

## Recreation and Conservation Funding Board Summarized Meeting Agenda and Actions, June 2013

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### Agenda Items without Formal Action

Item	Board Request for Follow-up
Item 2: Director's Report	No follow-up requested
Item 3: Legislative and Budget Update	No follow-up requested
Item 4: Briefing on Conversion Request: City of Auburn, Brannan Park	Staff to work with the city to prepare conversion for decision by the board in November; decision will be a separate memo, and not on consent calendar. The city will be asked to clarify how fishing access would change, provide more detail about future plans for replacement property, and address board concerns about how the wet characteristics of the park could affect future plans.
Item 14: Submitting Boating Infrastructure Grant projects to US Fish and Wildlife Service	Staff to submit projects to the National Park Service for funding consideration. Follow up to the board will be in the standard management report.
Item 15: Process for FY 2013 Director Evaluation	Interested board members to contact the chair about subcommittee participation.

### Agenda Items with Formal Action

Item	Formal Action	Board Request for Follow-up
Item 1: Consent Calendar	<u>Approved Resolution 2013-04</u> A. Meeting Minutes – April 2013 B. Time Extensions: #08-1157C, #08-1180A, #08-1184A, #08-1186A, #08-1512A, #08-1505A, #08-1502A, #08-1524R, #08-1870R, #08-1340D, #08-1356A C. Conversion for RCO #74-606A and #75-657A	No follow-up requested
Item 5: Conversion, Projects Associated with Construction of 520 Bridge	<u>Approved Substitute Resolution 2013-05</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approved conversion, subject to a signed agreement between the sponsors and Washington State Department of Transportation.</li> </ul>	If agreement is not reached, conversion will return to the board. Staff to provide update in September.
Item 6: Proposal for Recognizing Legacy Projects	<u>Approved Resolution 2013-06</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approved Proposal for Recognizing Legacy Projects</li> </ul>	No follow-up requested
Item 7: Firearms and Archery Range Recreation Program	<u>Approved Resolution 2013-07</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approved Table 1 for the 2013-15 biennium and delegated authority to the director to award grants, pending fund availability.</li> </ul>	The director will send updates to the board regarding approved lists and budget news.
Item 8: Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program	<u>Approved Resolution 2013-08</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approved Table 1 for each category for the 2013-15 biennium and delegated authority to the director to award grants, pending fund availability.</li> </ul>	

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Item 9: Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account	<u>Approved Resolution 2013-09</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approved Table 1 for the 2013-15 biennium and delegated authority to the director to award grants, pending fund availability.</li> </ul>	
Item 10: Land and Water Conservation Fund	<u>Approved Resolution 2013-10</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approved Table 1 for the 2013-15 biennium and authorizes the director to submit projects to the National Park Service and award grants.</li> </ul>	
Item 11: Boating Facilities Program	<u>Approved Resolution 2013-11</u> <u>Approved Resolution 2013-12</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approved Table 1 for each category for the 2013-15 biennium and delegated authority to the director to award grants, pending fund availability.</li> </ul>	
Item 12: Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities Program	<u>Approved Resolution 2013-13</u> <u>Approved Resolution 2013-14</u> <u>Approved Resolution 2013-15</u> <u>Approved Resolution 2013-16</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approved Table 1 for each category for the 2013-15 biennium and delegated authority to the director to award grants, pending fund availability.</li> </ul>	
Item 13: Recreational Trails Program	<u>Approved Resolution 2013-017</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approved Table 1 for the 2013-15 biennium and delegated authority to the director to award grants, pending fund availability.</li> </ul>	
Item 16: Approve State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP)	<u>Approved Resolution 2013-018</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approved State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP)</li> </ul>	Staff to submit plan to Governor and NPS for approval.

# Recreation and Conservation Funding Board Summary Minutes

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Date: June 25, 2013

Place: Natural Resources Building, Room 172, Olympia, WA, 98501

## Recreation and Conservation Funding Board members present:

<b>Betsy Bloomfield</b>	Yakima	<b>Jed Herman</b>	Designee, Department of Natural Resources
<b>Pete Mayer</b>	Snohomish	<b>Larry Fairleigh</b>	Designee, State Parks
<b>Harriet Spanel</b>	Bellingham	<b>Dave Brittell</b>	Designee, Department of Fish and Wildlife
<b>Ted Willhite</b>	Twisp		

It is intended that this summary be used with the meeting materials provided in advance of the meeting. A recording is retained by RCO as the formal record of meeting.

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## Call to Order

Acting Chair Harriet Spanel called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Staff called roll, and a quorum was determined.

Director Cottingham noted that there was late correspondence and that it was posted to the online materials. A list of late correspondence was provided to members as reference.

## Consent Calendar

The Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) reviewed Resolution #2013-04, Consent Calendar.

**Resolution 2013-04 moved by: Dave Brittell**                      **and seconded by: Jed Herman**  
**Resolution APPROVED**

## Item 2: Management Report

**Director's Report:** Director Cottingham noted that all RCO employees had received temporary layoff notices the day before, and that contracts had been issued suspension notices. The RCO is revising its strategic plan to align with the Governor's new planning approach. She has been very active in working on the Results Washington goal regarding the environment. She has been active in sharing information about the RCO with partners, stakeholders, and the Legislature.

**Policy Update:** Policy Director Nona Snell reviewed the status of policy work as describe in the staff memo. She noted that SCORP approval, which is before the board today, is a Tier One policy priority. She reported that the trails Town Hall is underway and getting good participation; results will be used for the Trails Plan and NOVA plan updates. Snell also reviewed progress on Tier Two priorities.

Member Mayer asked where things stand with the culvert issue. Director Cottingham noted that the culvert decision was appealed. Agencies will be looking closely to see how the budget funds the work required for implementation. The natural resources agencies are on track to meet the timeline if they receive funding in

the 2013-15 biennium. He also asked that the SCORP discussion address how the agency and board would operationalize the plan.

**Grant Management Report:** Scott Robinson, Deputy Director, noted that the planning process has started for the 2014 grant round. Staff members are working with applicants to certify their match for projects in the current grant cycle. Grant managers are focusing on inspections this year; this will be the focus of closed projects of note.

**Closed Projects of Note:** Rory Calhoun presented two projects: Green Acres Park in Spokane Valley and Endicott Little League Fields in Endicott that were completed in the past. He noted that they try to inspect projects at least every five years. He showed photos to demonstrate the work done at the park and the current state of each project. The Green Acres Park is still used as a park, with many features that benefit the community. He noted that the Endicott project was still in great condition, and that it shows small town pride in the projects. Director Cottingham reminded the board that even though funds may be used only for acquisition, board policy requires development within five years; that is another component of inspections.

Member Willhite asked about the economic advantages and use of spray parks compared to pools. Calhoun responded that the spray pads seem to be more popular for park managers, and anecdotally he has heard that they are easier to maintain.

### **General Public Comment**

*Larry Otos, Director of Mount Vernon Parks and Recreation,* noted that spray parks are among the best community values for the money spent. They are more of a drop-in site than pools. The cost is lower, and since it is operated on a touch-pad system, uses less water. They are very popular with families. He thanked Harriet and Peter for attending their groundbreaking. As a member of the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Coalition (WWRC), he noted that the integrity of the process is key to the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP) success; they want to work on educating stakeholders about that. He noted ways that they are trying to address concerns about acquisitions.

*Karen Daubert, Director of the Washington Trails Association (WTA),* thanked the board and staff for their work, especially Sarah Thirtyacre and Laura Moxham. She noted that it is critical to maintain the integrity of the process. Daubert referenced the materials about the Legacy projects, and saluted the board's effort to recognize outstanding projects. She advised that they keep the process simple, noting that WTA had avoided other recognition programs because they were too complex. She also serves on the board of WWRC, and stated that they will be looking at which categories are more competitive than others. They believe it can be difficult for non-paved trails to compete.

Member Mayer suggested that WTA look for opportunities to collaborate with organizations like Washington Recreation and Parks Association to support trails together. Member Willhite asked her to clarify her comment about the Legacy projects; she clarified that the volunteer recognition process she cited as complicated was not through the RCO.

### **Item 3. Legislative and Budget Update**

Nona Snell noted that there was little that was different since April. The Legislature is now in a second special session. She noted that the RCO needs both an operating and capital budget to operate. The

House passed a reappropriation-only budget, which would mean that existing projects can continue through the new biennium. The agency has sent notices to staff and project sponsors about funding realities, the potential for layoffs, and the potential for projects to be ended. Director Cottingham noted that the RCO also does not know if there will be additional legislative assignments for the agency as the budget progresses. They would be done through provisos. She expects them to address land acquisitions, the public lands inventory, and working lands.

Member Herman asked if the Senate revised list prevails, whether the board would need to take action. Director Cottingham responded that they have to follow the LEAP list, so the ranked list would be modified accordingly. Member Mayer asked if they anticipate that the Legislature would tinker with the list. Director Cottingham responded that she anticipates two projects would come off the list – one sponsored by Yakima and one sponsored by DNR.

### **State Agency Partner Reports**

**Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW):** Member Brittell reported that DFW has been active in acquisitions; they are gearing up to participate in the WWRC focus groups. They also are preparing to address legislative questions about acquisitions. They have had a number of discussions about PILT. Discover Pass funds are helping with operations and maintenance. DFW also distributed layoff notices on Monday. He introduced Clay Sprague as the new lands manager.

**Department of Natural Resources:** Member Herman reported that DNR has sent layoff notices as well, although some staff members would not be subject to layoff. One of the difficulties they face is that some of the firefighting staff have regular duties and work on call. They have made good strides in rebuilding the Reiter Recreation Area. They have had good support from many recreation partners during this session. He noted that their program to remove derelict vessels is very successful; he reviewed the effect of HB 1245, which passed during the regular Legislative session. Discover Pass funds are up by about 12 percent over last year.

**State Parks:** Member Fairleigh noted they have been working on the potential closures as well. If there is a state shutdown, all state parks will be closed. They have held off on notifying people about the potential for reservations to be cancelled. The shutdown would have dramatic revenue implications for State Parks because of the activities scheduled in the parks. Negotiations at Fort Worden are progressing; they need to have more discussions with RCO about encumbrances. There is potential that State Parks will be back into operating Lion's Ferry in eastern Washington, depending on budget. The commission is looking at State Parks evaluation criteria for WWRP.

### **Board Business: Briefings & Discussion**

#### **Item 4. Briefing on Conversion Request: City of Auburn, Brannan Park**

Leslie Ryan-Connelly, RCO Compliance Specialist, presented the information as described in the staff memo. She reminded the board about its roles and responsibilities with regard to conversions, noting that the board makes a recommendation to NPS for this project because it was funded through the Land and Water Conservation Fund. Ryan-Connelly reviewed the details of the conversion proposal, shared photos of the

conversion and replacement properties, discussed the timeline, and asked the board if they had any questions that need to be answered when the conversion is considered later in the year.

Member Spanel asked if the fishing access would be lost after the conversion. Ryan-Connelly responded that it would not be lost, but would be moved to another location. Member Mayer asked that the city clarify how fishing access would change.

Member Fairleigh asked why the replacement property was an odd shape, and asked if that would be the park boundary. Ryan-Connelly responded that it was constricted by existing power lines and neighborhoods, and the boundary shown would be the park.

Member Mayer asked what was behind the city's decision in 2011 to remove the property from stormwater management. Ryan-Connelly responded that the district did not need it for that purpose, so it was considered surplus property that could be put to other uses. Mayer then asked if the utility district needed to be reimbursed; Ryan-Connelly responded that it would be, and explained how it would happen.

Member Brittell asked how the public would be able to access the new park. Ryan-Connelly responded that it would be through the neighborhood or a road. Since the city owns the property, they can grant it to themselves and create legal access.

Member Willhite asked what would happen to the existing natural biota (e.g., fallen trees) after the conversion. Ryan-Connelly responded that the levy setback would have biological features such as log jams to encourage the natural environment to replenish itself.

Member Willhite also asked if the replacement property would be an open park or a natural area. Ryan-Connelly replied that it was characterized as open space, but she would ask the city for more detail on their plan. Member Willhite stated that he would like to know the city's plans for the replacement property over the next decade. Member Mayer asked that the city address future restrictions on the replacement property, based on its wet characteristics. For example, could there be trails or active recreation at the park?

Member Spanel asked what would happen to the houses along the river, and whether they would be affected by the levy setback as well. Ryan-Connelly responded that setback started at Brannan Park and went north to Kent. It does not go further south because of the density of residential housing; the hope is that this setback will address concerns for those homes.

Member Bloomfield suggested that the converted property seemed to be active floodplain, and to her, that meant replacement property was a more functional piece of property. To her, it was a good replacement. There were other good opportunities for recreation activity along the river.

Member Mayer asked if the conversion was contingent on the board making a decision before the flood control district could proceed with the levee project. Ryan-Connelly responded that in this case, there was nothing to keep the district from securing an easement from the city and doing the work without the board approving the conversion in advance. The city, however, wants to secure board and National Park Service approval first.

Director Cottingham asked the board if this should come back as an item for discussion before the decision, or a consent agenda item. Mayer and Willhite responded that they would prefer that this be an item with board discussion. Other board members did not express strong opinions.

## **Board Business: Decisions**

### **Item 5. Conversion Request: Projects Associated with Construction of 520 Bridge**

Leslie Ryan-Connelly, RCO Compliance Specialist, presented the information as described in the staff memo. Director Cottingham noted that staff was proposing a substitute resolution because the agreement between the University of Washington (UW), Seattle, and the Department of Transportation had not yet been signed. The substitute resolution allows the board to agree in concept, but delays submission to the National Park Service (NPS) until the agreement is signed. If the agreement is not signed, then the conversion would come back to the board.

Ryan-Connelly reminded the board about its roles and responsibilities with regard to conversions. Ryan-Connelly reviewed the details of the conversion proposal, shared photos of the conversion and replacement properties, discussed the timeline, and the agreement between the parties. She noted that the remaining issues that need to be resolved are related to mitigation for historic preservation and cleanup of the contamination at the replacement property. With regard to the historic preservation, the parties have agreed to the terms in concept; NPS makes the final decision. The contamination agreement would require the board to waive its policy prohibiting the use contaminated property. The agreement would require the sponsors to clean up the property, which fits with NPS rules that allow sponsors to use contaminated property as long as it is cleaned. She also noted that the sponsors are proposing a five-year timeline to complete the park development at the replacement property; this too would need to be approved by NPS.

Member Herman asked what mitigation for an historic site would be. Ryan-Connelly responded that it would be a survey of historic properties on the UW campus as a planning tool for the university to avoid removal of structures in the future. There also would be a small reconstruction of a building within the Arboretum.

Member Mayer asked if there is some legally binding obligation with regard to the cleanup of the contamination. Ryan-Connelly responded that as the grant funders, we do not have that kind of tool. Director Cottingham responded that it would be a secondary conversion if the sponsors failed to clean-up the property and develop the park.

Member Willhite asked who would pay for the contamination. Director Cottingham responded that it would be the Department of Transportation and sponsors, and that it was part of the agreement. David Graves, Seattle Parks and Recreation, responded that they have a good idea of what the contamination is in some parts of the site, and that they are negotiating the costs. Member Willhite asked whether they will make some effort to make the site similar in nature to the site being lost. Graves responded that they would focus on passive recreation.

Member Fairleigh asked if they were satisfied that the remaining park would remain functional, and that the partial take did not have a broader impact. Ryan-Connelly responded that maintaining the park was a key part of determining the conversion area, including viewsheds and the recreational experience. She believes the waterfront trail will be similar, with an improved experience under 520. The biggest loss will be to

parking. Fairleigh asked if the funding for the cleanup would be part of the deal; Ryan-Connelly responded that it would be.

**Substitute Resolution 2013-05 moved by: Pete Mayer and seconded by: Ted Willhite**  
**Resolution APPROVED**

### **Item 6. Approve Proposal for Recognizing Legacy Projects**

Marguerite Austin reviewed the proposal as described in the staff memo, highlighting in particular the selection process, selection criteria, award types, recognition ceremonies, and next steps. Staff contacted a number of stakeholder organizations for their impressions of the proposal. The feedback was primarily positive. There were some concerns about the process including only staff, as compared to the evaluation processes that rely on external evaluators. There were some suggestions that external parties work with staff in the selection process.

Member Spanel asked for clarification of the timing. Austin responded that staff would make its recommendations during the odd-numbered years. The board could then make decisions annually about awards; it would be one per category in each year.

Member Mayer asked if she received any suggestions about how to simplify the process. Austin responded that they had not, but, they would keep this in mind as they develop the process. For example, rather than having the project sponsors do a lot paperwork, staff would consider interviews to gather the information.

#### Public Comment

*Brit Kramer, Washington Recreation and Parks Association*, encouraged the board to recognize projects in a way that raises the profile of the programs and celebrate the successes. Her organization has done an award program for 50 years; it has grown and changed over time. She encouraged the board to allow park managers to be part of the process, while still keeping it simple. Kramer also suggested the board be clear about how this is different from the awards done by the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Coalition.

**Resolution 2013-06 moved by: Ted Willhite and seconded by: Jed Herman**  
**Resolution APPROVED**

### **Board Business: Grant Awards**

#### **Item 7. Firearms and Archery Range Recreation Program, Review and Approve Grants for the 2013-15 Biennium**

Adam Cole presented the information as written in the staff memo, and highlighted information about the applications, applicants, and projects in the 2012 grant round. He concluded by presenting the top two projects in the program: Kettle Falls Gun Club Development and the Bainbridge Island Sportsmen's Club Rifle Range Safety Enhancement.

### Public Comment

Director Cottingham noted that there were several letters submitted to the board, and that they were available on the web site with the other board materials.

*Linda Lubovich, Bainbridge Island*, spoke about environmental and safety concerns as a neighbor of the Bainbridge Island Sportsmen's Club. She stated that she represents other neighbors who oppose the reopening of the range. She cited an incident in 2004 in which a stray bullet left the club and hit a residential area to the north, behind a school. There are two schools near the club. She stated that the improvements made to the range following that incident did not solve the problem and the range was closed in 2009. Neighbors also are concerned about lead contamination of surrounding properties, especially for the people who use wells.

*Christa Little, Bainbridge Island*, stated that firearms projects are not like average park projects and require more technical review. She stated that the review and evaluation process used by the advisory committee did not include sufficient technical review. The island is very small, only 2.5 miles long, and is a highly populated area. They did not address the safety issues, and the containment zone is outside the club's property. Her property is only 30 to 40 feet from the target placement at the rifle range. She is concerned that raising the earthen berm is not part of the project. Muffler boxes are not proven safety equipment. They have asked the club to do an enclosed range facility instead of the proposed range. She referred to board policy requiring the facility to be on property owned by the club; she was given a survey showing that the berm is not on club property, making it ineligible. At minimum, she stated that there should be a thorough technical review before funds are distributed. She provided a map of the property and other documents for the meeting record.

*Steve Korn, Bainbridge Island Sportsmen's Club*, stated they have designed the facility so that surface danger zones are within the walls of each range. When the rifle range is upgraded, the surface danger zone will be within the property line. The shot that landed on a neighbor's property was done as a test under worst case scenarios, with the county present. Adjustments were made, and the county approved the trap range.

*Alan Kaspar, Bainbridge Island Sportsmen's Club*, stated that the range had not been compelled to close its pistol range after a bullet left it in 2002; they did it voluntarily. They rebuilt the pistol range in question so that it is now safe, and have established policies to support safety. The rifle range is fully contained within their property. They voluntarily closed the rifle range until they could bring it to NRA sourcebook standards. They used US Army Corps of Engineer standards for the muffler boxes and for sound management. Design review is part of their plan, to be completed before construction. The range is in compliance with the Kitsap Health Department for lead reclamation; another review will be done in August. They also are in compliance with Department of Ecology standards. He stated that some neighbors do not oppose the club and project, and cited their community relationships.

### Board Discussion

Member Fairleigh noted that the board is not a regulator, and asked to what degree the project would go through a regulatory process or technical review that would involve a public process. Cole responded that there was no state or federal authority that approves the design of gun ranges. That responsibility is up to local governments. For Bainbridge Island, that means the codes such as the building codes, zoning codes, and one that addressed discharge of firearms and ranges. The club would need to get the appropriate permits from the city. Cole noted that he had discussed this with the city, and learned that the scope of

the grading and movement of the shed would determine what kind of permit they would need. The opportunity for public comment would depend on the type of permit.

Member Spanel asked if there were contingencies that could be placed on the funds. Cole responded that there could be special conditions placed on the contract. The standard agreement requires the project sponsor to meet applicable laws and secure permits. It would be up to the city to approve the design; if the city did not approve the design, there would be no funds. Director Cottingham asked if there had ever been special conditions placed that require technical review. Marguerite Austin responded that they had not done this. The Firearms and Archery Range Recreation (FARR) program Advisory Committee included a member of the National Rifle Association (NRA) who provided advice on design issues and whether projects met NRA guidelines. Although he no longer serves as the NRA technical advisor, the project sponsor responded to recommendations from that advisor and others before evaluation. Austin continued that RCO staff can add special conditions, but she is unsure what they would be.

Member Bloomfield asked if any of the testimony from either side represented new information that would have affected the scoring. Austin responded that the evaluators would have looked at the information, but she is not sure if it would have affected the outcome.

Member Herman clarified that the process was consistent with the others, in that funding would not be provided until permits were secured. Austin confirmed that, and noted that some projects are unable to secure permits or cannot proceed as designed, so they are closed and do not receive funding, except for initial costs incurred in good faith.

Member Mayer asked if staff was confident that the local process would include review of the safety issues raised and if the design was within the purview of the board. Cole responded that it is a local issue, and that the permits required locally may not account for baffle systems and berms. The work is subject to the authority of the local development director.

Member Willhite asked if it is typical for projects to come forward prior to full design plans. Director Cottingham responded that grants are typically made in advance of design. Member Willhite clarified that the project may or may not proceed, depending on the outcome of the design and permit process. Director Cottingham confirmed that the contract requires sponsors to comply with all laws before they can be reimbursed.

Member Bloomfield noted that this discussion led her to conclude that there are no new material facts that likely would have affected scoring because it is a local issue.

Member Fairleigh said that it is important for the board to maintain its process, which is respected for its thoroughness and integrity. The director has signed off that the project has met the requirements of the program to date. He did not think the board should act as a local regulatory authority; there needs to be a clear line between the purview of the local authorities and the board.

**Resolution 2013-07 moved by: Jed Herman**  
**Resolution APPROVED**

**and seconded by: Ted Willhite**

**Item 8. Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program, Approve Grants for the 2013-15 Biennium**

Scott Robinson presented the information as written in the staff memo, reminding the board how funds are allocated. He noted sponsors did not certify match for four projects, and withdrew two other projects. Board members had no questions or comments.

**Resolution 2013-08 moved by: Dave Brittell**                      **and seconded by: Ted Willhite**  
**Resolution APPROVED**

**Item 9. Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account, Approve Grants for the 2013-15 Biennium**

Scott Robinson presented the information as written in the staff memo, highlighting program goals and the applications received. He noted that sponsors did not certify match for six projects. Board members had no questions or comments.

**Resolution 2013-09 moved by: Jed Herman**                      **and seconded by: Betsy Bloomfield**  
**Resolution APPROVED**

**Item 10. Land and Water Conservation Fund, Review and Approve Grants for the 2013-15 Biennium**

Sarah Thirtyacre presented the information as written in the staff memo, and highlighted information about the applications, applicants, and projects in the 2012 grant round. She concluded by presenting the top project in the program, the Point Defiance Missing Link. Board members had no questions or comments.

**Resolution 2013-10 moved by: Betsy Bloomfield**                      **and seconded by: Pete Mayer**  
**Resolution APPROVED**

**Item 11. Boating Facilities Program, Review and Approve Grants for the 2013-15 Biennium**

Karl Jacobs presented the information as written in the staff memo. He shared a program overview and then highlighted information about the applications, applicants, and projects in each category during the 2012 grant round. He concluded by presenting the top project in each category.

Director Cottingham noted that the Boating Facilities Program lists are part of the budget appropriations still under consideration by the Legislature. The board lost \$3.3 million in funding for this program in the last biennium.

Public Comment

*Marla Kent, Port of Edmonds*, noted that they have the third-ranked project on the local agencies list. They appreciate that the board funded the original project 20 years ago; this money will help replace the cranes. She urged the board to approve the list of projects.

**Resolution 2013-11 moved by: Larry Fairleigh and seconded by: Dave Brittell**  
**Resolution APPROVED**

**Resolution 2013-12 moved by: Ted Willhite and seconded by: Jed Herman**  
**Resolution APPROVED**

**Item 12. Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities Program, Review and Approve Grants for the 2013-15 Biennium**

Dan Haws presented the information as written in the staff memo, beginning with an overview of the program and funding formula. He then gave an overview of each category, including information about the applications, applicants, and projects in the 2012 grant round. He concluded each category with a presentation of the top project in that category. Board members had no questions or comments.

**Resolution 2013-13 moved by: Ted Willhite and seconded by: Jed Herman**  
**Resolution APPROVED**

**Resolution 2013-14 moved by: Larry Fairleigh and seconded by: Pete Mayer**  
**Resolution APPROVED**

**Resolution 2013-15 moved by: Ted Willhite and seconded by: Betsy Bloomfield**  
**Resolution APPROVED**

**Resolution 2013-16 moved by: Pete Mayer and seconded by: Larry Fairleigh**  
**Resolution APPROVED**

**Item 13. Recreational Trails Program, Review and Approve Grants for the 2013-15 Biennium**

Laura Moxham presented the information as written in the staff memo, beginning with a program overview that included the five classes of use. She then reviewed the two categories – General and Education – including information about the applications, applicants, and projects in the 2012 grant round. She also presented the top project in each category. Board members had no questions or comments.

**Resolution 2013-17 moved by: Larry Fairleigh and seconded by: Ted Willhite**  
**Resolution APPROVED**

**Item 14. Submitting Boating Infrastructure Grant projects to US Fish and Wildlife Service**

Darrell Jennings presented the information as written in the staff memo. Board members had no questions or comments.

*Larry Fairleigh left for a meeting in Spokane after this presentation.*

## Board Business: Decisions

### Item 15. Process for FY 2013 Director Evaluation

Acting Chair Spanel reviewed the staff memo and noted that the process was changing because the RCO had lost its Human Resources director. Members need to contact Chair Chapman if they are interested in participating in the evaluation.

### Item 16. Approve State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP)

Rebecca Connolly presented the information as written in the staff memo, noting that Mike Fraidenburg and Mark Duda from Responsive Management were present to answer questions. Connolly noted that Member Willhite had requested that information about ecosystem services be included in the final report, and that the draft submitted with board materials did not include that section. A draft section was distributed to the board on June 24, and made available at the meeting for the public. If approved by the board, the section on ecosystem services would be included in the report with the discussion of other benefits of outdoor recreation. The board members concurred that it was a good addition.

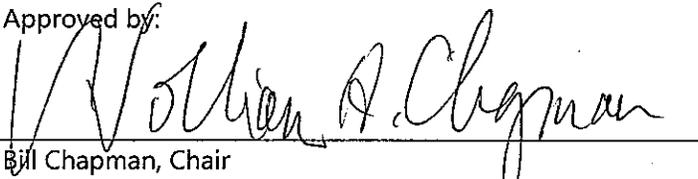
Member Mayer asked how the findings of the plan would be operationalized and how it links to the strategic plan. Director Cottingham responded that the plan's primary value is for the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) program. Connolly noted that many of the plan's recommendations already were incorporated in the board's strategic plan and existing staff work. The next step in operationalizing would be to determine implications for the LWCF program criteria in the 2014 grant round.

**Resolution 2013-18, with the addition of ecosystem values to the SCORP,  
moved by: Ted Willhite and seconded by: Jed Herman  
Resolution APPROVED**

Director Cottingham said that she would send updates to the board regarding approved lists and budget. She reminded board members that the September meeting would be in Wenatchee.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Approved by:

  
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Bill Chapman, Chair

  
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Date

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board  
Revised Resolution 2013-04  
June 2013 Consent Calendar

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the following June 2013 Consent Calendar items are approved:

- A. Approve Board Meeting Minutes – April 4-5, 2013
- B. Approve Time Extension Requests:
- Washington Department of Natural Resources, Project #08-1157C, Chehalis River Surge Plain NAP Riparian 2008
  - Washington Department of Natural Resources, Project #08-1180A, Lacamas Prairie Natural Area 2008
  - Washington Department of Natural Resources, Project #08-1184A, Trout Lake NAP 2008
  - Washington Department of Natural Resources, Project #08-1186A, Washougal Oaks NAP/NRCA 2008
  - Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, Project #08-1512A, Lynch Cove Estuary
  - Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, Project #08-1505A, Methow Watershed Phase 6
  - Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, Project #08-1502A, Okanogan-Similikameen Phase 2
  - Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, Project #08-1524R, Sinlahekin Ecosystem Restoration Phase 1
  - Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, Project #08-1870R, Skagit Bay Riparian Enhancement
  - Vashon Park District, Project #08-1340D, Vashon Athletic Fields Improvements Phase 2 and 3
  - Washington State Parks, Project #08-1356A, Dosewallips State Park Riparian Acquisition
- C. Revise Conversion Approved in Resolution #95-10 due to DFW/DNR Land Exchange, Wenas Wildlife Area, RCO #74-606A and #75-657A

Resolution moved by:	<u>Brittell</u>
Resolution seconded by:	<u>Herman</u>
Resolution action:	<u>Adopted</u>
Date:	<u>June 25, 2013</u>

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board  
SUBSTITUTE Resolution 2013-05  
Approving Conversion for Washington  
Park Arboretum, RCO #66-037D and #85-9036D

**WHEREAS**, the city of Seattle and the University of Washington used grants from the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) and the Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account (ALEA) to construct outdoor recreation facilities along the Arboretum Waterfront Trail at the Washington Park Arboretum; and

**WHEREAS**, the city and university propose conversion of portions of the property developed under the grant to facilitate construction of the Washington State Department of Transportation's State Route 520 project; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of this proposed conversion, the property no longer satisfies the conditions of the RCO grants, including federal requirements under the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act; and

**WHEREAS**, the city and university are asking for Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) approval to replace the property proposed for conversion with property currently owned by the university but not managed for public outdoor recreation; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed replacement property, known as the Bryant Site, is in a reasonable location that will help satisfy current recreation needs in the university districts, has an appraised value that is greater than the conversion site, is eligible in the funding programs, and will provide outdoor recreation opportunities that are reasonably equivalent to those displaced by the conversion; and

**WHEREAS**, the replacement property will be developed into a park within 5 years of conversion approval by the National Park Service that serves neighborhood and community park needs, and

**WHEREAS**, the Arboretum Waterfront Trail will retain its function after the State Route 520 project is complete, thereby supporting the board's goals to provide funding for projects that protect, restore, and develop recreation opportunities; and

**WHEREAS**, the sponsors sought public comment on the conversion and discussed it during open public meetings, thereby supporting the board's strategy to regularly seek public feedback in policy and funding decisions; and

**WHEREAS**, the city of Seattle, the University of Washington, and the Washington State Department of Transportation ("the parties") are finalizing an agreement to memorialize their commitments including site cleanup and park development; and

**WHEREAS**, the director has met with some of the parties and has agreed to allow them more time to finalize their agreement and requests delegation of authority from the board;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that in order to implement the sponsors' plan to remove the structures, cleanup the contamination, and construct the new park at the replacement property over a five year period, the board waives its policy regarding the eligibility of contaminated property for the replacement site as described in Manual 3: *Acquiring Land* (March 2010),

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**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, Recreation and Conservation Funding Board approves the elements of the conversion request and the proposed replacement site for Arboretum Waterfront Trail, RCO #85-9036D as presented to the board on June 25, 2013 and set forth in the board memo prepared for that meeting and delegates authority to the director to finalize the request once an agreement is reached between the parties,

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the board hereby authorizes the RCO director to recommend the conversion request and the proposed replacement site for the Arboretum Waterfront Trail, RCO #66-037D, to the National Park Service (NPS) for final approval once an agreement is finalized between the parties.

Resolution moved by:	<u>Mayer</u>
Resolution seconded by:	<u>Willhite</u>
Resolution action:	<u>Adopted</u>
Date:	<u>June 25, 2013</u>

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board  
Resolution #2013-06  
Approving Recognition Proposal for Projects Considered  
to be Legacy or Visionary

**WHEREAS**, the mission of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) is to provide leadership and funding to help our partners protect and enhance Washington's natural and recreational resources for current and future generations; and

**WHEREAS**, the board wants to recognize sites that embody the realization of a long-range vision or that have resulted in a lasting legacy for a community, region, or the state; and

**WHEREAS**, providing such recognition would acknowledge the efforts of the public to preserve and protect Washington's natural and outdoor recreational resources; and

**WHEREAS**, the awards would recognize the significance of strategically investing public funds to make a difference to the social, health, and economic vitality of a community, region or the state; and

**WHEREAS**, the board believes that sharing the successes of its funding programs will inspire others to create sites and projects to better their communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the board has considered the proposal in three open public meetings and sought comment from key stakeholder groups, thereby supporting its goal to achieve a high level of accountability in managing the resources and responsibilities entrusted to it; and

**WHEREAS**, implementing a recognition program advances the board's objective to broaden public support and applicant pool for its grant programs;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the board hereby adopts the recognition proposal as presented in Attachment A.

Resolution moved by:	<u>Willhite</u>
Resolution seconded by:	<u>Herman</u>
Resolution action:	<u>Adopted</u>
Date:	<u>June 25, 2013</u>

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## Recreation and Conservation Funding Board Outstanding Project Recognition

The Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) award program honors grant recipients that demonstrate excellence in planning for, protecting, and making available the best of the Washington's public outdoor recreation and conservation areas.

### Purpose

Award recipients are recognized for their work at a project site that embodies the realization of a long-range vision that has resulted in a lasting legacy for a community, region, or the state<sup>1</sup>. The award recognizes completed board-funded sites that exemplify the best of the state's public outdoor recreation areas and conservation resources.

### Two Award Categories

1. **Visionary: Preparing for a vibrant future.** This award would be given to projects completed within the last five to ten years.
2. **Lasting Legacy: Influencing lives for generations.** This award would be given to projects completed more than ten years ago. Such sites are generally well-loved by those they serve, and often are recognized throughout the community, region, or state. They function as intended.

### Selection Process

The board will select recipients once during each biennium, but may schedule award ceremonies annually at the discretion of the director and board chair.

### Nomination Process

Once per biennium, staff will contact key stakeholder organizations to ask that they nominate projects they would recommend that staff review. RCO also could include nomination information on its Web site. RCO staff will also keep the award categories in mind as they conduct compliance inspections around the state.

### Staff Review

Staff will conduct its research, interviews, and consultation process during the odd-numbered year when the RCO is not accepting grant applications in most programs.

The award program is open only to recipients of board grants. The focus would be on completed projects, but awards could be given to phased projects. Staff will give consideration to each sponsor's management of active and completed projects.

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<sup>1</sup> A site must include at least one project that was funded by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board, but could also include areas not funded by the board.

For **visionary projects**, staff would review the list of eligible projects and consider which projects best reflect an organization's historic commitment to a proposal, strategic planning efforts and long-range visioning, and implementation of that vision.

Staff would then consider other factors that would make the project worthy of recognition, such as:

- Meeting program priorities in an exceptional way;
- Providing public access to unique natural resources or outstanding views or vistas;
- Protecting a significant or high-priority habitat type, wildlife species, or farmland;
- Providing opportunities for education about site features or resources;
- Incorporating innovative or unique design features (e.g., exceptional universal access, sustainable elements, reduced maintenance/stewardship costs, or adaptive reuse of features); and
- Demonstrating outstanding, sustained partnerships and community support to achieve the long-range vision.

For **legacy projects**, staff would begin by reviewing projects by decade, beginning in 1964. The initial round may include the 1970s as well as the 1960s<sup>2</sup>. To be considered a legacy project, sites would need to be viable and meeting the long-range vision established for the site.

In addition to the factors outlined for **visionary projects**, staff would then consider other factors such as:

- Upgraded, redeveloped, maintained, or modernized as needed to meet current needs;
- Quality of the habitat or other site features after years of public use.
- Ability to meet current public priorities for recreation and conservation.
- Influence or leverage for expanding the recreation or conservation estate.
- Meeting state plan priorities.

#### **Director Recommendation**

Staff would present its analysis to the director, who would recommend projects to be recognized to the board.

#### **Board Selection**

The board would make the final award decisions, selecting up to two projects in each theme (visionary and/or legacy) from the list presented by the director based on their best professional judgment.

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<sup>2</sup> Staff will use their professional judgment to place phased projects in the correct decade based on the work done in each project or phase.

## **Award Ceremonies and Public Recognition**

### **Award Ceremonies**

A board member and/or the director will present an award to the recipient at the project site or other meaningful location or event (e.g., city/council chambers, organization annual meeting, etc.). This award will be designed for indoor display.

A similar award will be provided for display at the project site. Where feasible, staff will encourage sponsors to use available technology to allow visitors to access information about the site, the project, board funding/support, and the award.

### **Public Recognition**

RCO staff will work with award recipients to place photos or other digital representations (e.g., a short video) of each project on the RCO Web site, creating a virtual "Hall of Fame."

The RCO also will publicize the award through the Web site and press materials. Staff will work with recipients to publicize and share details about the award-winning project with the media and other interested parties. Recipients will be expected to acknowledge the board funding in their press materials.

This award process will be incorporated into the RCO Communications Plan

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Resolution #2013-07  
Firearms and Archery Range Recreation  
Final Approval for 2013-15 Ranked List of Projects

**WHEREAS**, for the 2013-2015 biennium, thirteen Firearms and Archery Range Recreation (FARR) program projects are eligible for funding; and

**WHEREAS**, these FARR projects were evaluated using criteria approved by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board); and

**WHEREAS**, these evaluations occurred in an open 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 projects have been determined to meet program requirements as stipulated in statute, administrative rule, and policy, thus supporting the board's strategy to fund the best projects as determined by the evaluation process; and

**WHEREAS**, the Legislature has not yet enacted a 2013-15 budget, so funding is not available and the appropriation amount is unknown for the program for the 2013-15 biennium; and

**WHEREAS**, the projects acquire and/or develop public outdoor recreation 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 for the projects depicted in Table 1 – Firearms and Archery Range Recreation Ranked List of Projects, 2013-15; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the board delegates authority to the director to award funds to the projects based on the ranked list in Table 1, contingent on appropriated funds for the program in the 2013-15 biennial budget; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the board authorizes the director to execute project agreements necessary to facilitate prompt project implementation.

Resolution moved by:	<u>Herman</u>
Resolution seconded by:	<u>Willhite</u>
Resolution action:	<u>Adopted</u>
Date:	<u>June 25, 2013</u>

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board  
Resolution #2013-08  
Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program  
Delegation of Authority to Director to Award Funding

**WHEREAS**, RCW 79A.15.030 (7) authorizes RCO to use up to three percent (3%) of the WWRP appropriation for administration of the program;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, contingent on funds being appropriated for the program in the 2013-15 biennial budget, that three percent (3%) of the WWRP appropriation be subtracted from the appropriation, to be used for administration of the program, and the remaining funds be distributed to the eleven WWRP categories according to statutory requirements and board policy; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board delegates authority to the director to award funds to the projects based on the ranked lists in Table 1 – Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program Ranked Lists of Projects, 2013-15 pursuant to existing board policy and rules, and subject to any changes made by the Legislature; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board authorizes RCO's Director to execute agreements necessary to facilitate prompt project implementation.

Resolution moved by:	<u>Brittell</u>
Resolution seconded by:	<u>Willhite</u>
Resolution action:	<u>Adopted</u>
Date:	<u>June 25, 2013</u>

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board  
Resolution #2013-09  
Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account  
Delegation of Authority to Director to Award Funding

**WHEREAS**, for the 2013-2015 biennium, twenty-seven Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account (ALEA) program projects are eligible for funding; and

**WHEREAS**, these ALEA projects were evaluated using criteria approved by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board); and

**WHEREAS**, these evaluations occurred in an open 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 twenty-seven ALEA program projects meet program requirements as stipulated in Manual 21: Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account Grant Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the projects enhance, improve, or protect aquatic lands and provide public access to such lands and associated waters, thereby supporting the board's strategies to provide partners with funding for both conservation and recreation opportunities statewide; and

**WHEREAS**, the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board approved the ranked list of projects reflected in Table 1 – Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account Ranked List of Projects, 2013-15 at their October 2012 meeting; and

**WHEREAS**, the Legislature has not yet enacted a 2013-15 capital budget, so funding for the 2013-15 biennium is unknown;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board delegates authority to the director to award funds to the projects based on the ranked lists in Table 1 – Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account Ranked List of Projects, 2013-15 pursuant to existing board policy and rules, and subject to any changes made by the Legislature, if funds are appropriated for the program in the 2013-15 biennial budget; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board authorizes RCO's Director to execute agreements necessary to facilitate prompt project implementation.

Resolution moved by:	<u>Herman</u>
Resolution seconded by:	<u>Bloomfield</u>
Resolution action:	<u>Adopted</u>
Date:	<u>June 25, 2013</u>

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Recreation and Conservation Funding Board  
Resolution #2013-10  
Land and Water Conservation Fund  
Final Approval for 2013-15 Ranked List of Projects

**WHEREAS**, for the 2013-2015 biennium, twelve Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) program projects are eligible for funding; and

**WHEREAS**, these LWCF projects were evaluated using the Open Project Selection Process approved and adopted by the National Park Service and Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board); and

**WHEREAS**, these evaluations occurred in an open 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 projects have been determined to meet program requirements as stipulated in statute, administrative rule, and policy, thus supporting the board's strategy to fund the best projects as determined by the evaluation process; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Washington may receive a federal apportionment for the Land and Water Conservation Fund Program for federal fiscal years 2013 and 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, the projects acquire and/or develop public outdoor recreation 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 of projects depicted in Table 1 - Land and Water Conservation Fund Program Ranked List of Projects, 2013-15; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the board authorizes the director to award grants, submit application materials to the National Park Service and execute project agreements and amendments necessary to facilitate prompt project implementation of federal fiscal year 2013 and 2014 funds upon notification of the federal apportionment for this program, subject to authorization in the state budget.

Resolution moved by:	<u>Bloomfield</u>
Resolution seconded by:	<u>Mayer</u>
Resolution action:	<u>Adopted</u>
Date:	<u>June 25, 2013</u>

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Recreation and Conservation Funding Board  
Resolution #2013-11  
Boating Facilities Program – State Category  
Final Approval for 2013-15 Ranked List of Projects

**WHEREAS**, nine 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 nine 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 Legislature has not yet enacted a 2013-15 budget, so funding is not available and the appropriation amount is unknown for the program for the 2013-15 biennium; and

**WHEREAS**, the projects provide for planning, 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 for the projects depicted in Table 1 – Boating Facilities Program, State, Ranked List of Projects, 2013-15; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the board delegates authority to the director to award funds to the projects based on the ranked list in Table 1, contingent on appropriated funds for the program in the 2013-15 biennial budget; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the board authorizes the director to execute project agreements necessary to facilitate prompt project implementation.

Resolution moved by:	<u>Fairleigh</u>
Resolution seconded by:	<u>Brittell</u>
Resolution action:	<u>Adopted</u>
Date:	<u>June 25, 2013</u>

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board  
Resolution #2013-12  
Boating Facilities Program – Local Category  
Final Approval for 2013-15 Ranked List of Projects

**WHEREAS**, twenty-one local 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 of the 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 Legislature has not yet enacted a 2013-15 budget, so funding is not available and the appropriation amount is unknown for the program for the 2013-15 biennium; and

**WHEREAS**, the projects provide for planning, 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 for the projects depicted in Table 1 – Boating Facilities Program, Local, Ranked List of Projects, 2013-15; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the board delegates authority to the director to award funds to the projects based on the ranked list in Table 1, contingent on appropriated funds for the program in the 2013-15 biennial budget; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the board authorizes the director to execute project agreements necessary to facilitate prompt project implementation.

Resolution moved by:	<u>Willhite</u>
Resolution seconded by:	<u>Herman</u>
Resolution action:	<u>Adopted</u>
Date:	<u>June 25, 2013</u>

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Recreation and Conservation Funding Board  
Resolution #2013-13  
NOVA Program Education and Enforcement Category  
Final Approval for 2013-15 Ranked List of Projects

**WHEREAS**, for the 2013-2015 biennium, eighteen Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities (NOVA) Education and Enforcement category projects are eligible for funding; and

**WHEREAS**, these Education and Enforcement category projects were evaluated using criteria approved by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board); and

**WHEREAS**, these evaluations occurred through a written evaluation process approved by the board, supporting the board's strategy to deliver successful projects by using broad public participation; and

**WHEREAS**, all projects have been determined to meet program requirements as stipulated in statute, administrative rule, and policy, thus supporting the board's strategy to fund the best projects as determined by the evaluation process; and

**WHEREAS**, the Legislature has not yet enacted a 2013-15 budget, so funding is not available and the appropriation amount is unknown for the program for the 2013-15 biennium; and

**WHEREAS**, the projects focus on protecting user needs and minimizing environmental impacts and conflict between user groups, 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 for the projects depicted in Table 1 – Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities, Ranked List of Education and Enforcement Projects, 2013-15; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the board delegates authority to the director to award funds to the projects based on the ranked list in Table 1, contingent on appropriated funds for the program in the 2013-15 biennial budget; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the board authorizes the director to execute project agreements necessary to facilitate prompt project implementation.

Resolution moved by:	<u>Willhite</u>
Resolution seconded by:	<u>Herman</u>
Resolution action:	<u>Adopted</u>
Date:	<u>June 25, 2013</u>

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Recreation and Conservation Funding Board  
Resolution #2013-14  
NOVA Program Nonhighway Road Category  
Final Approval for 2013-15 Ranked List of Projects

**WHEREAS**, for the 2013-2015 biennium, thirteen Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities (NOVA) Nonhighway Road category projects are eligible for funding; and

**WHEREAS**, these Nonhighway Road category projects were evaluated using criteria approved by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board); and

**WHEREAS**, these evaluations occurred in an open 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 projects have been determined to meet program requirements as stipulated in statute, administrative rule, and policy, thus supporting the board's strategy to fund the best projects as determined by the evaluation process; and

**WHEREAS**, the Legislature has not yet enacted a 2013-15 budget, so funding is not available and the appropriation amount is unknown for the program for the 2013-15 biennium; and

**WHEREAS**, the projects provide opportunities for recreationists that enjoy activities such as nonmotorized boating, camping, driving for pleasure, sightseeing, wildlife viewing, 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 hereby approves the ranked list for the projects depicted in Table 1 –Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities, Ranked List of Nonhighway Road Projects, 2013-15; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the board delegates authority to the director to award funds to the projects based on the ranked list in Table 1, contingent on appropriated funds for the program in the 2013-15 biennial budget; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the board authorizes the director to execute project agreements necessary to facilitate prompt project implementation.

Resolution moved by:	<u>Fairleigh</u>
Resolution seconded by:	<u>Mayer</u>
Resolution action:	<u>Adopted</u>
Date:	<u>June 25, 2013</u>

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Recreation and Conservation Funding Board  
Resolution #2013-15  
NOVA Program Nonmotorized Category  
Final Approval for 2013-15 Ranked List of Projects

**WHEREAS**, for the 2013-2015 biennium, twenty-nine Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities (NOVA) Nonmotorized category projects are eligible for funding; and

**WHEREAS**, these Nonmotorized category projects were evaluated using criteria approved by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board); and

**WHEREAS**, these evaluations occurred in an open 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 projects have been determined to meet program requirements as stipulated in statute, administrative rule, and policy, thus supporting the board's strategy to fund the best projects as determined by the evaluation process; and

**WHEREAS**, the Legislature has not yet enacted a 2013-15 budget, so funding is not available and the appropriation amount is unknown for the program for the 2013-15 biennium; and

**WHEREAS**, the projects provide opportunities for recreationists who enjoy nonmotorized trail activities such as horseback riding, hiking, mountain biking and cross-country skiing, 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 for the projects depicted in Table 1 – Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities, Ranked List of Nonmotorized Projects, 2013-15; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the board delegates authority to the director to award funds to the projects based on the ranked list in Table 1, contingent on appropriated funds for the program in the 2013-15 biennial budget; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the board authorizes the director to execute project agreements necessary to facilitate prompt project implementation.

Resolution moved by:	<u>Willhite</u>
Resolution seconded by:	<u>Bloomfield</u>
Resolution action:	<u>Adopted</u>
Date:	<u>June 25, 2013</u>

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Recreation and Conservation Funding Board  
Resolution #2013-16  
NOVA Program Off-road Vehicle Category  
Final Approval for 2013-15 Ranked List of Projects

**WHEREAS**, for the 2013-2015 biennium, thirty-two Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities (NOVA) Off-road Vehicle category projects are eligible for funding; and

**WHEREAS**, these Off-road Vehicle category projects were evaluated using criteria approved by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board); and

**WHEREAS**, these evaluations occurred in an open 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 projects have been determined to meet program requirements as stipulated in statute, administrative rule, and policy, thus supporting the board's strategy to fund the best projects as determined by the evaluation process; and

**WHEREAS**, the Legislature has not yet enacted a 2013-15 budget, so funding is not available and the appropriation amount is unknown for the program for the 2013-15 biennium; and

**WHEREAS**, the projects provide opportunities for recreationists who enjoy motorized off-road activities, including motorcycling and riding all-terrain and four-wheel drive vehicles on trails and in competition sport parks; 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 for the projects depicted in Table 1 – Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities Ranked List of Off-Road Vehicle Projects, 2013-15; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the board delegates authority to the director to award funds to the projects based on the ranked list in Table 1, contingent on appropriated funds for the program in the 2013-15 biennial budget; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the board authorizes the director to execute project agreements necessary to facilitate prompt project implementation.

Resolution moved by:	<u>Mayer</u>
Resolution seconded by:	<u>Fairleigh</u>
Resolution action:	<u>Adopted</u>
Date:	<u>June 25, 2013</u>

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Recreation and Conservation Funding Board  
Resolution #2013-17  
Recreational Trails Program  
Final Approval for 2013-15 Ranked List of Projects

**WHEREAS**, for the 2013-15 biennium, seventy-seven Recreational Trails Program (RTP) projects are eligible for funding; and

**WHEREAS**, these projects were evaluated by the RTP advisory committee using the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) approved and adopted evaluation criteria; and

**WHEREAS**, the advisory committee and board have discussed and reviewed these evaluations 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 projects have been determined to meet federal and state program requirements as stipulated in published guidelines, administrative rule, and policy, thus supporting the board's strategy to fund the best projects as determined by the evaluation process; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Congress has appropriated \$1,867,407 in federal fiscal year 2013 funds for this program; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Washington may receive a federal apportionment for the Recreational Trails Program for federal fiscal year 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, five percent of the apportionment may be used for projects in the education category; and

**WHEREAS**, if funded, the projects will provide for maintaining recreational trails, developing trailhead facilities, and operating environmental education and trail safety programs, thereby supporting the board's strategy to provide partners with funding to enhance recreation opportunities statewide;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the board allocates five percent of the apportionment for education category projects; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the board approves the ranked list of projects depicted in Table 1 – Recreational Trails Program Ranked List of Projects, 2013-15, General Category and Table 1 – Recreational Trails Program Ranked List of Projects, 2013-15, Education Category; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the board authorizes the director to award grants and execute project agreements and amendments necessary to facilitate prompt project implementation of federal fiscal year 2013 and 2014 funds pending federal approval, subject to authorization in the state budget; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the ranked list of alternate projects remains eligible for funding until the next grant cycle.

Resolution moved by:	<u>Fairleigh</u>
Resolution seconded by:	<u>Willhite</u>
Resolution action:	<u>Adopted</u>
Date:	<u>June 25, 2013</u>

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Recreation and Conservation Funding Board  
Resolution 2013-18  
Approval of the 2013 State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan

**WHEREAS**, the National Park Service (NPS) provides federal Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) grant-in-aid assistance to the states to preserve and develop outdoor recreation resources; and

**WHEREAS**, To be eligible for the funds, Washington State must submit a State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP), and update that plan at least every five years; and

**WHEREAS**, the Washington State SCORP must be updated and approved by the NPS in 2013; and

**WHEREAS**, the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) has worked with a consultant to produce an updated SCORP document that assesses current outdoor recreation facilities and opportunities, projects future needs for and challenges to the delivery of recreational opportunities, and addresses key issues of importance to recreation planning and funding; and

**WHEREAS**, the development of this SCORP document involved ample public participation including a scientifically and statistically valid survey of residents, an internet blog through which thousands of residents reviewed documents and provided comments, and a public advisory committee; and

**WHEREAS**, the document meets the criteria set forth by the NPS for state comprehensive outdoor recreation plans; and

**WHEREAS**, approving this plan meets the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) objectives to (1) provide leadership to help our partners strategically invest in the protection, restoration, and development of habitat and recreation opportunities and (2) ensure funded projects and programs are managed in conformance with existing legal authorities;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the board hereby approves the 2013 Washington State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) as presented; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the director is authorized to submit the SCORP to the Governor and NPS for subsequent certification and approval.

Resolution moved by:	<u>Willhite</u>
Resolution seconded by:	<u>Herman</u>
Resolution action:	<u>Adopted</u>
Date:	<u>June 25, 2013</u>

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