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RECREATION AND CONSERVATION OFFICE

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Item #2c: **Project Time Extensions**

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Presented By: Consent Calendar

Approved by the Director:

Proposed Action: Decision

Summary

Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) staff requests that the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (Board) consider the time extension requests shown in Attachment A. Board action is required because each project is more than four years old and is asking for extension to continue the agreement.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of the extension requests included in Attachment A, Time Extension Requests for Board Approval – June 2008. Resolution #2008-023 (consent calendar) is provided for Board consideration.

Background

Manual #7, *Funded Projects: Policies and the Project Agreement*, outlines the Board's adopted policy for progress on active funded projects. The policy requires staff to report all requests for time extensions and subsequent staff actions to the Board. Further, the policy states that, "All requests for extensions that would extend longer than the original four years are referred to the Board." In compliance with this policy, staff submits this report and recommendation.



Time Extension Requests – Director Approval

Between March 1, 2008 and May 21, 2008, the RCO received several requests to extend projects. Staff reviewed each request to ensure compliance with established policies. After consideration, staff granted extensions to 68 projects. Of those, four already have closed, 45 are scheduled for completion before December 31, 2008, and the remainder will close before June 30, 2009. None of these extensions should affect the agency's reappropriation request.

Time Extension Requests Requiring Board Review

RCO also received time extension requests for the projects listed in Attachment A. This document summarizes the circumstances for each of the requested extensions and the expected date of project completion. Board action is required because each project sponsor is requesting an extension to continue the agreement beyond the four-year period authorized in Board policy.

Analysis

Considerations for approving time extension requests include:

- Receipt of a written request for the time extension;
- Reimbursements requested and approved;
- Date the Board granted funding approval;
- Conditions surrounding the delay;
- Sponsor's reasons or justification for requesting the extension;
- Likelihood of sponsor completing the project within the extended period;
- Original dates for project completion;
- Sponsor's progress on this and other funded projects;
- Revised milestones or timeline submitted for completion of the project; and
- The effect the extension will have on reappropriation request levels for RCO.

Next Steps

If approved by the Board, staff will execute the appropriate amendments and monitor progress through successful completion of the projects.

Attachments

Resolution #2008-023 (Consent Calendar)

A. Time Extension Requests for Board Approval, June 2008

Attachment A: Time Extension Requests for Board Approval – March 2008

Project #	Project sponsor	Project name	Grant program	Funding date	Extension request	Circumstances or reasons for delay
00-1526N	Washington State Parks	James Island- Replace Mooring Facilities	BFP- State	7/1/2001	12/31/2008	<p>To date, State Parks has completed the following tasks: biological assessments, eelgrass surveys, topographic surveys, in-water design alternative evaluations, and 60% design drawings for in-water and upland work to replace the mooring facilities at James Island.</p> <p>State Parks is seeking a six-month time extension for additional subsurface exploration. According to Parks, the delays are caused by the regulatory environment, which created a need for more extensive studies and creative designs to avoid or mitigate eelgrass impacts. In February 2008, State Parks entered into a contract with a geotechnical engineering firm to secure permits for two test borings. The required permits will be obtained by June and the fieldwork completed in August 2008.</p>
02-1045A	Department of Natural Resources	Washougal Oaks NAP/NRCA	WWRP Natural Areas	7/11/2003	12/31/2008	<p>DNR has acquired four properties totaling 84 acres with a combined purchase price of \$1.14 million. They have been in prolonged negotiations for a 114-acre property that is of primary importance to the Natural Area. The Purchase and Sale Agreement required the signatures of several family members, one of whom refused to sign before May 1. The property is valued at \$1.4 million and will expend the remaining funds in this grant when acquired. Closing is contingent upon an environmental assessment and the ability to clear a gravel mining easement from the title. DNR is seeking an extension that will allow sufficient time to accomplish these tasks.</p>
02-1199A	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	South Puget Sound Prairies and Oak Woodland	WWRP Critical Habitat	7/11/2003	6/30/2009	<p>WDFW has experienced difficulty identifying willing sellers for this project. The Board approved a time extension in September 2007 to allow additional time to pursue alternative properties. None of those alternative properties has been successfully acquired. One of the original target properties now is available for purchase. WDFW is working with The Nature Conservancy on the transaction and expects to know whether the landowner is willing to sell to them by June 19, 2008. WDFW would need an additional nine to twelve</p>

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						months to complete the transaction.
02-1657A	Department of Natural Resources	South Puget Sound Prairies – Mima Mounds	WWRP Critical Habitat	7/11/2003	10/31/2008	DNR has acquired three properties totaling 11.7 acres with a value of \$584,500. One of those properties includes a modest residence that could be sold and relocated, thereby recycling the structure and avoiding the cost of demolition. DNR has twice sold the house, but the buyers have backed out of the transaction each time. DNR is seeking additional time to accomplish a sale. DNR has requested RCO reduce the project balance to \$20,000 to cover the cost of demolition, and extend the project period to accomplish demolition should a sale prove impossible. Remaining funds of approximately \$180,000 will be available to another viable project.
04-1141D	USFS MBSNF: Snoqualmie Ranger District	McClellan Butte Trail Reconstruction	NRTP - General	9/9/2004	12/31/2008	USFS will be completing the trail reconstruction work this summer once the snow melts. The first construction season (2006) was short due to high fire danger and the use of power equipment. In the next construction season, USFS stopped work and redirected staff to address immediate maintenance issues resulting from the severe winter weather. The Forest Service is unsure whether the remaining work can be complete by the current deadline of September 8, 2008. The extension will give the Forest Service until the end of this year to complete the project.