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TO: IAC Members & Designees
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SUBJECT: Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program
State Lands Development Ranked List for Fiscal Year 2008
Notebook Item #6b

"This category is reserved for the Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Department of Natural Resources for development and/or renovation of state recreation lands."¹

EVALUATION SUMMARY

Eighteen State Lands Development and Renovation (SLD) category projects requesting \$3.9 million were evaluated August 1-15, 2006. Utilizing a written evaluation process and criteria adopted by IAC, a team of nine evaluators reviewed and ranked the SLD projects. The team comprised of state and local agency representatives and citizens-at-large recognized for their expertise, experience, and knowledge related to outdoor recreation, included:

EVALUATOR	REPRESENTATIVE
John Peterson, Seattle	Citizen-at-Large
Ken Heany, University Place	Citizen-at-Large
David Bryant, Richland Parks & Recreation, Richland	Local Agency
Debbie Terwilleger, Snohomish County Public Works, Everett	Local Agency
Mary Dodsworth, City of Lakewood, Lakewood	Local Agency
Sharon Sorby, Pend Oreille County Weed Board, Newport	Local Agency
Diane Perkins, Department of Natural Resources, Olympia	State Agency
Randy Person, State Parks and Recreation, Olympia	State Agency
Steve Sherlock, Department of Fish & Wildlife, Olympia	State Agency

¹ Chapter 79A.15.050, Acquisition of Habitat Conservation and Outdoor Recreation Lands



The results of the evaluations, provided for IAC Board consideration, are found in *Table 1 – WWRP, State Lands Development and Renovation Ranked List of Projects, Fiscal Year 2008*.

STATE LANDS DEVELOPMENT AND RENOVATION CATEGORY

The State Lands Development and Renovation category provides funds for projects that involve development and renovation of public access facilities on existing state recreation lands. Typical facilities include campsites, fishing piers, interpretive trails, non-motorized boating access, picnic sites, and wildlife viewing blinds.

Other factors related to this category are:

- Eligible applicants are only the Department of Natural Resources and the Department of Fish and Wildlife.
- Applicants may request a minimum of \$25,000 and a maximum of \$250,000 per project.

The State Lands Development and Renovation category of the Outdoor Recreation Account is eligible to receive 5% of the WWRP funds in the account.²

RECOMMENDATION

After reviewing the results of the scoring and ranking of projects, and considering comments from evaluators and applicants, staff recommends approval of the ranked list of projects as shown in Table 1. Table 1 also shows staff's recommendation for the list of projects to be forwarded to the Governor and Legislature. In keeping with IAC guidelines, this list includes enough projects to use the statutory amount set aside for this category and alternates. Resolution #2006-23 is provided for Board consideration.

ATTACHMENTS

- Resolution #2006-23
- Table 1 – *WWRP, State Lands Development and Renovation Ranked List of Projects, FY2008*
- State Map for State Lands Development and Renovation Category projects
- State Lands Development Evaluation Criteria Summary
- State Lands Development Project Evaluation Scoring Summary
- State Lands Development Project Summaries

These attachments include a map that shows the location of each project, a summary of the composite scores for each project, and a synopsis of each project proposal.

² Chapter 79A.15.050(1)(e) RCW

RESOLUTION #2006-23
Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program
State Lands Development and Renovation Category - Fiscal Year 2008
Ranked List of Projects

WHEREAS, for fiscal year 2008 of the 2007-2009 biennium, eighteen State Lands Development and Renovation category projects are eligible for funding from the Outdoor Recreation Account of the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program, and

WHEREAS, these eighteen State Lands Development and Renovation category projects were evaluated using evaluation criteria approved by IAC Board Members, and

WHEREAS, these evaluations occurred through a written evaluation process approved by the Board, and

WHEREAS, all eighteen State Lands Development and Renovation category projects meet program requirements as stipulated in IAC Manual #10a, *Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program- Outdoor Recreation Account: Policies and Project Selection*,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that IAC hereby approves the ranked list of projects depicted in Table 1 – *WWRP, State Lands Development and Renovation Ranked List of Projects, FY2008 (2006-23)*, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that IAC hereby recommends to the Governor the ranked list of State Lands Development and Renovation category projects for further consideration.

Resolution moved by: _____

Resolution seconded by: _____

Adopted/Defeated/Deferred (underline one)

Date: September 21, 2006



Table 1
Washington Wildlife Recreation Program - State Lands Development & Renovation
State Fiscal Year 2008

Rank	Score	Number	Project Name	Project Sponsor	IAC Amt	Sponsor Amt	Total Amt	Cum Amt
1 of 18	44.444	06-1788D	Lewis St. Skykomish River Public Access	Fish & Wildlife Dept of	249,741		249,741	249,741
2 of 18	43.222	06-2024D	Little Si Access	Natural Resources Dept of	250,000		250,000	499,741
3 of 18	42.000	06-1897D	Reardan Audubon Lake Trail Development	Fish & Wildlife Dept of	249,999	30,015	280,014	749,740
4 of 18	40.778	06-1783D	Silver Lake Fishing Dock	Fish & Wildlife Dept of	191,858		191,858	941,598
4 of 18	40.778	06-1786D	Beebe Springs Trail Phase 2	Fish & Wildlife Dept of	243,478		243,478	1,185,076
6 of 18	39.667	06-1736D	Yakima River Canyon Access	Fish & Wildlife Dept of	238,962	1,500	240,462	1,424,038
7 of 18	39.556	06-2025D	Newman Lake Fishing Dock	Fish & Wildlife Dept of	250,000		250,000	1,674,038
8 of 18	39.333	06-1769D	McLane Creek Nature Trail	Natural Resources Dept of	249,850		249,850	1,923,888
9 of 18	38.000	06-1913D	Chehalis River Surge Plain NAP (RD) 2006	Natural Resources Dept of	246,088		246,088	2,169,976
10 of 18	37.778	06-1915D	Table Mountain NRCA (RD) 2006	Natural Resources Dept of	71,560		71,560	2,241,536
11 of 18	37.667	06-1977D	Tennant Lake Interpretive Kiosks	Fish & Wildlife Dept of	147,741		147,741	2,389,277
12 of 18	37.556	06-1787D	I-82 Ponds #1 Fishing Platform	Fish & Wildlife Dept of	213,139		213,139	2,602,416
13 of 18	36.222	06-1782D	Turkey Hole Klickitat River Access	Fish & Wildlife Dept of	126,745		126,745	2,729,161
14 of 18	35.889	06-1944D	Leque Island Public Access	Fish & Wildlife Dept of	250,000		250,000	2,979,161
15 of 18	35.556	06-2026D	Diamond Lake Fishing Dock	Fish & Wildlife Dept of	241,082		241,082	3,220,243
16 of 18	33.778	06-1781D	Green Lake Public Access	Fish & Wildlife Dept of	250,000		250,000	3,470,243
17 of 18	33.556	06-1839D	Spencer Island Trails	Fish & Wildlife Dept of	250,000		250,000	3,720,243
18 of 18	32.556	06-1912D	Loomis NRCA, (RD) 2006	Natural Resources Dept of	217,160		217,160	3,937,403
					3,937,403	31,515	3,968,918	

NOTE: Funds available unknown

Prepared: 9/5/2006

Washington Wildlife & Recreation Program
Evaluation Criteria

State Lands Development and Renovation Category

This project category is reserved for the Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Department of Natural Resources for development and/or renovation of state recreation lands.

IAC Manual 10.

WWRP - State Lands Development and Renovation Criteria Analysis					
Score	#	Title	Type	Points	Focus
Team	1	Public Need	D	15	State
Team	2	Site Suitability and Design	D	15	Technical
Team	3	Diversity and Compatibility	D	10	State
Team	4	Plan Priority	D	5	State
Team	5	Performance Measure	D	5	State
Team	6	Public Benefit	D	5	State
IAC Staff	7	Population Proximity	D	1	State
TOTAL POINTS POSSIBLE = 56					

KEY:

- IAC Score = Criteria scored by IAC staff
- Team = Criteria scored by interdisciplinary team
- D = Development and Renovation specific question
- Mult/Mx = Multiplier and maximum points possible for this criterion
- Focus = *St/Loc/Tech*; Criteria orientation in accordance with SCORP policy of developing evaluation systems based on three need factors: those that meet general *statewide* needs (often called for in RCW or SCORP), those that meet *local* needs (usually an item of narrower purview, often called for in local plans), and those that meet *technical* considerations (usually more objective decisions than those of policy).

WWRP SCORING CRITERIA

State Lands Development and Renovation

TEAM SCORED

1. **PUBLIC NEED.** Considering the availability and use of existing facilities within the service area, what is the need for new or improved facilities?
Assessment of Outdoor Recreation in Washington State, 2002-2007, Chapter 5.
2. **SITE SUITABILITY AND PROJECT DESIGN.** Does the project demonstrate good design criteria; does it make the best use of the site?
3. **DIVERSITY OF AND COMPATIBILITY OF RECREATIONAL USES.** To what extent does this project provide diversity of possible recreational uses?
Assessment of Outdoor Recreation in Washington State 2002-2007, Chapters 1 and 5.
4. **PLAN PRIORITY.** How is this project supported by a current plan (i.e. local, state/regional resource, shoreline, open space, land use, outdoor recreation, agency) or a coordinated prioritization effort?
5. **OUTCOME-FOCUSED PERFORMANCE MEASURES.** To what extent does the project result in measurable progress toward goals and objectives for the recreation or access area?
6. **PUBLIC BENEFIT AND PROJECT SUPPORT.** To what extent does this project result in measurable benefits for the community impacted as a result of this development or renovation?

SCORED BY IAC STAFF

7. **PROXIMITY TO HUMAN POPULATIONS.** Is the project located in a populated area?
RCW 79A.25.250 (IAC urban area parks)



Evaluation Summary
Washington Wildlife Recreation Program - State Lands Development & Renovation
State Fiscal Year 2008

Rank	Name/Sponsor	Prescore							Total
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
		Public Need	Site Suitability & Design	Diversity & Compatibility	Plan Priority	Performance Measures	Public Benefit	Population Proximity	
1	Lewis St. Skyko/Fish & W	13.667	11.333	6.444	4.000	3.556	4.444	1.000	44.444
2	Little Si Acces/Natural	14.000	10.333	6.889	3.444	3.556	4.000	1.000	43.222
3	Reardan Audubon/Fish & W	12.333	11.667	6.667	4.000	3.111	4.222	0.000	42.000
4	Silver Lake Fis/Fish & W	11.333	12.333	6.667	2.889	3.111	3.444	1.000	40.778
4	Beebe Springs T/Fish & W	10.333	12.333	6.667	3.444	3.556	4.444	0.000	40.778
6	Yakima River Cal/Fish & W	10.333	11.333	7.778	3.222	3.444	3.556	0.000	39.667
7	Newman Lake Fis/Fish & W	11.667	11.333	6.667	3.000	2.444	3.444	1.000	39.556
8	McLane Creek Na/Natural	10.333	11.333	6.667	3.444	3.333	3.222	1.000	39.333
9	Chehalis River /Natural	8.667	11.333	7.111	3.111	3.889	3.889	0.000	38.000
10	Table Mountain /Natural	10.667	11.000	6.222	3.333	3.111	3.444	0.000	37.778
11	Tennant Lake In/Fish & W	9.667	12.667	5.778	3.111	3.000	3.444	0.000	37.667
12	I-82 Ponds #1 F/Fish & W	11.333	10.333	6.000	3.000	3.222	3.667	0.000	37.556
13	Turkey Hole Kil/Fish & W	11.000	9.667	6.667	3.000	2.667	3.222	0.000	36.222
14	Leque Island Pu/Fish & W	9.667	11.667	6.222	2.667	2.111	2.556	1.000	35.889
15	Diamond Lake Fi/Fish & W	10.000	11.333	6.000	2.778	2.333	3.111	0.000	35.556
16	Green Lake Pub/Fish & W	10.333	10.333	6.667	1.778	1.778	2.889	0.000	33.778
17	Spencer Island /Fish & W	9.333	9.333	5.556	3.111	2.333	2.889	1.000	33.556
18	Loomis NRCA, (R)/Natural	8.333	8.667	6.222	3.333	2.333	3.667	0.000	32.556

Evaluation Score Questions: 1-6
 Prescore Questions: 7-7

Prepared: 09/05/2006

WWRP
OUTDOOR RECREATION ACCOUNT

STATE LANDS
DEVELOPMENT AND
RENOVATION

FISCAL YEAR 2008

Project Synopses



**Washington Wildlife and
Recreation Program
State Lands Development**

State Fiscal Year 2008 Projects, In Ranked Order

Fish & Wildlife Dept of \$249,741 \$0 \$249,741
Lewis St. Skykomish River Public Access

This highly popular boat access site allows river access to the Skykomish River. One side of the double ramp has been closed due to disrepair making boat launching problematic. Demand for access is high almost year round for fishing and access opportunities are limited. The single operational ramp has been undermined by the current and needs repair.

Generally WDFW does not close a boat ramp unless it becomes a safety issue for the public. The ramp has been closed due to safety hazards and needs to be replaced. Replacement of the ramp will expedite the flow of heavy traffic, reducing congestion at the site by allowing one ramp to be designated for launching and one for retrieval.

WDFW is also requesting funding for an ADA parking area with paved access to the accessible vault toilet that is currently located on site. This will improve accessibility to the site which is also used widely by recreational users accessing the river for bank fishing, kayaking, tubing, swimming, picnicking, and general recreation. Paving the entrance will reduce constant maintenance requirements generated by a high level of use and erosion from runoff.

The project represents the highest priority project for numerous sport fishermen and sportsman groups that utilize the area. The sites's popularity is due in part to its location, which is one mile from downtown Monroe. The Sky Valley chapter of Trout Unlimited has officially adopted the site committing to routine monthly maintenance. (06-1788D-FY08)

Natural Resources Dept of \$250,000 \$0 \$250,000
Little Si Access

This project is to construct a 23 stall parking area and connection trail to the Little Si Trailhead in the Mount Si Natural Resources Conservation Area. The Little Si Trail system is one of the most popular in the Puget sound area. On many weekends throughout the year cars fill-up the existing parking lot and then park illegally along the narrow roadway and adjacent to local residences. Development of this overflow parking area will address this public safety hazard and reduce residence/hiker conflicts. DNR will likely expand this new lot in a second phase with other funding sources. This project will be completed concurrently and in coordination with King County Department of Transportation's replacement of the adjacent Mount Si Bridge. (06-2024D-FY08)

Fish & Wildlife Dept of \$249,999 \$30,015 \$280,014
Reardan Audubon Lake Trail Development

The goal of this project is to establish Watchable Wildlife facilities in this unique eastern Washington environment. Currently, access is by appointment only due to the critical

habitat of the site. All of the facilities in this project will be accessible -- two parking lots with toilets, trails, and two blinds will be constructed to maximize the outdoor experience but minimize the impact on wildlife being observed and provide outstanding views of the Lake, uplands and wildlife. With such high biodiversity, it is an excellent site for environmental education at all levels for local schools, for Spokane Schools, and for the ½ million residents of Spokane only 22 miles away.

Purchased in Spring 2006 with IAC funds, Reardan Audubon Lake in Lincoln County is 277 acres of wetlands, vernal ponds, grasslands, channeled scablands, and uplands supporting more than 250 species of birds and other wildlife. The site includes 13 species and 4 bird communities and 5 WDFW habitat types of special concern. It is unusual being both the headwaters of Crab Creek and also Deep Creek. It is an Audubon Important Bird Area nominee and is planned for inclusion in the Northeast Washington Birding Trail. Ninety-two bird species are listed by Partners in Flight as priority-focal species.

This project is a stellar example of a rural grassroots cooperative effort to preserve critical wildlife habitat, offer invaluable Watchable Wildlife recreational, and environmental education opportunities while enhancing the local economy. (06-1897D-FY08)

Fish & Wildlife Dept of Silver Lake Fishing Dock	\$191,858	\$0	\$191,858
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Silver Lake in Spokane County is an extremely popular year-round recreational site for fishing, boating, swimming, and wildlife watching. Silver Lake has one of the better warmwater fisheries in the Spokane area and also enjoys a good trout fishery. The WDFW access site is particularly busy all spring, summer and well into the fall, both on weekends and during the week. In order to accommodate the heavy use, the access site has two concrete plank boat ramps and two concrete vault toilets but no access for shore anglers.

One of the best uses of public funds to increase angling access is constructing fishing docks. It provides key access to anglers that do not have boats. They are currently forced to fish from the shoreline next to, and on top of, the existing boat ramps. This often causes conflicts between user groups. ADA fishing docks provide much-needed easy access to prime fishing for many individuals and families, both able-bodied and disabled. They are also a very visible example of state money going directly to improve access for the tax payers that provide the funding. This project will also include a viewing platform to observe anglers, recreators, birds, other wildlife and scenery. (06-1783D-FY08)

Fish & Wildlife Dept of Beebe Springs Trail Phase 2	\$243,478	\$0	\$243,478
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In 2003 WDFW acquired 227 acres surrounding the Chelan Fish Hatchery. The acquisition provided the opportunity to preserve riparian and shrubsteppe habitat and restore habitats on the portion of the property formerly in orchard. A stakeholder group with active participation from sixteen organizations focused on 60 acres located between Highway 97 and the Columbia River to create the Beebe Springs Natural Area. The stakeholder vision is to restore habitats destroyed or degraded by the former orchard operation, enhance and create anadromous fish habitat in Beebe Creek and along the Columbia River shoreline, and build a trail system with interpretive and educational elements.

Phase 1 of the project, the restoration of Beebe Creek will be completed in 2006. Phase 2 of the project, to be completed in 2007-2008, will include riparian and shrubsteppe vegetation establishment adjacent to the restored Beebe Creek. Anadromous fish rearing habitat enhancements will be completed along the Columbia River shoreline, side channels and islands that will also benefit wildlife using the area. All engineering, design, and permitting costs for this project are being completed using other funds. This project includes parking, interpretive signing, and initial trail loop around the creek with viewpoints to allow public enjoyment of the area. Future phases will concentrate on extending the trail system and completing additional riparian habitat and anadromous fish rearing enhancements on the Columbia River shoreline. (06-1786D-FY08)

Fish & Wildlife Dept of **\$238,962** **\$1,500** **\$240,462**
Yakima River Canyon Access

The WDFW Yakima River Access Site at milepost 8 on Canyon Road (Hwy 821) is a popular spot for recreation and has been primarily managed as fish and wildlife habitat. In recent years, the site has become increasingly popular. Because of the lack of infrastructure, undirected recreation, dumping, and vandalism occurs and so the site and adjacent habitat are quickly becoming degraded. The BLM has two sites in the vicinity and is planning improvements. These improvements will attract more recreationists to this portion of the Yakima Canyon and the WDFW sites will see increased use as a result.

This project will establish a defined centralized parking area for 15 vehicles, create an unimproved non-motorized drift boat and raft take-out, install an accessible vault toilet, convert 1,000-2,000 feet of dirt roads to trails, and limit driving access through the sensitive riparian zone. Re-vegetation of the shoreline will also occur to restore riparian function.

The Yakima River Canyon is a tremendously popular recreation area in south-central Washington. The Yakima Canyon is also one of the State's best blue-ribbon trout fisheries, with several hundred boating trips per day, on average, during summer months. Additionally, summer floating through the Yakima Canyon provides a unique recreational experience to thousands of state citizens each year. Central Washington's hot dry weather is perfect for floating, fishing, or wildlife viewing through the grassy, sagebrush-covered hills of the scenic Yakima Canyon. (06-1736D-FY08)

Fish & Wildlife Dept of **\$250,000** **\$0** **\$250,000**
Newman Lake Fishing Dock

Newman Lake in Spokane County is an extremely popular year-round recreational site for fishing, boating, swimming and wildlife watching. Newman Lake has one of the better warmwater fisheries in the Spokane area and also enjoys a good trout fishery. The WDFW access site is particularly busy all spring, summer and well into the fall, both on weekends and during the week but has no shoreline access for disabled anglers and very little shoreline access for able-bodied anglers.

One of the best uses of public funds to increase angling access is constructing fishing docks. It provides key access to anglers that do not have boats. They are currently forced to fish from the shore next to and on top of the existing boat ramps. This often causes conflicts between user groups. ADA fishing docks provide much-needed easy access to prime fishing for many individuals and families, both able-bodied and disabled. They are

low-impact public use. Several user-built trails which link the Pacific Crest Trail to the summit of Table Mountain were poorly placed and poorly designed and due to high use are highly eroded and dangerous in several locations. These trails also traverse rare plant communities and a cultural site and are negatively impacting them.

The scope of this project is to build 4,438 feet of new trail which will reroute sections of the existing trail around sensitive features and dangerous areas. The project will also rehabilitate and improve eroded portions of 1.5 miles of trail. Abandoned trail (3,996 feet) will be restored to native vegetation using site collected seed. This project also involves the creation and installation of interpretive signs which will provide information about the NRCA and its sensitive resources. The primary work force for this trail project will be a 4 to 5 person Washington Conservation Corps (WCC) crew. (06-1915D-FY08)

Fish & Wildlife Dept of **\$147,741** **\$0** **\$147,741**
Tennant Lake Interpretive Kiosks

This project will provide two interpretive kiosks at the Nooksack Unit and a third interpretive kiosk at the Tennant Lake Unit of the Whatcom Wildlife Area. Public usage of the Nooksack Unit Slater Road and Marietta access sites has increased dramatically. The two mile trail connecting the two access sites is an important component of the Coast Millenium Trail Network utilized by hunters, fishers, dog walkers/trainers, hikers and cyclists.

With the upcoming 2010 Olympics, interpretive kiosks at both access sites will provide visitors and users recreational and interpretive information including displays about the multi-agency restoration work taking place near the mouth of the Nooksack River. The Tennant Lake Unit Kiosk will be located next to the Tennant Lake Interpretive Center and adjacent to an observation tower that is visited by 40,000 people annually. The kiosk will provide information on wetlands for visitors to the Tennant Lake boardwalk trail.
 (06-1977D-FY08)

Fish & Wildlife Dept of **\$213,139** **\$0** **\$213,139**
I-82 Ponds #1 Fishing Platform

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) requests funds to construct improvements that include a fishing dock at I-82 Pond 1. This pond is located southeast of Yakima and is currently accessible only for anglers willing to walk a one-half mile trail.

This project will provide pathway lighting, accessible parking, a vault toilet, a paved trail, and a fishing dock that will also serve as a viewing platform. IAC assistance in this project will complement another project (to be completed with other funds) that will extend the existing road by grading and re-graveling the existing trail and will develop a new parking lot.

The currently unpaved trail adjacent to Interstate Highway 82 (I-82) passes under the highway through a large culvert designed for pedestrian access to these ponds. The new parking lot will be immediately adjacent to the highway pedestrian underpass. A parking pad and about 200 feet of the current trail to Pond 1 will be paved.

These two complementary projects are expected to significantly increase fishing effort for warmwater fish species. Current effort is less than desirable at these ponds because of the

walking distance and near shore aquatic vegetation. This pond supports a variety of fish species, including largemouth bass, yellow perch, sunfish and bullhead catfish, and can support considerably more than current fishing effort and harvest. (06-1787D-FY08)

Fish & Wildlife Dept of **\$126,745** **\$0** **\$126,745**
Turkey Hole Klickitat River Access

This project will provide a single ADA accessible toilet and parking pad that will replace a noncompliant fiberglass toilet that is no longer safe for human use. In addition, the site perimeter will be surveyed, fenced, a gate installed, a wildlife viewing platform constructed, as well as new information signage and an informational kiosk installed on the site.

The site is on the banks of the Klickitat River and provides unparalleled opportunities for bank fishing, bird watching, wildlife viewing of mountain goat and deer, hunting, kayaking, canoeing, rafting and general outdoor recreation opportunities. The site's rural setting in the picturesque Klickitat Canyon is a natural draw to both locals and city dwellers who are looking for safe and affordable outdoor recreation opportunities. (06-1782D-FY08)

Fish & Wildlife Dept of **\$250,000** **\$0** **\$250,000**
Leque Island Public Access

Leque Island is used extensively by waterfowl and pheasant hunters, dog trainers, birdwatchers, and other wildlife oriented outdoor recreational users. The area is unique, in that it is located between Skagit and Port Susan Bays. It is a natural flyway for waterfowl, shorebirds, and other avian species, that are moving locally between the Skagit and Port Susan Bay estuaries. Leque Island has the potential to be developed and enhanced to further benefit both fish and wildlife, and the recreational users that utilize this site.

Funding for this proposed project will be a major step towards providing improved, as well as increased public use facilities for the average recreational user, as well a ADA recreational use. Leque Island has been in need of well-developed parking areas since 1973, and trails and other major public use enhancements have never been funded for this area. Due to the lack of public use facilities on this site, the area has not been used extensively by birdwatchers, although the site has great potential. The implementation of this project will dramatically increase the recreational use on this area. Improved trails, viewing areas, ADA access trails, two new parking areas, interpretive and directional signs will all contribute to increased opportunities for the fish and wildlife enthusiast. (06-1944D-FY08)

Fish & Wildlife Dept of **\$241,082** **\$0** **\$241,082**
Diamond Lake Fishing Dock

Diamond Lake in Pend Oreille County is an extremely popular recreational site for fishing, boating, swimming and wildlife watching. It has one of the better warmwater fisheries north of Spokane and also enjoys a good trout fishery. The WDFW access site is particularly busy all spring, summer and well into the fall, both on weekends and during the week. This site has extremely limited shoreline access for able-bodied anglers and no shoreline access for disabled anglers.

One of the best uses of public funds to increase angling access is constructing fishing docks. It provides key access to anglers that do not have boats. They are currently forced

**Natural Resources Dept of
Loomis NRCA, (RD) 2006**

\$217,160

\$0

\$217,160

The Loomis Natural Resource Conservation Area (NRCA) is comprised of two blocks totaling 24,700 acres within the Loomis State Forest. There are approximately 45 miles of user built trails and 10 miles of roads that are used as trails. All trails have been approved by the Department of Natural Resources and are identified in the Loomis NRCA Management Plan. Trails are designated as either summer use only, winter use only or all season use. No wheeled vehicles are allowed on the roads or trails except for management purposes. Dispersed camping is allowed.

This project's objective is to relocate approximately 1.5 miles of trail, clear and improve approximately 0.3 miles of trail, install three foot bridges, and hardened rock stream crossings. The use of native materials is preferred since all trails in the NRCA are considered to be primitive. Local rock and puncheon material will be used. There will be an insignificant amount of, if any, purchasing of gravel, lumber or puncheon for trail work. Volunteers will contribute labor as well. Many trail segments need to be relocated because they go through wet areas within riparian or wetland zones or are located on unstable slopes. This project will provide streambank restoration and protection for sites within the project area. Re-routing and/or improving trails will be done to increase user safety and resource protection. There is currently only one foot bridge within the trail system, not including the roads. (06-1912D-FY08)



Washington Wildlife & Recreation Program - State Lands Development (WWRP - SLD) FY 2008 Ranked Projects

