

GOVERNOR'S INTER-AGENCY COMMITTEE ON
OUTDOOR RECREATION

MINUTES

Department of Natural Resources
July 9, 1964

PRESENT:

Charles H. Odegaard, Chairman
Goerge VanMieghem, Central Budget Agency
Jud Wonderly, Department of Commerce & Econ. Dev.
Elmer Quistorff, Department of Fisheries
Norm Knott, Department of Game
Eugene Maxwell, Department of Game
William Albohn, Department of Highways
Al O'Donnell, Department of Natural Resources
Mike Bigley, Department of Natural Resources
Philip Parker, Secretary

ALSO PRESENT:

Rosemary Horwood, Dept. of Commerce &
Economic Development
Paul Benson, Dept. of Commerce &
Economic Development

1. June 25, 1964 minutes were corrected to show Mr. VanMieghem as Chairman of the Budget Sub-Committee.
2. At the suggestion of Mr. O'Donnell, Mr. Bigley was added to the Legislative Sub-Committee.
3. Mr. VanMieghem submitted a report of the Budget Sub-Committee.

He said, it was possible that the Legislature could appropriate as much as \$6 million from Referendum Bill No. 11 bond monies. He said, Initiative 215 monies would technically become available to the I-A-C on December 1, 1964 following passage of the Bill. He pointed out, however, that there may be a delay in obtaining the gas tax refunds because the law gives persons 13 months to apply for their refund. He said, the License Department may have to create a reserve to cover potential refunds and that, as a practical matter, it was likely that no funds would be available before the

beginning of the 1965-67 biennium from Initiative 215.
(The Budget Sub-Committee report appears in the official minutes of the I-A-C as Exhibit A.)

The possibility of a delay in obtaining funds authorized by Initiative 215 led to a discussion of the history of refunds and of the Outboard Motorboat Association's study as to the percentage of gasoline burned by boaters. The question was asked if the License Department could begin its study on the actual percent of gas used by boaters before the November 3 election.

MOVED by Mr. Bigley, SECONDED by Mr. Quistorff that the Budget Sub-Committee contact the Director of the Department of Licenses to discuss the possibility of beginning its marine fuel tax refund study as authorized in Section 16 of Initiative 215 before passage of this measure. MOTION carried.

4. Mr. Wonderly introduced Mrs. Horwood and Mr. Benson who had assisted him in preparing the report for the Plan Development Sub-Committee.

Mr. Benson expressed the concern of the Department of Commerce and Economic Development that the I-A-C's six year plan for outdoor recreation be dovetailed as closely as possible with the 701 study. He noted that supplemental grants from the Federal Housing and Home Finance Agency were being sought for the Departments of Game, Fisheries, and Natural Resources to carry out their part of the 701 study.

Mrs. Horwood presented a suggested letter (Exhibit B in the I-A-C official minutes) to be written to other states which have matching fund programs asking for a summary of their experiences. Mr. O'Donnell suggested the addition of the following question to the letter: "How was the division of funds handled between agencies at the state level?" Mr. Bigley suggested the addition of the word "development" to the phrase "acquisition of outdoor recreation sites."

It was agreed that the Chairman should write letters to those states and federal agencies which might have information of this type.

5. It was suggested that letterheads and envelopes for the I-A-C including the names of the member agencies be printed.

MOVED by Mr. Bigley, SECONDED by Mr. Wonderly.
MOTION carried.

6. Mrs. Horwood discussed the need for a basic policy to be considered by the I-A-C in the disbursement of funds. She pointed out that such a policy would have the effect of encouraging or discouraging certain types of recreational developments in the future. She submitted for the Committee's consideration a list of questions and suggested criteria to be used for State agencies applying for Initiative 215 or Referendum No. 11 funds. (These suggestions are included in the official I-A-C minutes of the July 9, 1964 meeting as Exhibit C and D.)

Mr. Bigley noted the lack of a geographical factor in Exhibit D as one of the proposed criteria for distribution of funds. In subsequent discussions it was generally agreed that any criteria adopted for the allocation of funds from Initiative 215 and Referendum No. 11 should be viewed independently from the point of view of (1) state agencies, and (2) county and city agencies.

Mrs. Horwood presented two other suggested criteria for allocating funds by the I-A-C. (They appear in the official I-A-C minutes for July 9, 1964 as Exhibits E and F.)

The Committee agreed that both of these criteria should be given further study. Chairman Odegaard asked that questions from I-A-C members be directed to the appropriate sub-committees by July 16, 1964.

7. Mr. Knott gave the report of the Legislative Sub-Committee.

He said that each member agency of the I-A-C had been queried as to its legislative needs with respect to outdoor recreation, but that only some of the agencies had replied. Of the replies received he noted that some did not include the recommendations contained in the Governor's Report on Outdoor Recreation. It was suggested that a list of both the needs contained in the letters of response and the proposals contained in the Governor's Report be drawn up and sent to each agency for review and comment at the next meeting.

8. Mr. O'Donnell reported that as a result of the meeting among Natural Resources, Highways, and Parks and Recreation on the problems connected with obtaining access to potential recreation areas on the Yakima River, it was discovered that other departments are faced with similar problems and that there is a need for agencies to make their needs known before Highway Department plans for freeways have progressed too far.

Mr. Albohn said that plans are now in the works in the Highway Department to help avoid this situation arising in the future.

MOVED by Mr. Knott that the I-A-C recommend to the Department of Natural Resources that prior to the establishment of a firm outdoor recreation program for the State of Washington, Natural Resources withhold from sale any land containing 500 or more feet of access to water.

Mr. Bigley replied that Natural Resources already has such a policy, and asked that such a recommendation not be made until site investigations could be carried out by the Parks, Game, and Natural Resources departments.

The motion died for the lack of a second.

9. Chairman Odegaard reported on the success of the Parks and Outdoor Recreation Seminar held at the University of Washington on June 29, 1964. He termed the Seminar a success, and thanked the members' agencies of the I-A-C for their help and cooperation in putting on the Seminar.

He also reported that Initiative 215 had been filed with the Secretary of State's Office by the Citizens for Outdoor Recreation with in excess of 170,000 signatures.

10. Next meeting will be held in the General Administration Building, Small Conference Room, at 8:30 a.m., Thursday, August 13, 1964.

Meeting adjourned.

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