

**INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE FOR OUTDOOR RECREATION
SUMMARY MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING**

DATE: September 21 & 22, 2000 *PLACE: Natural Resources Building, Room 172*
TIME: 8:30 a.m. *Olympia, Washington*

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INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT DAY 1:

Ruth Mahan	Friday Harbor
Christine Wakefield Nichols	Monroe
Bob Parlette, Acting Chair	Wenatchee
Elyse Kane	Designee, Department of Fish and Wildlife
Stan Biles	Designee, Department of Natural Resources
Bill Koss	Designee, Parks and Recreation Commission

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ITEM 1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Bob Parlette, Acting Chair, called the September 21, 2000 meeting to order at 8:45 a.m.

Chair Parlette asked if there were any changes to the agenda. The agenda for the two-day meeting was approved as proposed.

Chair Parlette called for approval of the minutes of the July 14, 2000, regular meeting. Stan Biles **moved** approval of the minutes. Bill Koss **seconded**. **MOTION CARRIED.**

ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT AND STATUS REPORTS

Director's Report: Director Johnson presented the Director's report (See notebook for details). She shared a couple of news clippings she had received from past IAC chair, Donna Mason.

CARA Bill and LWCF: The coalition is still working on getting action from Congress before the end of the month. Stan Biles questioned why Senator Murray didn't sign the letter to leadership requesting floor action. No one knows why she didn't sign the support letter when she voiced support in the past.

Budget: Director Johnson handed out a draft letter to go to the Governor concerning the budget. The Director asked for Committee review and advice on language and appropriate signature for the letter.

Public Lands Inventory Project: IAC is in the process of filling a policy level position whose first assignment would be to finish this report. The plan is to complete the report

before the legislature convenes in January 2001. The Committee will need to approve the final draft of this report.

Financial & Administration Report: Debra Wilhelmi presented the financial report (See notebook for details).

- ◆ Fiscal staff has been very busy with paying bills in the last several months.
- ◆ There is still a shortfall in the Firearms and Archery Range Recreation [FARR] program due to changes in legislation.
- ◆ Staff has submitted both the operating and capital budget – copies were distributed to the Committee.

Planning Related Status Report: Greg Lovelady presented the planning related status report (See written report for details).

- ◆ He reported that so far fifty people have registered for the Trails Coalition and Trails Congress 2000. Several groups are working on this trails congress meeting.
- ◆ Parks expressed their appreciation of Jim Eychaner's work with Federal Energy Regulatory Commission [FERC] settlements.

Project Services Division Report: Eric Johnson presented the project services division report (See written report for details).

- ◆ Eric thanked “the behind the scenes staff” for tabulating the results of the evaluation process.
- ◆ Land and Water Conservation Fund [LWCF] projects approved by IAC at the July meeting have been given verbal approval from National Parks Service [NPS]. IAC will receive written confirmation soon.
- ◆ Lynn Palensky has resigned from IAC to go to work for the Northwest Power Planning Council in Portland.

Legislative Issues: Jim Fox presented the legislative update.

- ◆ No agency request legislation will be presented this year but several issues will be of interest to the IAC.
- ◆ Number one is the budget – there will be a lot of competition for the budget funds. State agencies will face some difficult budget issues.
- ◆ The Off-Road Vehicle Fuel Use study is still being discussed as possible legislation.

ITEM 3. 2001 IAC MEETING SCHEDULE

The Committee was presented with a proposed quarterly meeting schedule for 2001. The original proposal had March 8, July 9-10 or July 18-19, September 19-20, and November 15, 2001. After discussion, the Committee chose July 18-19 for the July meeting and changed the September meeting dates to 27-28 to not conflict with State Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

After discussion, Bill Koss **moved** to approve the 2001 IAC quarterly meeting schedule as amended – March 8, July 18 & 19, September 27 & 28, and November 15, 2001. Elyse Kane **seconded**. **MOTION CARRIED**. (Resolution #2000-19)

ITEM 4. NRTP – GENERAL/EDUCATION PROJECT LIST APPROVAL

Greg Lovelady presented information concerning the National Recreational Trails Program [NRTP] evaluation and project selection process. Projects in this grant program assist the rehabilitation and maintenance of recreational trails and facilities that provide a backcountry experience. Both nonmotorized and motorized trail uses may receive grant funds. In this cycle, the advisory committee evaluated 51 projects, requesting \$1,570,085. Eligible applicants include agency and non-profit organizations.

Christine Wakefield Nichols **moved** to approve Resolution #2000-20. **Seconded** by Elyse Kane. **MOTION CARRIED**.

ITEM 5. YAF ROUND 2 MAINTENANCE PROJECT APPROVAL

Eric Johnson presented six options for spending the remaining balance of the Youth Athletic Facilities [YAF] funds. He reminded the Committee that these funds can only be used for maintenance projects. The six options were presented to the Community Outdoor Athletic Facilities Advisory Council [COAFAC] for their recommendation. They recommended that the Committee adopt Option 6. The options are as follows:

1. Shift geographic group fund balances to requests in other geographic groups.
2. Hold the geographic group fund balances for cost increases:
 - To only those projects from a geographic group where a fund balance exists, or
 - As a “pool” for statewide cost increases.
3. Hold another application cycle (round 3) for the three geographic groups where a fund balance exists.
4. Retain the geographic group fund balances until a new appropriation is made to which the balance can be added.
5. Hold a statewide competition for the balance.
6. Shift geographic group fund balances to requests in other geographic groups and use the remaining balance (\$31,887) for the next partially funded and unfunded projects from last year’s North Olympic Geographic Group – the only area that consumed all of its funds in the first year.

Public Testimony

Peter Lukevich, Chairman of the COAFAC – He strongly urged the Committee to adopt Resolution 2000-21. Criteria has been strictly adhered to and met. Evaluation criteria were very fair. COAFAC has discussed support for a \$20 million budget request for continued YAF funding.

Craig Kiggins, Hazel Dell Little League – He supports the funding recommendation and mentioned how much it has helped his area. Their little league group went to the Little League World Series this last year.

Roger Snowy, Executive Director, Salmon Creek Soccer Club – He stated that soccer fields in their area are at a premium. Surface water flooding has been a problem that causes a shortage in availability of soccer fields. He urged the approval of the Salmon Creek Soccer Club project which would help to increase soccer usage and spring soccer leagues, and give the club the ability to host more soccer tournaments

Daryl Faber, Director, Burien Parks and Recreation Department – If their project is funded they will be able to improve the drainage and lighting on the fields. This will free up other funds for additional playground equipment for younger children.

The Committee asked if there had been a summary report to Paul Allen outlining the projects. Peter Lukevich reported that a report is being developed that will be presented to the IAC, with a copy to Paul Allen.

Christine Wakefield Nichols noted that this is the most cost effective way to bring activities to the youth of our state.

Ruth Mahan **moved** to adopt Resolution #2000-21. **Seconded** by Stan Biles.
MOTION CARRIED.

ITEM 6. WWRP REVIEW AND FRAMEWORK – STATUTORY/UNALLOCATED & 1ST/2ND YEAR ISSUES

Eric Johnson took time during this portion of the meeting to review the WWRP project evaluation process. He explained that at today's meeting and the upcoming November IAC meeting, the Board would be making major decisions concerning the FY2002 list of WWRP projects and allocation of WWRP funds for the 2001-03 biennium. (See notebook for details.)

ITEM 7. WWRP – HCA – CRITICAL HABITAT 1ST YEAR PROJECT LIST PRELIMINARY APPROVAL

Eric Johnson, Scott Chapman, and Marguerite Austin presented projects being considered for Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program [WWRP] – Habitat Conservation Account [HCA] – Critical Habitat funding.

Critical Habitat category projects are eligible to receive thirty-five percent of the WWRP funds in the HCA account, plus any unallocated funds as determined by IAC. Projects in this category are important for the protection, management, and public enjoyment of

animal, fish, and bird species habitats. This year eleven projects requesting \$33,414,580 went through the evaluation process. This category is open *only* to state agency applicants.

Public Testimony

Lyn Muench, Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe – She expressed support for funding of the Dungeness Riparian Forest project, which ranked 7 out of 11. She stated that several of the affected species in this area were left off the scoring sheet and this may have made a difference in the scoring. Ms. Muench read and presented into testimony a letter from W. Ron Allen, Tribal Chairman and Executive Director.

Steve Tharinger, Clallam County Commissioner – He spoke on the public benefit in funding the Dungeness Riparian Forest project.

Jeff Parsons, Executive Director, Audubon Society – He thanked the Committee for the excellent work they have been doing for the last several years and pledged support of the proposed WWRP funding at the \$90 million level in the legislature this year.

Joe Williams, Department of Ecology – Ecology supports the Dungeness Riparian Forest project. Mr. Williams submitted a letter of support from Cynthia Nelson, Dungeness Watershed Lead.

The Committee took a short recess after public testimony to confirm the status of data on the Dungeness project.

Elyse Kane gave the Committee more details concerning the Dungeness Riparian Forest. Following extended discussion, the Committee decided to leave the WWRP Critical Areas proposed list as presented.

Christine Wakefield Nichols **moved** to adopt Resolution #2000-23. **Seconded** by Bill Koss. **MOTION CARRIED.**

ITEM 8. WWRP – HCA – NATURAL AREAS 1ST YEAR PROJECT LIST PRELIMINARY APPROVAL

Eric Johnson, Scott Chapman, and Marguerite Austin presented projects being considered for funding under the Natural Areas category.

Natural Areas category projects are eligible to receive twenty percent of the WWRP funds in the HCA account, plus any unallocated funds as determined by IAC. Projects in this category have retained, to a large degree, their natural character and are important in preserving rare or vanishing features of scientific or educational value. This year eight projects requesting \$9,230,255 went through the evaluation process. This category is open *only* to state agency applicants.

Bill Koss **moved** to adopt Resolution #2000-24. **Seconded** by Elyse Kane. **MOTION CARRIED.**

ITEM 9. WWRP – HCA – URBAN WILDLIFE HABITAT 1ST YEAR PROJECT LIST PRELIMINARY APPROVAL

Eric Johnson, Scott Chapman, Marguerite Austin, and Darrell Jennings presented projects being considered for funding under the Urban Wildlife Habitat category.

Urban Wildlife Habitat category projects are eligible to receive fifteen percent of the WWRP funds in the HCA account, plus any unallocated funds as determined by IAC. Projects in this category provide habitat important to wildlife in proximity to an urban area as defined by IAC policy. This year eleven projects requesting \$16,693,734 went through the evaluation process. This category is open to *both* state and local agency applicants.

Public Testimony

Susan Strandberg, King County Parks and Recreation Department – She explained taxing strategies to protect natural resource areas. She was pleased with the grant process and appreciated staff support and help.

Rena Brady, resident, City of Sammamish – She described how pleased their group is with the ranking of their project. She also noted her appreciation for IAC Darrell Jennings assistance with preparing their project proposal.

Ruth Mahan **moved** to adopt Resolution #2000-25. **Seconded** by Christine Wakefield Nichols. **MOTION CARRIED.**

ITEM 10. HCA - UNALLOCATED

Eric Johnson reviewed the options presented to the Committee on how to allocate unallocated funds. He reviewed how the Committee has allocated these funds in the past. The Committee indicated they might want to wait until the November meeting to make this decision, giving more time for citizen response.

Public Testimony

Peter Scholes, Washington Wildlife and Recreation Committee – He noted that this is a very difficult decision for IAC Board members. There needs to be consistency between the HCA and the Outdoor Recreation Account [ORA] unallocated funding strategies. The Coalition favors waiting until after the legislative session to make the funding decisions for the unallocated funds.

Public testimony in the form of a letter from the City of Mukilteo was entered into the record.

Board Discussion

The Board discussed the pros and cons for making a decision on the unallocated funds at today's meeting or waiting for the November IAC meeting for final decision.

After Board discussion, Christine Wakefield Nichols made **motion** to defer unallocated funding distribution until November. Ruth Mahan **seconded** the motion. **Approved** by the Committee to defer until November IAC meeting to make decision on unallocated funds.

Christine Wakefield Nichols made **motion** to send memo out to the four stakeholders – motion **died** for lack of a **second**.

ITEM 14. WWRP – ORA – STATE PARKS 1ST YEAR PROJECT LIST PRELIMINARY APPROVAL

Eric Johnson gave a brief overview of the State Parks category ranking process. Myra Barker and Kammie Bunes presented the projects being considered for funding under this category.

State Parks category projects are eligible to receive twenty-five percent of the WWRP funds in the ORA account, plus any unallocated funds as determined by IAC. Projects in this category are exclusive to the State Parks and Recreation Commission and can be used for acquisition or development of state parks. This year fifteen projects requesting \$13,000,267 went through the evaluation process. This category is open *only* to the State Parks and Recreation Commission.

A funding decision was deferred until the next day.

The meeting recessed for the day at 5:00 p.m.

DAY 2, SEPTEMBER 22, 2000

INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT DAY 2:

Christine Wakefield Nichols	Monroe
Bob Parlette, Acting Chair	Wenatchee
Elyse Kane	Designee, Department of Fish and Wildlife
Stan Biles	Designee, Department of Natural Resources
Bill Koss	Designee, Parks and Recreation Commission

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The Meeting was reconvened at 8:45 a.m.

Director Johnson gave an update on CARA: On September 21, 2000, President Clinton endorsed CARA. The bill has already passed the House but we will need to wait to see if it passes the Senate.

ITEM 11. **WWRP – ORA -- WATER ACCESS 1ST YEAR PROJECT LIST PRELIMINARY APPROVAL**

Eric Johnson gave a brief overview of the Water Access category ranking process. Water Access category projects receives ten percent of the ORA account, plus any unallocated funds as determined by IAC. This is the least amount of money of all the WWRP categories. Projects in this category provide boat or foot access to marine waters, rivers, or streams. This year seventeen projects requesting \$6,251,566 went through the evaluation process. Both state and local agency applicants may apply in this category.

Kammie Bunes, Don Clark, Darrell Jennings, Scott Chapman, Marguerite Austin, and Myra Barker presented the 17 projects being considered for funding.

Public Testimony

Carry Lamoura, Chimacum Creek Citizen Group – She voiced support for funding the Chimacum Creek Beach Park project.

Glen Huntingford, Jefferson County Commissioner – He reported that the entire County Board of Commissioners supported the Chimacum Creek project.

Nick Warden, Jefferson County – He stated his support for the Chimacum project.

Susan Strandberg, King County Parks and Recreation Department – She spoke in support of the Mid-Fork Snoqualmie Riverfront Park project.

Arvilla Ohlde, Edmonds Parks & Recreation Department – She thanked the Committee for its support of the Marina Beach Acquisition project.

Stan Biles **moved** to adopt Resolution #2000-27. **Seconded** by Christine Wakefield Nichols. **MOTION CARRIED.**

ITEM 12. WWRP – ORA -- TRAILS 1ST YEAR PROJECT LIST PRELIMINARY APPROVAL

Eric Johnson gave a brief overview of the Trails category ranking process. The Trails category receives fifteen percent of the ORA account, plus any unallocated funds as determined by IAC. Projects in this category provide public ways for pedestrians, equestrians, or bicyclists, as part of a regional trail facility. This year twelve projects requesting \$4,799,971 went through the evaluation process. This category is open to both state and local agency applicants.

Kammie Bunes, Darrell Jennings, Don Clark, Scott Chapman, and Myra Barker presented the 12 projects being considered for funding in this category.

Public Testimony

Wendy Barry, Shoreline Parks, Recreational & Cultural Services Department – She spoke in support of the Interurban Trail—South Central Segment. She also thanked IAC staff and Committee for their support and good work.

Lori Flemm, Kent Parks and Recreation Department – She supported the staff recommendation and the Green River Gateway Park project.

Dan George, Vancouver Parks and Recreation Department - He voiced support of the Burnt Bridge Creek Trail project.

Bill Koss **moved** to adopt Resolution #2000-28. **Seconded** by Elyse Kane. **MOTION CARRIED.**

ITEM 13. WWRP – ORA -- LOCAL PARKS 1ST YEAR PROJECT LIST PRELIMINARY APPROVAL

Eric Johnson gave a brief overview of the Local Parks category ranking process. The Local Parks category receives twenty-five percent of the ORA account, plus any unallocated funds as determined by IAC. Projects in this category provide property or facilities for active or passive outdoor recreation, especially upland and water-oriented facilities. This year 72 projects requesting \$17,722,815 went through the evaluation process. *Only* local agency applicants may apply in this category

Darrell Jennings, Myra Barker, Kammie Bunes, Scott Chapman, Marguerite Austin, Don Clark, and Myra Barker presented 44 of the 72 projects being considered for funding.

Public Testimony

Lori Flemm, Superintendent, Kent Parks and Recreation Department – She supported the three projects recommended for funding in the Kent area.

Chris Rogers, Seattle Art Museum – He testified in support of Seattle’s Olympic Sculpture Park Acquisition project.

Charles Ng, Seattle Parks and Recreation Department – He thanked IAC for its support of the three YAF projects submitted by the City. He also voiced support for the city’s three Local Parks projects: Lincoln Reservoir, Olympic Sculpture Park, and Judkins Park. He acknowledged IAC staff’s excellent assistance.

Del Schleichert, Assistant Director, Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation Department – Representing both the City of Vancouver and Clark County, he wanted to thank the Committee and staff for their support and assistance for their six projects: Camp Currie Park, Curtin Creek Park, Evergreen Fisheries Park, Felida Park, Fisher Basin Park, and La Center Park.

Elyse Kane **moved** to adopt Resolution #2000-29. **Seconded** by Bill Koss. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**ITEM 14. WWRP – ORA -- STATE PARKS 1ST YEAR PROJECT LIST
PRELIMINARY APPROVAL**

Slides were presented on day one. Today’s meeting opened the discussion to public testimony. No public testimony was given.

Christine Wakefield Nichols **moved** to adopt Resolution #2000-30. **Seconded** by Bill Koss. **MOTION CARRIED.**

ITEM 15. ORA – 2ND YEAR SET-ASIDE AND UNALLOCATED

Eric Johnson explained the ORA allocation process and began discussion on the unallocated funds. (Eric handed out comments received on ORA unallocated recommendations).

Board discussion on the available options and reasoning behind those options ensued. Many proposals were discussed. On Thursday, the Board decided to wait until November to make a decision on HCA unallocated. Stan Biles proposed, for consistency’s sake, to wait to make decisions on both HCA and ORA in November. This would give IAC staff time to present options in a complete package.

Christine Wakefield Nichols **moved** to table until November, Bill Koss **seconded**. Board unanimously agreed to wait until November to make the decision on both ORA and HCA unallocated fund distribution. **MOTION CARRIED.**

ITEM 16. PROJECT CHANGES

Marguerite Austin presented a scope change request from the City of Richland for the George Prout Memorial Pool, IAC#98-1198D. The City requested approval to substitute construction of a new 25-meter pool in place of renovating an existing pool.

Public Testimony

Wyn Birkenthal, Director, Richland Parks and Recreation Department – He urged support of the scope change for the George Prout Memorial Pool. He gave a history of the pool and shared the vision for Richland's proposed aquatic center.

Stan Biles **moved** to adopt Resolution #2000-32. **Seconded** by Elyse Kane. **MOTION CARRIED.**

REPORTS FROM PARTNER AGENCIES

Elyse Kane, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife [WDFW], had four quick things:

- Thank you to IAC staff for the good work on the WWRP evaluations. She especially likes the new HCA evaluation process.
- Second – The federal National Public Lands Day is this Saturday, September 23, 2000. This is the first year state agencies have been invited to support this event. Next September state agencies need to work on a celebration that recognizes volunteers working to maintain public lands.
- Third, WDFW is going forward with legislation for conservation easement rule changes to make rules more similar to other property laws.
- Fourth, WDFW's budget request includes more money for maintenance for properties the agency has acquired.

Bill Koss, State Parks and Recreation Commission:

- Hyak Lodge opened in the last year. Call 425-434-5955 for reservations. This is a great place for events.

- Bill also reviewed recent acquisitions by State Parks and the status of those properties for future parks. The Lands Section has been very busy acquiring property with the money received from IAC in the past.

With no further agenda items or comments, the meeting adjourned at 12:16 p.m.

Robert Parlette, Acting-Chair

Next Meeting: November 16, 2000
 NRB Room 172
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