



STATE OF WASHINGTON
RECREATION AND CONSERVATION OFFICE

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Item #18: 2009 Board Meeting Calendar and 2008 Agenda Items

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Proposed Action: Discussion and Direction

Summary

The Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (Board) meets four to six times per year to award grant funding and provide policy direction for the grant programs and planning activities. In addition, the Board has stated in its strategic plan and meetings that it wishes to consider its role in coordination and “big-picture” outdoor recreation planning. To that end, staff proposes that the Board consider adopting an annual work plan of topics, which it would update at the end of each meeting. Further, staff requests direction about a proposed meeting schedule for 2009, so that the Board can adopt a final schedule at the September meeting.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Board adopt a rolling annual work plan of topics and that the Board consider the proposed meeting schedule for 2009.

Background

Board Work Plan

The Board has stated in its strategic plan and meetings that it wishes to consider its role in coordination and “big-picture” outdoor recreation planning. Further, the Board has



expressed a desire to seek partnerships with other agencies and communities, such as those involved in health and economic development.

One way to meet this need is to develop an annual work plan that lists topics of interest and the meeting(s) at which the Board will address them. Attachment A provides a draft work plan for Board consideration. This schedule will have the most firm topic commitments for the next scheduled meeting, with concepts and other topics identified for planning purposes at the subsequent meetings.

Meeting Schedule

From 2005 through 2008, the Board's meeting schedule has been as follows:

Year	Meetings	Locations
2008	5	Bellingham Olympia (3) Walla Walla
2007	4	Olympia (2) Seattle Spokane Valley
2006	6	Olympia (4) Port Townsend Vancouver
2005	6	Federal Way Lacey (2) North Bend Pullman Tukwila

Staff proposes that the Board meet four times in 2009, with all meetings held on Thursday and Friday. To reduce travel expenses, the staff recommends that only one of the board meetings be held outside of Olympia. Staff designed the schedule to reduce conflicts with other meetings and to align with the grant cycles.

- March 26 – 27, 2009
- July 9 – 10, 2009 (Possible travel meeting)
- September 17 -18, 2009
- November 19 -20, 2009

Next Steps

Staff will plan meetings for 2009 and implement a work plan based on Board direction.

Attachments

- A. Draft Recreation and Conservation Funding Board Work Plan

Attachment A: Draft Recreation and Conservation Funding Board Work Plan

Meeting Date	Location	Topics for Consideration
September 2008	Walla Walla	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Primary grant awards meeting (WWRP, ALEA, LWCF, BIG). • Discussion of links between RCO and Board strategic plans and performance measurement/management • Policies related to Berk report • WDFW-DNR land exchange conversion • Finalize 2009 Board Meeting schedule
November 2008	Olympia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grant awards (NOVA, BFP, NRTP) • Updates on biodiversity and invasive species • Prioritization of policies for review in 2009 (strategic plan) • Continued discussion of conversion policies • “Big picture” outdoor recreation strategy
March 2009	Olympia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy changes for 2009 grant cycle • “Big picture” outdoor recreation strategy • Discussion of advocacy strategies in plan – editorial board activity • Legislative update • Initial legislative and budget discussions (2010)
July 2009	TBD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grant awards for 2008 cycle (ALEA, WWRP) • Discussion of policies under review (see Nov 2009) • Decisions re: legislative and budget discussions (2010)
September 2009	Olympia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grant awards (LWCF, BIG) • Adoption of policies under review (see Nov 2009) • 2010 Board Meeting schedule
November 2009	Olympia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grant awards (FARR, NOVA, BFP, NRTP) • Policy changes for 2010 grant cycle