

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board Summary Minutes

Date: November 20, 2008

Place: Natural Resources Building
Olympia, Washington

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board Members Present:

Val Ogden, Chair	Vancouver
Bill Chapman	Mercer Island
Karen Daubert	Seattle
Steven Drew	Olympia
Jeff Parsons	Leavenworth
Dave Brittelli	Designee, Department of Fish and Wildlife
Craig Partridge	Designee, Department of Natural Resources
Steve Hahn	Designee, State Parks and Recreation

IT IS INTENDED THAT THIS SUMMARY BE USED WITH THE NOTEBOOK PROVIDED IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING.
A RECORDING IS RETAINED BY RCO AS THE FORMAL RECORD OF MEETING.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Chair Val Ogden called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. Introductions were made and a quorum was determined.

CONSENT CALENDAR

(See notebook item #2)

Reviewed Resolution #2008-051 Consent Calendar approving:

- a) Approval of RCFB Minutes – September 23-24, 2008

Bill Chapman identified changes made to page 15 in September's board Meeting minutes. He added the words "outside the WWRP context" on the bottom of page 15 to more accurately reflect the discussion on proposed legislation on wetland banking.

Dave Brittelli **MOVED** to adopt Resolution #2008-051. Steven Drew **SECONDED**.

Resolution #2008-051 **APPROVED** as presented.

MANAGEMENT REPORTS

Director Kaleen Cottingham presented this agenda item. (See notebook item #3 for detailed report.)

Kaleen highlighted some main points in the report:

1. A consultant was hired to help map our grant processes. A report is expected in mid-December with suggestions on how we might improve the overall process.
2. There is a heavy focus on the 2009-11 budget. We received approval from the Governor's office to advance legislation to remove mitigation banking from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP). The RCO also is submitting, on behalf of the biodiversity council, a proposal to codify the biodiversity council.
3. The RCO converted the 2009 work plan to a fiscal year instead of a calendar year. Kaleen highlighted some things from the 2008 work plan that we are doing well and some things we need to target.

Kaleen highlighted and discussed our work plan and performance measures for 2009. She explained the development of a dashboard system, which will tell us if we're meeting our performance measures. It will be modeled after the Transportation Improvement Board performance management system.

Rachael Langen, Deputy Director of RCO, explained her vision of the dashboard and how it would help grant managers more easily see what needs to be done. She thinks it will help grant managers better manage their time and also provide good information for the public.

Bill Chapman discussed the high quality and impartiality of the grant programs. He noted that quality is measured very well but there is no follow up measure of impartiality. Maintaining the integrity of the process is a key fundamental goal and is a difficult concept to measure.

Chair Val Ogden discussed the staff assessment and noted how it is indicative of Kaleen's style and the staff's thinking.

Kaleen briefly discussed the financial report and then discussed the capital budget outlook.

Mark Jarasitis, Chief Financial Officer of the RCO, pointed out that there have been some decreases in projected revenue collections in the Boating Facilities Program (BFP) and the Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicles Activities (NOVA) Program. Staff has been able to address those decreases with the fund balance that we keep back. He expects it to stabilize and not decrease in the future.

Steven Drew asked for clarification on the fund balance. Mark Jarasitis explained that the fund balance represents two months of expenditures that don't get appropriated and acts as a safety net on cash flow.

Kaleen discussed the revenue forecast in the state capital budget. The Office of Financial Management (OFM) asked RCO to look at closed short projects and see if those additional funds can be put back into the capital budget. Kaleen asked the board for their input and outlined five possible options.

1. Status quo: keep passing down unobligated funds to partially funded or board alternate projects as has been the normal practice.
2. Do not obligate any of the returned funds, even for those projects where the project sponsor has been contacted and is preparing to sign a contract with RCO.
3. Complete the contracting process for those projects already identified as receiving returned funds but do not proceed with obligating any future returned funds.
4. Obligate only funds that can be spent by June 30, 2009.
5. Continue to obligate projects with returned funds from the targeted revenue sources (gas tax, licensing fees, and federal dollars).

Discussion on Capital Budget:

Steven Drew clarified that the board passed a list of projects and alternates that the legislature adopted. The mechanism to expend these funds as they come available has been approved. He then asked if these changes in the capital budget would result in a corresponding cut in the RCO's administration budget.

Jim Fox answered by saying that he believes it will not affect the administrative portion of the budget.

Steven Drew asked if the current criteria used for expending funds would be changed to give greater priority to projects that have the most certainty to close before June.

Kaleen gave an overview of the criteria used to evaluate projects:

- Eligible and viable alternatives
- Ready to proceed

- Still meets a sponsors priorities within the appropriate WWRP account
- Maintains the statutory and unallocated funding levels for each fiscal year
- Projects can use the allocation within a limited timeframe
- Provides full funding whenever possible
- Uses all of the returned monies currently available for redistribution
- Retains the funds within the original category

Steven Drew asked if it was possible to make the choice to spend the monies before June or even before the second week of January when legislature begins.

Kaleen noted that this was possible and pointed out two goals that OFM may be looking into:

1. Does it help with our reappropriation issue?
2. Does it free up capacity?

Kaleen said that what Steven Drew has suggested helps the first goal of reappropriation but does not help with the second goal of freeing up capacity. Kaleen noted that OFM may not want us to spend those monies and OFM hasn't given us a clear signal of which goal is more important.

Steven Drew asked if there is a direction that this board can give so that when more specific instruction comes from OFM that they will have a guideline in either case.

Kaleen noted the reappropriation number which is \$237 million from all categories. That number is lower than the number that was submitted in the budget and is expected to go down as we get closer to session. She explained that instead of using a formula based on past practice to get our reappropriation number we used our section managers and other staff to look at all projects carefully to more accurately reflect our reappropriation level.

Steven Drew noted that there is some merit to taking a risk management approach in choosing where to draw the line and still be consistent with our objectives and goals. He noted that we can look at previous reappropriations and draw a line that visually brings us closer to compliance.

Chair Ogden said that she likes option number 3. She sees what we do as creating jobs and thinks this is in sync with the Governor's plan. She noted that she doesn't want to see us pull back funding on projects that have been contracted and given the go ahead.

Bill Chapman noted that we shouldn't postpone spending that has been committed and authorized by legislature and the Governor. He prefers options 4 and 5. He noted that until we are given a new direction that we need to execute on our current mission.

Dave Brittell said he is for option 4. He noted how fair and objective the process is and that it leads to a list of partially funded projects and alternate projects.

Craig Partridge noted that we should stick to our mission and spend money on timely and excellent projects. The current system of rolling over unspent moneys to the next project on the list should be kept intact. He stated that he prefers options 3 and 5.

Jeff Parsons said he would like to be more proactive in terms of a solution to the economic situation and that we need to look at how many jobs our projects generate. He said he likes option 3 because it puts RCO in the best position as a productive partner.

Karen Daubert stated a preference for option 3.

Kaleen noted that she received the feedback she needed and this will be an evolving iterative process. She also noted that as we move forward, we don't know what the Governor's supplemental and biennial budget will be.

Public Comment:

Shelley Marelli, Deputy Director for the City of Bellevue Parks and Recreation Department and a board member on the Washington Recreation Park Association (WRPA), expressed her support of moving forward with unobligated funds as they relate to alternative projects. She noted that this is consistent with past practice and there are many projects that are ready to spend those monies. She commented that many of the agencies that have been contacted may not fully understand that their pending projects may not get funding and they should be given a chance to speak in front of the board.

SCOPE CHANGE FOR SKOOKUM RIPARIAN PROTECTION

Scott Robinson presented this agenda item. (See notebook item #4 for details.)

Scott gave an overview of the scope change request of RCO #06-1886A Skookum Riparian Protection. The Squaxin Island Tribe is asking to use a portion of the approved grant funds for a pending acquisition of about 108 acres immediately downstream of the original target property.

The proposed replacement Reller property is used for pasture for a small herd of cattle and the owner has no interest in continuing this operation. The property will be acquired subject to a life estate and an appraisal is underway. The Tribe has designed a restoration plan that compliments the arrangement of having someone living on the property.

Staff recommended approval of the Tribe's request to change the scope of this grant as presented.

Jeff Parsons asked about the difference in cost between the two projects and how the project would have ranked compared to other projects in the normal competition for grants.

Scott responded that there is \$1,000,000 in the current McDonald Property. John Konovsky, Environmental Program Manager for Squaxin Island Tribe, added that the Reller property will cost a little more than \$500,000.

Scott noted that the Reller property is smaller than the McDonald property. It is in the same drainage as the McDonald property and the same species are being protected on the Reller property. Scott was confident it would have ranked in the funding levels.

Jeff asked if there was a project lower on the list that would rank higher than the current project. He also wondered that since there's a difference in cost between the two properties, what happens with the money that isn't expended.

Scott replied that all of the projects below the McDonald property have been funded except for a partially funded Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) project at the bottom of the list. He also noted that the difference in the properties would come back and the decision that is made on returned funds would be implemented with the difference.

Kaleen clarified that they would use the difference to see if the last partially funded project on the list can use more funding. Then, based on past practice, it could go into the future biennium in the same category.

Steven Drew proposed two choices: do we approve the scope change or does the money go back to fund the next unfunded project?

Jim Fox clarified that there were 24 projects funded and the McDonald property was ranked eighth. The money from the McDonald project would go to the partially funded 24th ranked project because the remaining projects were fully funded.

Dave Brittell said he agrees with the scope change and noted that we must be flexible enough to let them move forward with this project. In his opinion, if the replacement property falls within the scope of the project, then the board should go ahead with it.

Bill Chapman **MOVED** to adopt Resolution #2008-052. Steven Drew **SECONDED** the motion.

Resolution #2008-052 **APPROVED** as presented.

Bill asked for clarification on the scope change approval as it pertains to item 4 on the capital budget outlook.

Kaleen responded that the money that is freed up will be held in abeyance until we have a better idea of the direction from the Legislature and Governor's office.

Scott noted that he has talked to WDFW and there are funds that can potentially roll down to the partially funded project.

Dave noted that although they are anxious to get money rolled down to their partially funded project, he still believes the Skookum project should get done.

IMPROVED BOATING COORDINATION AND COMMUNICATION

Jim Eychaner presented this agenda item. (See notebook item #5 for details.)

Jim gave a presentation on improving coordination of state services to recreational boaters. A few years ago, an independent statewide assessment by Responsive Management entitled *Washington Boater Needs Assessment* suggested that greater levels of coordination and communication among state agencies are needed.

At the January 2008 board meeting, the board authorized the expenditure of \$10,000 to hire a facilitator to bring the various state agencies with boating programs together to identify areas for improved service delivery. Ross and Associates met with the agencies and stakeholders to develop a report with 11 recommendations. One recommendation is that there should be a multi-agency work group (called the Agency Boating Committee) administrative body to look at the "big picture" of state recreational boating services.

Kaleen would like the board to revisit an earlier decision for allocating money that we are unable to spend due to the freeze on contracting. She would like to redirect some of that money to interagency work.

Steven Drew asked about the scope of law enforcement interaction post 9/11. He is interested in what the criteria are for receiving law enforcement federal funds. If the recommendation is to coordinate between agencies so that we get a greater amount of federal funding then what other criteria exist that could be the difference between receiving and not receiving funding. He said that if agencies are making decisions with revenues generated from the boating community, then boaters should be involved in the committee.

Jim Eychaner clarified that this would be a staff working group involving people in different agencies. The working group would not make decisions and would meet with boaters and advisory committees on a regular basis. He said there is no intent to exclude anyone.

In response to Steven Drew's question about the scope of interaction beyond the two missions, Jim Eychaner explained that it is a complex formula. He did not have a full answer but noted that he would get back to them with a full description.

Kaleen also responded to the question about the coordination of data across agencies. Currently, WDFW law enforcement is stopping boaters, but their work is not being counted towards the total. This total dictates how much federal funding comes to the state and the recommendation is a way to make those stops count towards that total.

Dave Brittell **MOVED** to adopt Resolution #2008-061, Karen Daubert **SECONDED** the motion.

Public Comment:

Jim King, lobbyist for the Recreational Boaters Association of Washington, stated that the concerns of citizen involvement have been addressed. He noted two main issues for boaters:

- Seasonal law enforcement boating issues such as a need for a larger presence from law enforcement during summer months.
- Getting a cost study done and attaching dollars to the boating need survey that was done before the freeze came out.

He also commented on homeland security issues and law enforcement.

Resolution #2008-061 **APPROVED** as presented.

BOATING FACILITIES PROGRAM FOR STATE AGENCIES: REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF GRANTS

Marguerite Austin presented this agenda item. (See notebook item #6 for details.)

Marguerite gave an overview of the Boating Facilities Program (BFP) State. Staff received 18 BFP State projects to review for state fiscal year 2010 funding consideration. The requests total nearly \$13.3 million.

Staff recommended approval of the ranked list established by the Boating Programs Advisory Committee as shown in Table 1, Boating Facilities Program State Agency Category for State Fiscal Year 2010. Staff also recommends funding for projects in ranked order until all available funding is committed.

Steven Drew asked about the criteria of boats on trailers and whether there is funding for projects that don't have a boat ramp associated with them.

Marguerite responded that this is the only place where this type of project can get funding. She noted that when the Boating Facilities Plan was adopted in 2003, one of the key priorities of our policies was whether or not the project helps to launch and retrieve boats. At that time there was a statewide boating survey and one of the issues was that we needed to do more work with getting people in and out of the water.

Steven Drew clarified his comment which wasn't about boats that don't use trailers. It was about access to state parks that aren't intended to have boat ramps. The issue is that there isn't access from the water to the state parks although they became state parks because they are on the water. He noted there are a number of projects that don't include boat ramps but provide aquatic access to state parks. If there is nowhere for these projects to be funded then he feels that this is a hole in the system.

Chair Ogden commented that Marguerite will look at these issues and criteria later on.

Marguerite commented on the ranked list. This year there were more WDFW projects than State Parks projects above the funding line. Typically it is the reverse and the advisory committee made note of this. They felt that the presentations and materials that WDFW presented was of higher quality, more direct, and focused which is a huge factor in how projects are scored.

Dan Haws provided an overview of the top two ranked projects in this category:

1. #08-1458A Olson's Resort Acquisition from the Department of Fish and Wildlife requesting \$984,900
2. #08-1449D Newman Lake Access Development from the Department of Fish and Wildlife requesting \$316,811

Steven Drew **MOVED** to adopt Resolution #2008-053. Karen Daubert **SECONDED** the motion.

Karen suggested that when looking at reappropriations and policies that could impact readiness to proceed, we should look into increasing the point value or the overall point spread.

Public Comment:

Denise Beard, homeowner on Lake Samish, spoke on behalf of other residents on the lake that are opposed to the Lake Samish Access Renovation project. Although the boat launch on the lake is in horrible condition they believe the conditions of the launch keep the lake from being overrun. The property owners are opposed. Property owners are concerned that the addition of the new boat launch will increase the capacity and traffic around the lake causing a negative effect on their quality of life and quality of the water.

The Chair clarified that the lake is public.

Steven Drew noted that the issues she raised are not functions of the board. He mentioned that the lake is public and that the current condition of the ramp limits public access.

Resolution #2008-053 **APPROVED** as presented. Jeff Parsons recused himself from the vote.

BOATING FACILITIES PROGRAM FOR LOCAL AGENCIES: REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF GRANTS

Marguerite Austin presented this agenda item. (See notebook item #7 for details.)

Marguerite gave a brief overview of the BFP local program. Staff received eleven local agency BFP projects to review for state fiscal year 2009 funding consideration. The requests totaled more than \$3.5 million.

Staff recommended approval of the ranked list established by the Boating Programs Advisory Committee. Staff also recommended funding for projects in ranked order until all available funding, as shown in Table 1 - Boating Facilities Program Local Agency Category for State Fiscal Year 2010, is committed.

Adam Cole provided an overview of the top two ranked projects in this category:

1. #08-1672D Northport Boat Launch and Facilities Improvements Development from the Town of Northport requesting \$293,800
2. #08-1146D Blaine Boat Launch Floats and Piles Replacement from the Port of Bellingham requesting \$104,995

Steven Drew asked for an explanation about the structural reason for why we are approving this list in the second year of the biennium, and whether the money is exposed for reappropriation. He was curious if this affected perceptions about the agency's management of reappropriation.

Kaleen noted that this is a dedicated account so the funds are less vulnerable. However, the Governor said that dedicated accounts may be looked at for managing budget shortfalls. Since these monies come from dedicated funds, doing so would require a statutory change.

Steven Drew then asked if a statutory change is required to project the revenue and do the process a year earlier.

Marguerite noted that the annual distribution is a board policy.

Public Comment:

Ron Neslund, Water Watch Committee Chairperson and a Mason Lake resident, stated that he is opposed to the Mason Lake County Park Renovation project funding because certain geographic features are less than favorable for increasing boat traffic. The five mile per hour speed limit is not recognized by outside users. Their primary concern is with Eurasian milfoil that is being transported on boats and trailers. A decontamination and catch basin to prevent milfoil from being brought into the lake can be expensive. He noted that the lake cannot stand the increased volume of boaters.

Lynn Murdy, co-chair of Water Watch and a Mason Lake resident, discussed the consensus reached among Mason Lake residents, including repairs to the current ramp and installation of a filter drain catch system to prevent noxious weeds from being imported by boaters. Members of Water Watch designed and paid for signs located at boat launches on four parks on the lake educating boaters on proper lake use. They are requesting that the proposed grant be modified to address more appropriately the boat launch needs within the space available.

Chair Ogden asked what the response has been from county officials.

Lynn replied that the county commissioners have agreed to come to the lake and observe the lake resident's concerns.

Steve Drew noted that their concerns are valid issues but it is the county's responsibility to address those concerns. He clarified that the function of the board is to approve grants and they do not have the ability to rule on their questions.

Bill thanked the Water Watch organization for the leadership they have shown in protecting the lake.

Marguerite noted that the board approved a planning grant for this project last year, and the county is in the process of gathering public data, working on the permitting process, and addressing cultural resources. By the time construction season begins, the planning should be done and there may be minor scope changes. This should not increase the project cost and the director can approve changes if they are not already covered in the scope of work.

Steve Drew asked Marguerite if the site suitability evaluation criterion includes the noxious weed element as a component to a project.

Marguerite responded that it is one of the factors and there is an opportunity during the evaluation to speak to the water quality issue. She noted that during the evaluations, no water quality questions came up.

Karen Daubert **MOVED** to adopt Resolution #2008-054. Dave Brittell **SECONDED** the motion.

Resolution #2008-054 **APPROVED** as presented.

OPTIONS TO ADDRESS UNDER-SUBSCRIPTION OF WWRP FARMLAND CATEGORY

This agenda item was tabled. (See notebook item #8 for details.)

NATIONAL RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM: REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF GRANTS

Greg Lovelady presented this agenda item. (See notebook items #9 for details.)

Greg gave an overview of the National Recreational Trails Program (NRTP). Seventy-Seven projects requesting \$2.5 million out of an available pool of approximately \$1.67 million in NRTP funds were presented for funding approval. RCO staff and the NRTP advisory committee recommended approval of funding for the projects listed in Table 1.

Greg highlighted the top ranked projects in each NRTP category:

- Non-Motorized Multiple Use category: #08-1582M Washington Trails Association 2009 Volunteer Trail Maintenance, from the Washington Trails Association, requesting \$65,000.
- Motorized Multiple Use category: #08-1191D Crow Creek Trail Bridge Reconstruction, from the U.S. Forest Service Wenatchee National Forest Naches Ranger District, requesting \$30,000.
- Compatible Use category: #08-1553M White River Trail Maintenance 2009, from the U.S. Forest Service Mount Baker National Forest Snoqualmie Ranger District, requesting \$60,000.
- Motorized Multiple Use category: #08-1597M Mount Baker/Methow & South Cascades Regions Snowmobile Trail Grooming, from Washington State Parks, requesting \$62,101.
- Non-Motorized Single Use category: #08-1170D West Tiger Mountain Natural Resources Conservation Area Trail Renovation, from the Department of Natural Resources, requesting \$75,000.
- NRTP Education category: #08-1691E Cle Elum Winter-Patrol Volunteers 2008-2009, from U.S. Forest Service Wenatchee National Forest Cle Elum Ranger District, requesting \$10,000

Dave Brittell **MOVED** to adopt Resolution #2008-055. Steven Drew **SECONDED** the motion.

Steve Drew asked when the makeup of the committee was last evaluated. If it has been a while, he suggested that the committee should be re-evaluated.

Greg answered the last time it was evaluated was in the early 1990s.

Resolution #2008-055 **APPROVED** as presented. Jeff Parsons recused himself from the vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (DIRECTOR REVIEW)

The board members called an Executive Session at 12:15 p.m. to discuss the Director's annual review. The Executive Session finished at 1:45 p.m.

2009 BOARD WORK PLAN

Jim Fox presented this agenda item. (See notebook items #10 for details.)

Jim gave a brief overview of the 2009 board work plan. The board plans to meet four times in 2009 and the staff prepared a work plan for board consideration to ensure that high-priority topics can be addressed in a timely fashion during the year.

Jim asked the board to review the staff's proposed agenda topics for the four board meetings in 2009 and review the 2009 strategic plan. Staff recommended that the board adopt the work plan, and revisit the plan during each meeting.

Chair Ogden referred to item 15 in the strategic plan and asked who makes decisions referring to high level policy issues.

Jim noted that there may be some items that could be delegated to the director to make board meetings more efficient.

Steven Drew noted that if in the period between meetings that a number of subjects come up that may be brought to the board then he sees this as a problematic step for the board to take.

Kaleen noted that the plan anticipates when the board should discuss and adopt policies so they are ready for the next grant cycle.

Chair Ogden said that each issue must be looked at as a case by case issue. She noted that there are different circumstances at the time that are taken into consideration and there are some general guidelines that the board has followed.

Kaleen noted that we haven't been faced with an issue that was within the current authority of the board and not the director. Kaleen is reassessing this issue from a comprehensive point of view.

Jim noted that as we go through 2009 there will be specific policy issues regarding a decision on the threshold between board decisions and director decisions.

Karen noted that she is a little concerned about the number of items being presented to the board. She also noted that the March 2009 agenda item dealing with the consequences for project delays should be a broader discussion.

Chair Ogden referred to Strategy 1.A.1 activities, which discuss the prioritization, review, and consideration of new and existing policies. She suggested that we would probably use a subcommittee outside of board meetings to look at some of these issues.

Steven Drew agreed with Karen regarding consequences for project delays because the issue should be a broader discussion and strategies to reduce reappropriation should be added to this issue. He also noted that the NRTP evaluation committee should be reevaluated with input from user groups, followed by appropriate adjustments.

Bill said he would like level of service to be looked at within the next year.

Jim Fox noted that two contracts regarding the level of service are frozen and as soon as those funds are unfrozen then they can proceed.

Chair Ogden asked Jim Fox if he had enough direction and also said that adjustments can be made later.

Jim responded yes and noted that this does not lock us into meeting agendas for the next four board meetings but instead it helps us to plan out what needs to be done in those meetings.

Jeff asked to look comprehensively at the advisory committee membership to ensure that they reflect the current sectors of the population.

NOVA NONHIGHWAY ROAD CATEGORY: REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF GRANTS

Greg Lovelady presented this agenda item. (See notebook item #11a for details.)

Staff received nine Nonhighway Road (NHR) projects to review for state fiscal year 2009 funding consideration. The requests totaled \$730,935. NOVA motor vehicle fuel tax funds for this category totaled \$474,368. RCO staff and the NOVA advisory committee recommended approval of funding for the projects listed in “Table 1. Evaluation Ranked List and Funding Recommendations, NOVA Program Nonhighway Road Category, State Fiscal Year 2009.”

Steven Drew asked if there was any returned money in the competitive dollars category.

Greg answered that there were returned dollars.

Craig Partridge **MOVED** to adopt Resolution #2008-056. Steven Drew **SECONDED** the motion.

Resolution #2008-056 **APPROVED** as presented.

NOVA NONMOTORIZED CATEGORY: REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF GRANTS

Greg Lovelady presented this agenda item. (See notebook item #11b for details.)

Greg gave a brief overview of the NOVA Nonmotorized category. Staff received twenty-two Nonmotorized (NM) projects to review for state fiscal year 2009 funding consideration. The requests totaled \$1,727,228. NOVA motor vehicle fuel tax funds for this category totaled \$474,368. RCO staff and the NOVA advisory committee recommended approval of funding for the projects listed in “Table 2. Evaluation Ranked List and Funding Recommendations NOVA Program – Nonmotorized Category, State Fiscal Year 2009.”

Greg described some of the recent work with the Department of Natural Resources to reduce the department’s second-ranked project (#08-1033M) by half to make it a one-year project. A portion of the eliminated funds would then roll down the ranked project listing and ultimately provide funds to another DNR project that otherwise would not have received funds. That project, #08-1026M, is ranked #10 and is the first project on the alternate list.

Steven Drew asked if project #10 on the ranked list was truly a higher ranked project than the rest of the projects on the list based on the criteria used for competitive funds.

Greg explained the process for moving the funds, as reflected on the attachment “Explanation of Changes from Table 1 to Table 2.” He noted that once the evaluation team decides which projects should compete for the 10 percent competitive funds¹, those projects begin with zero evaluation points. RCO staff then ranks the projects using the scoring tables prepared for the three supplemental questions approved by the board. In accomplishing this, he noted that project #12 received more competitive points than the other projects, so #12 was recommended for full funding. The remaining funds were recommended for allocation to the project ranked next for competitive funds, which was #10.

Steve asked for clarification about whether project #10 in this newly applied ranking was in fact ranked higher than all of the remaining unfunded projects.

Greg responded that the project originally rank #10 had in fact received a higher score in the competitive ranking process than the remaining unfunded projects.

Steven Drew **MOVED** to adopt Resolution #2008-057. Jeff Parsons **SECONDED** the motion.

¹ That is, in ranked order, the projects below the recommended funding line, in each category, that could be funded with the competitive dollars.

Revised Resolution #2008-057 **APPROVED** as presented.

Rebecca Connolly clarified that the Board intended to adopt the resolution as it was revised to incorporate Table 2 rather than Table 1. Board members affirmed that clarification.

NOVA OFF-ROAD VEHICLES CATEGORY: REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF GRANTS

Greg Lovelady presented this agenda item. (See notebook item #11c for details.)

Greg gave a brief overview of the NOVA Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) Category. The NOVA evaluation committee reviewed 20 ORV projects for state fiscal year 2009 funding consideration. The requests totaled \$2,062,314. NOVA motor vehicle fuel tax funds and permit fees for this category total \$2,155,485. The RCO staff and the NOVA advisory committee recommended approval of funding for the projects listed in "Table 1. Evaluation Ranked List and Funding Recommendations NOVA Program – Off-Road Vehicle Category, State Fiscal Year 2009."

Dave Brittell **MOVED** to adopt Resolution #2008-058. Craig Partridge **SECONDED** the motion.

Resolution #2008-058 **APPROVED** as presented.

Greg noted that the top projects were embedded in his presentation.

HABITAT AND RECREATION LANDS COORDINATING GROUP UPDATE

Heath Packard presented this agenda item. (See notebook item #12 for details.)

Heath reported that in 2007, the Legislature passed Substitute Senate Bill 5236, which created the Habitat and Recreation Lands Coordinating Group (lands group). The lands group is charged with coordinating state lands acquisition and disposal by improving communication, documentation, reporting, transparency, and planning. Its work will result in a final report and recommendations to the Legislature in January 2012.

Craig asked how the participation has been from the non-state agency invited members. Heath responded that there has been 100 percent participation.

Chair Ogden asked if their report has been submitted to the Office of Financial Management and what the report looks like.

Heath noted that the report is finished and awaiting director approval before submission. He explained that the report is a six-page memo describing the action plan of 13 items by the various workgroups.

Chair Ogden asked about the implications of changing the planning eligibility requirements of the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP).

Heath explained that in order to be eligible for funding from WWRP every entity must meet a planning requirement. The three primary land holders at the state level have different processes for achieving this eligibility. The agencies' processes and boards' policies are being analyzed to find a way to incentivize coordination.

Steven Drew stated that there is a growing demand for recreation on trust lands and that it would be good information on some part of the inventory of trust lands.

Kaleen responded that she, Craig Partridge, and Bill Chapman are serving on the legislatively directed recreation assessment of the trust lands.

Craig added that the legislature directed them to create a group to make recommendations to the legislature on policies and funding for recreation on Department of Natural Resources managed state lands. These lands include trust lands, aquatic lands, and natural areas.

Jeff noted that one of the drivers of this issue was political opposition to removing private lands from the tax rolls. He asked if this is an issue that is being addressed by the lands group.

Heath said the members of the lands group are addressing this issue. He noted that the lands group is trying to increase predictability and educate local governments about the number of state land owners who are making payments in lieu of taxes.

Steve Hahn thinks the lands group is doing a great job at meeting the legislative intent. He noted that what's most interesting about this is that we're creating a great vehicle that connects the three natural resource agencies. He sees it being used for other issues in the future.

BIODIVERSITY COUNCIL UPDATE

Lynn Helbrecht, Executive Coordinator of the Biodiversity Council, presented this agenda item. (See notebook item #13 for details.)

Lynn gave a brief update on the council and the new Biodiversity Council Strategy. The strategy was designed to be a 30-year plan that builds on existing strengths and programs to engage people statewide. There are six focus areas in the strategy that helps to focus investments:

- Conservation opportunity map
- Landowner incentives and conservation markets
- Land use and how to support local government in achieving local conservation goals
- Science and Information
- Education and public engagement
- Implementation

The Executive Order that created the council ended when the strategy was published. The Governor then extended the council to June 2010 under a new executive order. The council's new directives are:

- Guide implementation of the strategy
- Coordinate early action items and look for innovative funding
- Develop proposal for ongoing leadership and accountability
- Conduct outreach about the strategy and its findings
- Direct the creation of a Biodiversity scorecard

Lynn gave an overview of the council's new directives. She noted that a pilot project in north central Washington is working to refine the conservation opportunity maps and make them more useful at a local level. The council recommends that its current structure be made permanent, and they are working with the Governor's office to move forward on this approach.

Craig expressed interest in future communication between the lands group and Biodiversity Council. The goal should be to get the pilot project ready to go.

Dave commented that Lynn has been a valuable asset to the Biodiversity Council.

Bill said that he hopes that we continue to discuss how we could blend biodiversity into many existing programs and efforts.

SERVICE RECOGNITION FOR CRAIG PARTRIDGE

Chair Ogden presented this agenda item. (See notebook item #14 for details.)

The Chair highlighted Craig Partridge's service record on the board since 2002. She noted that during his term, the board approved grants for 1,283 projects at a value of over \$340 million. She thanked him for his service said it was a pleasure to serve with him because he was a thoughtful participant, a big picture thinker, reliable, and always prepared.

Craig thanked Chair Ogden for her leadership. He also thanked the board members, Kaleen, and the staff.

Bill Chapman **MOVED** to adopt Resolution #2008-059. Jeff Parsons **SECONDED** the motion.

Resolution #2008-059 **APPROVED** as presented.

SERVICE RECOGNITION FOR VAL OGDEN

Bill Chapman presented this agenda item. (See notebook item #15 for details.)

Bill read Resolution #2008-060, recognizing Chair Val Ogden for her leadership and dedication during her six years of service to the board and the citizens of Washington State.

All board members, excluding the Chair, simultaneously **MOVED** to adopt Resolution #2008-060 and then **SECONDED** the motion.

Resolution #2008-060 **APPROVED** as presented.

Kaleen read a letter from the Governor thanking Chair Ogden for her service on the board and to the people of Washington. Val discussed her work as the ranking minority member of the legislature's capital budget committee to evaluate to the Washington Wildlife Recreation Program. During that evaluation, she became a strong supporter and noted how well administered it was. She described parks that the program helped to create and the benefit to Washington.

Public comment:

Brit Kramer, Executive Director of the Washington Recreation and Park Association, expressed her thanks and gratitude to Ms. Ogden for her advocacy of the protection of natural resources, acquisition and development of public parks, and for the development of the programs for youth.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 3:51 p.m.

Approved by:

Val Ogden, Chair

Date

Next meeting: March 26-27, 2009
Natural Resources Building, Olympia

RESOLUTION #2008-052

Squaxin Island Tribe Scope Change Request for Skookum Riparian Protection Project, RCO #06-1886A

WHEREAS, the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (Board) awarded a Washington and Wildlife Recreation Program (WWRP) Riparian Protection Category grant to the Squaxin Island Tribe (Tribe) in 2006 to acquire 365 acres along Skookum Creek; and

WHEREAS, the acquisition is part of a larger plan in which the Tribe intends to ultimately fully restore the ecological functions of the area and maintain the property in conservation status in perpetuity; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe has attempted to purchase the property originally described in the grant (target property); and

WHEREAS, the owner of the target property has decided not to sell it at this time; and

WHEREAS, an adjacent property is available for purchase and is an integral part of the overall restoration effort planned by the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the replacement property meets the eligibility criteria, and the intent of the Riparian Protection Account; and

WHEREAS, adoption of this scope change supports the Board's strategic goal to protect and restore habitats;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board approves the scope change request and the proposed replacement property, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director is authorized to execute the necessary amendments.

Resolution moved by: Bill Chapman

Resolution seconded by: Steven Drew

Adopted/Defeated/Deferred (underline one)

Date: November 20, 2008

RESOLUTION #2008-053

**Boating Facilities Program
Funding for State Fiscal Year 2010 State Agency Projects**

WHEREAS, for state fiscal year 2010, eighteen state agency Boating Facilities Program (BFP) projects are eligible for funding; and

WHEREAS, these BFP projects were evaluated using the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (Board) approved and adopted evaluation criteria; and

WHEREAS, these evaluations occurred in open public meetings, thereby supporting the Board's strategy to ensure that its work is conducted with integrity and in a fair and open manner; and

WHEREAS, all eighteen BFP program projects meet program requirements as stipulated in Manual 9: *Boating Facilities Program: Policies and Project Selection*, thus supporting the Board's strategy to fund the best projects as determined by the evaluation process; and

WHEREAS, the projected estimate of funds available for the 2009-2011 State Capital Budget combined with unused funds from projects previously funded total \$5,094,151, and

WHEREAS, the projects provide for planning, acquisition, development, and renovation of motorized boating access areas and facilities, thereby supporting the Board's strategy to provide partners with funding to enhance recreation opportunities statewide;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby approves the ranked list and funding of projects as depicted in Table 1 – *Boating Facilities Program State Agency Category for State Fiscal Year 2010*; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all projects shown in Table 1, *Boating Facilities Program State Agency Projects for Fiscal Year 2010* be forwarded to the Governor and the Legislature per RCW 79A.25.190; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director be authorized to execute project agreements necessary to facilitate prompt project implementation following executive and legislative review; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the ranked list of alternate projects remain eligible for funding through September 30, 2010.

Resolution moved by: Steven Drew

Resolution seconded by: Karen Daubert

Adopted/Defeated/Deferred (underline one)

Date: November 20, 2008

Resolution: 2008-053

**Table 1
Boating Facilities Program - State Agency Category
State Fiscal Year 2010**

Rank	Score	Number	Project Name	Project Sponsor	RCFB Grant Request	Total	Cumulative Request	RCO Staff Recommends
1 of 18	64.467	08-1458A	Olson's Resort	Fish & Wildlife Dept of	\$984,900	\$984,900	\$984,900	\$984,900
2 of 18	57.667	08-1449D	Newman Lake Access	Fish & Wildlife Dept of	\$316,811	\$316,811	\$1,301,711	\$316,811
3 of 18	57.333	08-1442D	Paterson Boat Launch, Columbia River, Phase 2	Fish & Wildlife Dept of	\$539,238	\$539,238	\$1,840,949	\$539,238
4 of 18	54.400	08-1265D	Lake Chelan Boat Launch Improvements	State Parks	\$1,365,984	\$1,365,984	\$3,206,933	\$1,365,984
5 of 18	54.000	08-1581D	Langsdorf Landing Redevelopment	Fish & Wildlife Dept of	\$795,000	\$795,000	\$4,001,933	\$795,000
6 of 18	52.600	08-1480D	Lake Samish Access Renovation	Fish & Wildlife Dept of	\$832,000	\$832,000	\$4,833,933	\$832,000
7 of 18	52.067	08-1443D	Long Lake Access, Phase 2	Fish & Wildlife Dept of	\$323,000	\$323,000	\$5,156,933	\$260,218 P
8 of 18	51.533	08-1871D	Lake Sammamish Mooring and Passenger Loading Dock	State Parks	\$1,043,668	\$1,043,668	\$6,200,601	Alternate
9 of 18	50.800	08-1219D	Deception Pass - Pier and Gangway Replacement	State Parks	\$978,744	\$978,744	\$7,179,345	Alternate
10 of 18	45.200	08-1269D	Pearrygin Lakes - Boat Docks	State Parks	\$996,952	\$996,952	\$8,176,297	Alternate
11 of 18	44.467	08-1452D	Sprague Lake Jetty and Loading Float	Fish & Wildlife Dept of	\$746,960	\$746,960	\$8,923,257	Alternate
12 of 18	43.533	08-1815D	Jameson Lake Access Development Phase 2	Fish & Wildlife Dept of	\$999,500	\$999,500	\$9,922,757	Alternate
13 of 18	43.267	08-1852D	Penrose Point Pier Replacement	State Parks	\$763,148	\$763,148	\$10,685,905	Alternate
14 of 18	42.467	08-1218D	James Island - Moorage Facility Replacement	State Parks	\$969,500	\$969,500	\$11,655,405	Alternate
15 of 18	40.600	08-1220N	Stuart Island - Reid Harbor Moorage Replacement	State Parks	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$11,855,405	Alternate
16 of 18	38.400	08-1264N	Columbia Hills - Boat Ramp & Docks	State Parks	\$280,800	\$280,800	\$12,136,205	Alternate
17 of 18	37.667	08-1479D	Sidley Lake, Phase 2 Development	Fish & Wildlife Dept of	\$494,200	\$494,200	\$12,630,405	Alternate
18 of 18	34.667	08-1222D	Cama Beach - Boat Moorage Development	State Parks	\$665,800	\$665,800	\$13,296,205	Alternate
					\$13,296,205	\$13,296,205		\$5,094,151

**Table 1
Boating Facilities Program - Local Agency Category
State Fiscal Year 2009**

Rank	Score	Number	Project Name	Project Sponsor	RCFB Grant Request	Sponsor Match	Total	Cumulative Request	RCO Staff Recommends
1 of 11	61.933	08-1672D	Northport Boat Launch and Facilities Improvements	Northport Town of	\$293,800	\$98,641	\$392,441	\$293,800	\$293,800
2 of 11	61.533	08-1146D	Blaine Boat Launch Floats & Piles Replacement	Bellingham Port of	\$104,995	\$104,995	\$209,990	\$398,795	\$104,995
3 of 11	55.533	08-1895C	Manchester Boating Facility Parking	Manchester Port of	\$577,447	\$192,483	\$769,930	\$976,242	\$577,447
4 of 11	52.000	08-1057N	Latimers Landing Park Improvements	Mason County	\$75,000	\$40,000	\$115,000	\$1,051,242	\$75,000
5 of 11	49.133	08-1794D	Construction of Transient Boat Dock & Amenities	Clarkston Port of	\$347,000	\$122,354	\$469,354	\$1,398,242	\$347,000
6 of 11	47.400	08-1058D	Mason Lake County Park Renovation	Mason County	\$740,000	\$284,607	\$1,024,607	\$2,138,242	\$740,000
7 of 11	46.667	08-1684A	Orcas Landing Phase 1	San Juan County Public Works	\$880,000	\$946,000	\$1,826,000	\$3,018,242	\$106,287 P
8 of 11	40.067	08-1896P	Tracyton Waterfront Improvements, Phase 1	Tracyton Port of	\$108,268	\$36,090	\$144,358	\$3,126,510	Alternate
9 of 11	39.467	08-1628N	Port of Hoodspport Restroom	Hoodspport Port of	\$58,500	\$19,500	\$78,000	\$3,185,010	Alternate
10 of 11	38.267	08-1359N	Olalla Boat Launch Improvements	Kitsap County Parks and Rec	\$82,125	\$27,375	\$109,500	\$3,267,135	Alternate
11 of 11	35.667	08-1018D	Port of Edmond's ADA Restroom/Shower Facility	Edmonds Port of	\$314,750	\$124,750	\$439,500	\$3,581,885	Alternate
					\$3,581,885	\$1,996,795	\$5,578,680		\$2,244,529

BFP Local funds available \$2,005,250 (1/2 of \$4,010,500) plus returned funds \$239,279.06. Total funds available \$2,244,529.06 - as of 10/17/2008

P = Partial

Date Created: 10/20/08



**Table 1. Evaluation Ranked List
And Funding Recommendations
National Recreational Trails Program (N RTP), State Fiscal Year 2009
Federal Fiscal Year 2009**

Resolution 2008-055

Score	Rank	Proj #	Type	Org Name	Project Name	NMSU Amount	NMMU Amount	Compat Amount	MMU Amount	MSU Amount	Total Amount	RCO Recomm	Cumulative Amount
GENERAL RECREATION PROJECTS													
62.07	1	08-1582	M	WA Trails Association	WTA 2009 Volunteer Trail M	0	65,000	0	0	0	65,000	65,000	65,000
58.93	2	08-1191	D	USFS WNF Naches RD	Crow Creek Trail Bridge Re	0	0	0	30,000	0	30,000	30,000	95,000
58.33	3	08-1583	M	WA Trails Association	WTA 2009 Backcountry Tra	0	75,000	0	0	0	75,000	75,000	170,000
57.73	4	08-1611	D	USFS OKNF Methow RI	Larch Creek Trail Reconstru	0	73,400	0	0	0	73,400	73,400	243,400
57.67	5	08-1553	M	USFS MBNF Snoqualm	White River Trail Maintenan	0	0	60,000	0	0	60,000	60,000	303,400
57.40	6	08-1761	M	Mountains to Sound Gre	Mountains to Sound Trail M	0	75,000	0	0	0	75,000	75,000	378,400
57.27	7	08-1625	M	Pacific Northwest Trail A	North Cascades Youth Crev	0	69,161	0	0	0	69,161	69,161	447,561
57.13	8	08-1626	M	Pacific Northwest Trail A	Olympic Youth Crews 2009	0	64,405	0	0	0	64,405	64,405	511,966
56.40	9	08-1168	M	USFS WNF Naches RD	Naches District Wilderness	0	32,601	0	0	0	32,601	32,601	544,567
56.00	10	08-1197	M	USFS WNF Chelan RD	Chelan Uplake Trails 09	0	0	0	75,000	0	75,000	75,000	619,567
56.00	10	08-1756	M	USFS MBNF Snoqualm	Alpine Lakes Trail Maintena	0	67,500	0	0	0	67,500	67,500	687,067
55.60	12	08-1597	M	State Parks	Mt. Baker/Methow & South t	0	0	0	0	62,101	62,101	62,101	749,168
55.33	13	08-1076	M	Nooksack Nordic Ski Clu	Salmon Ridge Ski Trails Ma	0	21,584	0	0	0	21,584	21,584	770,752
55.13	14	08-1701	M	USFS MBNF Darrington	Darrington Trail Maintenan	0	50,000	0	0	0	50,000	50,000	820,752
54.73	15	08-1125	M	USFS MBNF Mt Baker F	Mt. Baker Trail Maintenance	0	50,000	0	0	0	50,000	50,000	870,752
53.60	16	08-1830	M	USFS WNF Wenatchee	Wilderness Trail Maintenan	0	40,000	0	0	0	40,000	40,000	910,752
53.60	16	08-1878	D	USFS MBNF Snoqualm	Snoqualmie Lake Trail Repa	0	75,000	0	0	0	75,000	75,000	985,752
52.80	18	08-1440	D	USFS OKNF Tonasket F	Honeymoon Pass Trail 08	0	25,961	0	0	0	25,961	25,961	1,011,713
52.80	18	08-1598	D	Backcountry Bicycle Tra	S Fork Snoqualmie Road to	0	75,000	0	0	0	75,000	75,000	1,086,713
52.67	20	08-1243	D	USFS MBNF Mt Baker F	Heliotrope Trail Bridge	0	15,000	0	0	0	15,000	15,000	1,101,713
52.60	21	08-1720	M	State Parks	Blewett and I-90 SM Trail G	0	0	0	0	56,830	56,830	56,830	1,158,543
52.53	22	08-1708	M	State Parks	Leavenworth/Chelan Regior	0	0	0	0	54,547	54,547	54,547	1,213,090
52.47	23	08-1661	M	Mount Tahoma Trails As	Mt. Tahoma Trails Maintena	0	50,000	0	0	0	50,000	50,000	1,263,090
51.87	24	08-1665	M	USFS WNF Cle Elum R	Cle Elum Non-Motorized Tra	0	71,140	0	0	0	71,140	71,140	1,334,230
51.87	24	08-1712	M	State Parks	Taneum/Manastash & Stem	0	0	0	0	33,013	33,013	33,013	1,367,243
51.67	26	08-1745	M	State Parks	Inland NE/SE Region Snow	0	0	0	0	50,083	50,083	50,083	1,417,326
51.13	27	08-1646	M	USFS WNF Cle Elum R	Cle Elum Wilderness Trails	0	58,069	0	0	0	58,069	31,177	1,448,503
51.07	28	08-1711	M	State Parks	Greenwater/Yakima Region	0	0	0	0	59,251	59,251	59,251	1,507,754
50.20	29	08-1621	M	Mountaineers	Mountaineers Groomer Proj	0	49,000	0	0	0	49,000	Alternate	1,507,754
49.93	30	08-1776	M	Backcountry Bicycle Tra	BBTC Multi-Use Volunteer T	0	29,630	0	0	0	29,630	Alternate	1,507,754
49.00	31	08-1772	M	USFS WNF Cle Elum R	Cle Elum Snowmobile Trail	0	0	0	0	67,229	67,229	67,229	1,574,983
48.67	32	08-1294	M	Hurricane Ridge Ed. Fou	Hurricane Hill Cross Countr	0	19,000	0	0	0	19,000	Alternate	1,574,983

47.80	33	08-1167	M	Loup Loup Ski Educatio	Loup Trail Maintenance	0	25,000	0	0	0	25,000	Alternate	1,574,983
47.80	33	08-1172	M	USFS WNF Naches RD	Naches Nordic Multi-Use Tr	0	16,940	0	0	0	16,940	Alternate	1,574,983
47.60	35	08-1170	D	Natural Resources Dept	West Tiger Mtn NRCA Trail	75,000	0	0	0	0	75,000	Alternate	1,574,983
47.00	36	08-1376	M	King County DNR & Par	King County Parks Backcou	0	35,000	0	0	0	35,000	Alternate	1,574,983
46.87	37	08-1845	D	USFS ONF Pacific RD -	Sol Duc Valley Trail Connec	0	62,000	0	0	0	62,000	Alternate	1,574,983
44.80	38	08-1868	M	State Parks	I-90 Snoqualmie Non-Motor	0	75,000	0	0	0	75,000	Alternate	1,574,983
43.87	39	08-1667	M	Mount Tahoma Trails As	Grooming Vehicle Trailer an	0	70,000	0	0	0	70,000	Alternate	1,574,983
33.47	40	08-1499	M	WA State Snowmobile A	WSSA Snowmobile Trail G	0	0	0	0	75,000	75,000	Alternate	1,574,983

Acronyms:

NMSU: Nonmotorized single use
NMMU: Nonmotorized multiple use
Compatible: Combines motor and nonmotor uses
MMU: Motorized multiple use
MSU: Motorized single use

The project ranked #27 (08-1711) would be partially funded.

EDUCATION PROJECTS

Score	Rank	Proj #	Type	Org Name	Project Name	NMSU Amount	NMMU Amount	Compat Amount	MMU Amount	MSU Amount	Total Amount	RCO Recomm	Cumulative Amount
18.13	1	08-1691	E	USFS WNF Cle Elum RD	Cle Elum Winter-Patrol Volun	0	0	10,000	0	0	10,000	10,000	10,000
17.73	2	08-1544	E	USFS GPNF Mt Adams R	Gifford Pinchot Snow Ranger	0	0	0	10,000	0	10,000	10,000	20,000
17.67	3	08-1657	E	USFS OKNF Methow RD	North Cascade Rangers	0	9,840	0	0	0	9,840	9,840	29,840
17.67	3	08-1692	E	USFS WNF Cle Elum RD	Cle Elum Winter Trail Patrol 2	0	0	10,000	0	0	10,000	10,000	39,840
17.53	5	08-1173	E	USFS WNF Naches RD	Naches OHV Education Range	0	0	0	10,000	0	10,000	10,000	49,840
17.47	6	08-1693	E	USFS WNF Cle Elum RD	Cle Elum Backcountry Trail Ed	0	0	9,000	0	0	9,000	9,000	58,840
17.00	7	08-1757	E	USFS MBNF Snoqualmie	Snoqualmie Volunteer Ranger	0	10,000	0	0	0	10,000	10,000	68,840
16.87	8	08-1694	E	USFS WNF Cle Elum RD	Cle Elum Wilderness Rangers	0	9,000	0	0	0	9,000	9,000	77,840
16.80	9	08-1448	E	Backcountry Horsemen of	Minimum Impact Recreation 2	0	10,000	0	0	0	10,000	Alternate	77,840
16.47	10	08-1193	E	USFS MBNF Mt Baker RI	Mt. Baker Climbing Program C	0	10,000	0	0	0	10,000	Alternate	77,840
16.47	10	08-1540	E	USFS WNF Entiat RD	Lake Wen. Entiat Snow Range	0	0	0	0	10,000	10,000	10,000	87,840
16.07	12	08-1171	E	USFS WNF Naches RD	Naches Snowmobile Rangers I	0	0	0	0	10,000	10,000	Alternate	87,840
16.00	13	08-1673	E	USFS WNF Chelan RD	Chelan Snowmobile Ranger 2C	0	0	0	0	10,000	10,000	Alternate	87,840
15.80	14	08-1543	E	USFS WNF Wenatchee Ri	Mountain Bike / ATV Patrolle	0	0	0	9,292	0	9,292	Alternate	87,840
15.53	15	08-1656	E	USFS OKNF Methow RD	Methow Winter Rangers	0	0	0	0	9,323	9,323	Alternate	87,840
15.47	16	08-1034	E	WA Water Trails Associat	Shore Leave No Trace Progran	0	10,000	0	0	0	10,000	Alternate	87,840
15.33	17	08-1542	E	USFS WNF Wenatchee Ri	Wilderness Snowmobile Educa	0	0	0	0	9,225	9,225	Alternate	87,840
14.80	18	08-1194	E	USFS MBNF Mt Baker RI	Mountain Stewards Volunteer	0	10,000	0	0	0	10,000	Alternate	87,840
14.13	19	08-1883	E	USFS WNF Wenatchee Ri	WRRD Wilderness High Use /	0	9,619	0	0	0	9,619	Alternate	87,840
13.93	20	08-1077	E	Natural Resources Dept of	DNR NE 08 Winter Steward #	0	0	0	0	10,000	10,000	Alternate	87,840
13.67	21	08-1906	E	USFS Colville National Fc	Newport & Sullivan Lake Sno	0	0	0	0	10,000	10,000	Alternate	87,840
13.53	22	08-1079	E	Natural Resources Dept of	DNR SE 08 Winter Trail Stew:	0	0	0	9,385	0	9,385	Alternate	87,840
13.47	23	08-1123	E	Natural Resources Dept of	DNR SPS 08 Winter Trail Stev	0	9,900	0	0	0	9,900	Alternate	87,840
13.27	24	08-1903	E	USFS MBNF Snoqualmie	Visitor Information and Educa	0	0	9,661	0	0	9,661	Alternate	87,840
13.13	25	08-1859	E	Fish & Wildlife Dept of	WDFW Off-Road Vehicle	0	0	0	10,000	0	10,000	Alternate	87,840
13.07	26	08-1126	E	Natural Resources Dept of	DNR NE 08 Winter Trail Stew	0	0	0	0	9,885	9,885	Alternate	87,840
13.07	26	08-1899	E	USFS MBNF Snoqualmie	Phase 1 Snowmobile Replacen	0	0	0	0	10,000	10,000	Alternate	87,840
12.93	28	08-1411	E	USFS Olympic National F	Hood Canal RD Backcountry e	0	0	10,000	0	0	10,000	Alternate	87,840
12.27	29	08-1837	E	USFS MBNF Mt Baker RI	Sno-Parks Snowmobile Replac	0	0	0	0	10,000	10,000	Alternate	87,840
11.60	30	08-1875	E	USFS MBNF Mt Baker RI	Wilderness Education Snowm	0	0	0	0	10,000	10,000	Alternate	87,840
11.33	31	08-1078	E	Natural Resources Dept of	DNR NE 08 Winter Steward #	0	0	0	0	10,000	10,000	Alternate	87,840
11.33	31	08-1793	E	USFS MBNF Snoqualmie	Educational Touch Screen Kio	0	0	10,000	0	0	10,000	Alternate	87,840
11.27	33	08-1113	E	Natural Resources Dept of	DNR SE 08 Winter Trail Stew:	0	0	0	9,385	0	9,385	Alternate	87,840
11.27	33	08-1114	E	Natural Resources Dept of	DNR SE 08 Winter Trail Stew:	0	0	0	9,385	0	9,385	Alternate	87,840
11.13	35	08-1127	E	Natural Resources Dept of	DNR NE 08 Winter Trail Stew	0	0	0	0	9,885	9,885	Alternate	87,840
11.00	36	08-1671	E	Fish & Wildlife Dept of	WDFW Snowmobile	0	0	0	0	10,000	10,000	Alternate	87,840
10.87	37	08-1904	E	USFS MBNF Snoqualmie	Phase 2 Snowmobile Replacen	0	0	0	0	10,000	10,000	Alternate	87,840

All proposals (77) total = 75,000 1,523,750 118,661 172,447 606,372 2,496,230

RESOLUTION #2008-056

**Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities Program
Nonhighway Road Category Funding
Fiscal Year 2009**

WHEREAS, the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) staff provided publications, website updates, public workshops, and other outreach opportunities to notify interested parties about the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities Program (NOVA); and

WHEREAS, nine Nonhighway Road (NHR) projects were submitted for funding consideration; and

WHEREAS, these NHR project applications were evaluated by a committee selected for this purpose, using the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (Board) adopted criteria; and

WHEREAS, the evaluations occurred in a public meeting, thereby supporting the Board's strategy to ensure that its work is conducted with integrity and in a fair and open manner; and

WHEREAS, all nine projects meet program criteria, thus supporting the Board's strategy to fund the best projects as determined by the evaluation process; and

WHEREAS, the projects provide opportunities for recreationists that enjoy nonmotorized boating, camping, driving for pleasure, fishing, gathering, hunting, and picnicking, thereby supporting the Board's strategy to provide partners with funding to enhance recreation opportunities statewide;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board approves the ranked list and funding as shown in *Table 1. Evaluation Ranked List and Funding Recommendations, NOVA Program Nonhighway Road Category, State Fiscal Year 2009*; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that RCO's Director is authorized to execute project agreements to facilitate prompt project implementation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that that the ranked list of alternate projects will remain eligible for funding through February 28, 2009.

Resolution moved by: Craig Partridge

Resolution seconded by: Steven Drew

Adopted/Defeated/Deferred (underline one)

Date: November 20, 2008



**Table 1. Evaluation Ranked List
And Funding Recommendations
NOVA Program ~ Nonhighway Road Category, State**

Rank	Score	Number	Project Name	Project Sponsor	RCFB Amt	Sponsor Amt	Total Amt	Cum Amt	Recommended Funding	
									30% Fuel Tax	Competitive Dollars
1 of 9	52.917	08-1027M	DNR NW 08 NHR FACILITIES M&O	Natural Resources Dept of	\$51,773	\$22,411	\$74,184	\$51,773	\$51,773	
2 of 9	49.750	08-1080M	SW WA 08 NHR FACILITIES M&O	Natural Resources Dept of	\$98,330	\$45,150	\$143,480	\$150,103	\$98,330	
3 of 9	49.583	08-1048N	Middle Fork Snoqualmie Valley Trails & Trailhead	Natural Resources Dept of	\$90,000	\$25,000	\$115,000	\$240,103	\$90,000	
4 of 9	46.833	08-1355N	Beacon Rock State Park Trail Extension	State Parks	\$25,500	\$7,975	\$33,475	\$265,603	\$25,500	
5 of 9	41.500	08-1492D	Scotch Creek Coulee Creek Trail System	Fish & Wildlife Dept of	\$86,756	\$20,000	\$106,756	\$352,359	\$86,756	
5 of 9	41.500	08-1493N	Whatcom WLA ADA Dock Planning	Fish & Wildlife Dept of	\$100,000		\$100,000	\$452,359	\$100,000	
7 of 9	37.833	08-1814D	Excelsior Campground Reconstruction	USFS MBNF Mt Baker RD	\$100,000	\$49,000	\$149,000	\$552,359	\$22,009	77,991
8 of 9	32.250	08-1744D	Camp Govey Backcountry Trail	Mason County	\$79,000	\$10,700	\$89,700	\$631,359		
9 of 9	31.917	08-1819N	Riverside State Park - Equestrian Facilities	State Parks	\$99,576	\$9,452	\$109,028	\$730,935		
						\$730,935	\$189,688	\$920,623	\$474,368	\$77,991

Note: projects in **bold type** are those eligible to be scored for competition dollars.



Table 2 (rev. 11/19/08). Evaluation Ranked List and Funding Recommendations

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NOVA Program ~ Nonmotorized Category, State Fiscal Year 2009

Rank	Score	Number	Project Name	Project Sponsor	RCFB Amount	Sponsor Amount	Total Amount	Cum Amount	Recommended Funding 30% Fuel Tax	Competitive Dollars	
1 of 22	61.000	08-1032M	SPS 08 Snoqualmie Unit Trail Maintenance	Natural Resources Dept of	\$100,000	\$103,054	\$203,054	\$100,000	\$100,000		1. DNR request: reduce by half, from \$99,919 & 2 yrs. to 1 yr.
2 of 22	56.417	08-1025M	DNR NW 08 NM TRAILS M&O	Natural Resources Dept of	\$99,919	\$67,428	\$167,347	\$199,919	\$49,960		
3 of 22	56.333	08-1033M	Capitol Forest 08 NM Trail M&O	Natural Resources Dept of	\$99,543	\$47,900	\$147,443	\$299,462	\$99,543		
4 of 22	55.750	08-1054D	Clallam County Adventure Route Trail	Clallam Co Public Works Dept	\$99,500	\$115,000	\$214,500	\$398,962	\$99,500		
5 of 22	55.500	08-1631M	Cle Elum NM Trails M&O 2009	USFS WNF Cle Elum RD	\$35,570	\$25,600	\$61,170	\$434,532	\$35,570		2. Above increases this partial, from \$9,601.
6 of 22	55.333	08-1624M	Cle Elum Wilderness Trails M&O 2009	USFS WNF Cle Elum RD	\$30,235	\$21,184	\$51,419	\$464,767	\$30,235		
7 of 22	53.167	08-1174M	Naches Wilderness Trails M&O	USFS WNF Naches RD	\$77,586	\$34,890	\$112,476	\$542,353	\$59,560	\$18,026	3. And reduces this from \$67,985.
8 of 22	51.500	08-1546D	N.Fork/Pyramid Mountain Trail Area Upgrades/Repair	USFS WNF Entiat RD	\$75,000	\$50,600	\$125,600	\$617,353		\$75,000	
9 of 22	50.000	08-1541M	Wilderness Stewardship Crew	USFS WNF Wenatchee River RD	\$43,300	\$45,681	\$88,981	\$660,653		\$43,300	
10 of 22	48.917	08-1026M	DNR NW 08 NM Facilities M&O	Natural Resources Dept of	\$99,944	\$67,142	\$167,086	\$760,597		\$37,384	5. Increases this from \$-0- and reduces from 2 yrs to 1
11 of 22	46.583	08-1810N	Robinson Creek Bridge	USFS OKNF Methow RD	\$26,768		\$26,768	\$787,365			
12 of 22	42.667	08-1231D	Wallace Falls - Trail Improvements	State Parks	\$95,090	\$11,000	\$106,090	\$882,455		\$95,090	4. And increases this partial to full funding, from \$82,515.
13 of 22	41.500	08-1765N	Monte Cristo Trail	USFS MBNF Darrington RD	\$50,000	\$20,000	\$70,000	\$932,455			
14 of 22	40.500	08-1276N	Iron Horse - Palouse Section Planning	State Parks	\$93,600	\$252,000	\$345,600	\$1,026,055			
14 of 22	40.500	08-1346N	West Peninsula Regional Trail Plan, Non-motorized	Kitsap County Parks and Rec	\$92,500	\$98,968	\$191,468	\$1,118,555			
16 of 22	39.667	08-1879N	Rommel Trail System Plan	USFS OKNF Methow RD	\$49,418	\$20,498	\$69,916	\$1,167,973			
17 of 22	37.750	08-1854D	Iron Horse Campsites	State Parks	\$98,527	\$9,065	\$107,592	\$1,266,500			
18 of 22	36.333	08-1495D	Beckler Peak Trailhead	USFS MBNF Skykomish RD	\$100,000	\$5,000	\$105,000	\$1,366,500			
19 of 22	36.250	08-1062D	Camp Govey Trail Development	Mason County	\$100,000	\$28,600	\$128,600	\$1,466,500			
20 of 22	31.000	08-1869D	Hoko River - Trail Development	State Parks	\$99,900	\$104,300	\$204,200	\$1,566,400			
21 of 22	30.500	08-1275N	Pearrygin Lake/Winthrop Trail Feasibility Study	State Parks	\$90,828	\$14,852	\$105,680	\$1,657,228			
22 of 22	12.917	08-1131N	McCleary Trails Planning	McCleary City of	\$70,000		\$70,000	\$1,727,228			
					\$1,727,228	\$1,142,762	\$2,869,990		\$474,368	\$268,800	

Note: projects in **bold type** are those eligible to be scored for competition dollars.

Table 1. Evaluation Ranked List And Funding Recommendations
NOVA Program ~ Off-Road Vehicle Category, State Fiscal Year 2009

Rank	Score	Number	Project Name	Project Sponsor	RCFB Amount	Sponsor Amount	Total Amount	Cum Amount	Recommended Funding		
									ORV Permit Amount	30% Fuel Tax	Comp. Dollars
1 of 20	55.833	08-1030M	Tahuya/Green 08 ORV Trail and Site Maintenance	Natural Resources Dept of	199,960	136,110	336,070	199,960		199,960	
2 of 20	55.667	08-1029M	Capitol Forest 08 ORV Trail M&O	Natural Resources Dept of	144,020	63,205	207,225	343,980		144,020	
3 of 20	53.250	08-1166M	Naches Ranger District Motorized Trails M&O	USFS WNF Naches RD	199,900	55,756	255,656	543,880	69,513	130,388	
4 of 20	52.167	08-1031M	Elbe Hills 08 4X4 M&O	Natural Resources Dept of	88,188	59,360	147,548	632,068	88,188		
5 of 20	51.750	08-1046N	South Spillman Trail head	Natural Resources Dept of	78,700	9,600	88,300	710,768	78,700		
6 of 20	51.083	08-1083M	Grant County M & O	Grant County Sheriff Dept	49,000	48,600	97,600	759,768	49,000		
7 of 20	49.250	08-1545M	Entiat & Chelan Multiple Use Trail M&O 09-10	USFS WNF Entiat RD	198,055	58,500	256,555	957,823	198,055		
8 of 20	47.917	08-1555M	Evans Creek ORV M&O 2009	USFS MBNF Snoqualmie RD	50,000	25,954	75,954	1,007,823	50,000		
9 of 20	46.667	08-1662M	GPNF Motorized Trails M&O 09-10	USFS GPNF Cowlitz Valley RD	79,780	43,766	123,546	1,087,603	79,780		
9 of 20	46.667	08-1547D	Upper Mad 1409.1 & Blue Creek 1426 Trail Repair	USFS WNF Entiat RD	133,650		133,650	1,221,253	133,650		
11 of 20	46.250	08-1028M	Olympic Region 08 ORV M & O Crew	Natural Resources Dept of	175,131	46,545	221,676	1,396,384	175,131		
12 of 20	45.583	08-1051D	North Fork Bridge SE Region	Natural Resources Dept of	79,000	19,000	98,000	1,475,384	79,000		
13 of 20	43.667	08-1605M	Cle Elum South Zone ORV Trail Crew 2009	USFS WNF Cle Elum RD	97,948	15,375	113,323	1,573,332	97,948		
14 of 20	43.250	08-1604M	Cle Elum North Zone ORV Trail Crew 2009	USFS WNF Cle Elum RD	92,937	12,500	105,437	1,666,269	92,937		
15 of 20	43.083	08-1427N	West Peninsula Regional Motorized Trail Plan	Natural Resources Dept of	155,000	42,525	197,525	1,821,269	155,000		
16 of 20	42.833	08-1755N	Lower Jolly Trail Reroute analysis	USFS WNF Cle Elum RD	19,050		19,050	1,840,319	19,050		
17 of 20	42.250	08-1719N	North Ridge Trail Reroute Analysis	USFS WNF Cle Elum RD	21,220		21,220	1,861,539	21,220		
17 of 20	42.250	08-1606M	Cle Elum ORV Maintenance Equipment 2009	USFS WNF Cle Elum RD	15,400		15,400	1,876,939	15,400		
19 of 20	40.500	08-1892M	Straddleline ORV Park Equipment Purchase	Grays Harbor County of	150,000		150,000	2,026,939	150,000		
20 of 20	39.250	08-1649D	Cle Elum DeRoux Spur Reconstruction	USFS WNF Cle Elum RD	35,375		35,375	2,062,314	35,375		
					\$2,062,314	\$636,796	\$2,699,110		\$1,587,947	\$474,368	0

RESOLUTION #2008-059

**A Resolution to Recognize the Service of Craig Partridge
to the Citizens of Washington State
and the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board**

WHEREAS, from 2002 through 2008, Craig Partridge served the citizens of the state of Washington and the Washington Department of Natural Resources as the agency's designee on the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (Board); and

WHEREAS, Mr. Partridge's service with the Board assisted the citizens of Washington in programs for conservation, stewardship, acquisition, and the development of recreation and habitat resources; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Partridge provided the Board with valuable insight and excellent advice that assisted in the development of exemplary program policies and decisions for funding projects that promoted wise use and sound investments of public funds; and

WHEREAS, during his term, the Board approved nearly 1,200 project grants totaling more than \$300 million of state investment in our state and local recreation and conservation; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Partridge has announced his departure from the Board in order to fulfill other requirements of the Washington Department of Natural Resources; and

WHEREAS, members of the Board wish to recognize his support and service, and wish him well in future endeavors;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that on behalf of the citizens of Washington and in recognition of Mr. Partridge's dedication and excellence in performing his responsibilities and duties as a member, the Board and its staff extends its sincere appreciation and compliments on a job well done, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Commissioner of Public Lands, along with a letter of appreciation to Mr. Partridge.

Approved by the
Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
in Olympia, Washington on November 20, 2008

Val Ogden, Chair

RESOLUTION #2008-060

**A Resolution to Recognize the Service of Valeria Ogden
to the Citizens of Washington State
and the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board**

WHEREAS, from 2003 through 2008, Valeria Ogden served the citizens of the state of Washington as a member and chair of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (Board); and

WHEREAS, Ms. Ogden's service assisted the citizens of Washington in programs for conservation, stewardship, acquisition, and the development of recreation and habitat resources; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Ogden provided the Board with grace, valuable insight, and leadership that assisted in the development of exemplary program policies and decisions for funding projects that promoted sound investments of public funds; and

WHEREAS, during her term as chair, the Board approved 935 project grants totaling more than \$237 million of state investment in our state and local recreation and conservation; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Ogden has announced her retirement from the Board; and

WHEREAS, members of the Board wish to recognize her support, leadership, and service, and wish her well in future endeavors;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that on behalf of the citizens of Washington and in recognition of Ms. Ogden's dedication and excellence in performing her responsibilities and duties as a member and chair, the Board and its staff extends its sincere appreciation and compliments on a job well done, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent with a letter of appreciation to Ms. Ogden.

Approved by the
Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
in Olympia, Washington on November 20, 2008

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Citizen Member

Karen Daubert
Citizen Member

Steven Drew
Citizen Member

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