paul Green, Professor of Outdoor Recreation, Eastern Washington University; • Sherry Irwin, Citizen, Snoqualmie

3. **Recreation and Health.** Planning staff is providing technical assistance to the Washington Coalition to Promote Physical Activity (WCPPA), supporting the link between recreation and health. Current work is focusing on guidance to local agencies on recent changes to the Growth Management Act (GMA) as provided in SSB 5186. The changes include "utilizing urban planning approaches that promote physical activity," as well as pedestrian and bicycle components relating to recreation, transportation, and physical activity.
4. **Priorities of Government.** Planning staff was recently assigned to the "cultural and recreational opportunities" Priorities of Government (POG) work group.
5. **Representation.** Planning staff continues to represent IAC at regular meetings of:
 - Interagency Watershed Program Coordinators
 - Governor's Council on Environmental Education
 - Washington Wildlife and Recreation Coalition
 - Washington Coalition to Promote Physical Activity
 - WSDOE Nonpoint Pollution Advisory Committee
 - WSDOT Heritage Corridors Advisory Committee
 - DNR Natural Heritage Council
 - Regional Salmon Recovery Boards
 - Lead Entity Advisory Group
 - Internal Quality Consultants
 - Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust.

Apart from assisting these groups in meeting common objectives, staff also provides relevant information about IAC's grant and other programs.

• Bill Koss, Washington State Parks and Recreation; • Shelley Robideau, Citizen, Tonasket; • Michelle Smith, Licensing and Compliance Manager, Chelan County PUD; • Gail Throop, Developed and Dispersed Recreation Program Leader, USDA Forest Service Region 6; • John Wilkerson, Associate Professor of Political Science, University of Washington; • Heather Ramsay, ex officio member, National Park Service.

6. **Project Administration.** Outdoor Grant Managers currently administer active² projects in the programs listed below. The last column shows the difference from a year ago.

Program/ Project Administration Table	ACTIVE PROJECTS 10/04	ACTIVE PROJECTS 10/05	+ / -
Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account (ALEA)	14	28	+14
Boating Facilities Program (BFP)	84	82	-2
Boating Infrastructure Grant (BIG)	3	4	+1
Firearms and Archery Range Recreation (FARR)	18	13	-5
Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)	36	36	-
National Recreational Trails Program (N RTP)	87	96	+9
Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities (NOVA)	93	121	+28
Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP)	169	218	+49
Youth Athletic Facilities (YAF)	66	37	-29
Other: Bonds/Housing and Urban Development (HUD)	22	15	-7
Total	592	650	+58

7. **Staff News.**

- a. *Staff Transition.* After 15 years of service as an outdoor grants manager, Mr. Scott Chapman has accepted the position of PRISM system manager for IAC. Scott has been an invaluable member of the Project Services team and has made numerous contributions to the success of IAC's grants programs. We wish Scott much success with his new responsibilities and are glad he remains a member of IAC's staff.
- b. *Staff Addition.* We are pleased to announce the addition of Mr. Marc Duboiski to IAC's Recreation and Habitat Section. Marc has worked for IAC since 1999 as a grants manager for the Salmon Recovery Funding Board. Prior to joining IAC, Marc was senior planner for the Lewis County Community Development Department where he was involved in land use issues affecting salmon in the Cowlitz and Chehalis. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Geography and Regional Planning from Western Washington University in Bellingham. While adding diversity to his portfolio of projects, Marc brings to the team expertise in watershed planning, salmon recovery, wetland identification, transportation planning, and riparian habitat protection. Marc is a Washington native and an avid hiker.

² Active Projects include projects approved for funding but not yet under agreement and completed projects that may have been reactivated to resolve a compliance issue, change a park name, revise a legal description, etc.

With the addition of Marc to the grants team, we are modifying some of the work assignments for grant managers. Attachment A shows the new distribution of workload. These changes reflect an average of 108 active projects per grant manager.

- c. *New Arrival.* We extend our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Jennings on the birth of their daughter, Erin Nicole. She arrived on September 22, 2006 and brings much joy to her proud parents and brother, Levi.

If you have questions concerning any of the items discussed in this memorandum or need other assistance you may reach me at (360) 902-3084 or neila@iac.wa.gov.



IAC Staff Assignments

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Marc Duboiski	Grants Manager	(360) 902-3137	marcd@iac.wa.gov
Dan Haws	Grants Manager	(360) 902-3079	danh@iac.wa.gov
Darrell Jennings	Grants Manager	(360) 902-3020	darrellj@iac.wa.gov
Leslie Ryan Connelly	Grants Manager	(360) 902-3080	leslier@iac.wa.gov

Local Agencies and Organizations

Adam	Dan Haws	Grays Harbor	Kammie Bunes	Pierce	Myra Barker
Asotin	Dan Haws	Island	Kammie Bunes	San Juan	Darrell Jennings
Benton	Dan Haws	Jefferson	Kammie Bunes	Skagit	Darrell Jennings
Chelan	Myra Barker	King	Marc Duboiski & Darrell Jennings	Skamania	Kammie Bunes
Clallam	Kammie Bunes	Kitsap	Leslie Ryan-Connelly	Snohomish	Dan Haws
Clark	Kammie Bunes	Kittitas	Marc Duboiski	Spokane	Darrell Jennings
Columbia	Dan Haws	Klickitat	Marc Duboiski	Stevens	Myra Barker
Cowlitz	Kammie Bunes	Lewis	Leslie Ryan-Connelly	Thurston	Leslie Ryan-Connelly
Douglas	Myra Barker	Lincoln	Myra Barker	Wahkiakum	Kammie Bunes
Ferry	Myra Barker	Mason	Kammie Bunes	Walla Walla	Dan Haws
Franklin	Dan Haws	Okanogan	Myra Barker	Whatcom	Darrell Jennings
Garfield	Dan Haws	Pacific	Kammie Bunes	Whitman	Dan Haws
Grant	Dan Haws	Pend Oreille	Darrell Jennings	Yakima	Marc Duboiski

State Agencies

Fish and Wildlife – Habitat	Leslie Ryan Connelly
Fish and Wildlife – Recreation	Myra Barker
Natural Resources – Habitat	Kammie Bunes
Natural Resources – Recreation	Dan Haws
State Parks – NOVA/NRTP/WWRP	Marc Duboiski
State Parks – ALEA/BFP/BIG	Darrell Jennings

Federal Agencies

Colville National Forest	Darrell Jennings
Gifford Pinchot National Forest	Dan Haws
Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest	
▪ Darrington District	Dan Haws
▪ Mount Baker District	Darrell Jennings
▪ Skykomish District	Leslie Ryan Connelly
▪ Snoqualmie District	Leslie Ryan Connelly
Mt. Rainier National Park	Leslie Ryan Connelly
North Cascades National Park	Darrell Jennings
Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest	
▪ Chelan District	Myra Barker
▪ Cle Elum District	Marc Duboiski
▪ Entiat District	Myra Barker
▪ Methow District	Myra Barker
▪ Naches District	Marc Duboiski
▪ Tonasket District	Myra Barker
▪ Wenatchee River District	Myra Barker
Olympic National Forest	Kammie Bunes
Olympic National Park	Kammie Bunes
Umatilla National Forest	Dan Haws