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**TO:** IAC Members and Designees  
**FROM:** Laura Johnson, Director  
**SUBJECT:** Director and Agency Report, January 2007

Highlights and issues since the IAC meeting in November 2006 include:

### **People**

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I look forward to introducing Rachael Langen, our new Deputy Director. Rachael started in early January and is already well up to speed on many issues.

### **Policy Issues, including 2007 Legislative Session Preparation**

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#### **Changing our Name**

The Governor's Office approved our agency-request for a name change to "Recreation and Conservation Funding Board." The Senate version has been assigned bill number SB 5257; an initial hearing is set for January 25. The House version does not have an assigned number yet; we will update you at the meeting, see Item # 3 in the agenda.

#### **ORV Noise Education-Enforcement Report**

The 2006 Legislature assigned IAC to provide recommendations for an ORV noise education and enforcement program, and a possible grant program to assist local governments in reducing ORV noise impacts. To prepare these recommendations, the Seattle environmental consulting firm of Adolfson Associates worked with staff and an advisory committee. The report was made available to the public in early December 2006, and delivered to the Legislature as requested in early January.

#### **Conversions**

Under Topic # 10, we will seek your policy guidance on work to improve our anti-conversion policies and the associated legal documents.

#### **Land & Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)**

Congress has just provided a dedicated fund source for this program starting in FFY 2009. Its fate in FFY 2007 and 2008 remains uncertain.



## **2007 Grants - Preparation**

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### **Workshops**

Pre-application workshops will be held in mid-March. A postcard with detailed dates is in the notebook's front pocket. Board members are more than welcome to attend (and, if you wish, to be introduced.) Please let me or Tammy know if you plan to attend.

### **What's Available?**

For the May 2007 application deadline, the following grant programs will be offered:

- Local Boating Facilities
- "BIG" (federal boating facilities)
- Firearms & Archery Range (FARR)
- perhaps, Land & Water Conservation Fund
- NonHighway & Off-Road Vehicle Activities (NOVA)
- National Recreational Trails Program; and
- WWRP's Farmlands Preservation category

## **Communications**

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### **Public Outreach**

Multiple news releases announced the fall 2006 grants awarded by the board, including those for the National Recreational Trails Program (NRTP), Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities (NOVA), Boating Facilities Program (BFP-local). Media releases were sent to recruit advisory committee members, inform customers about the Off-road Vehicle (ORV) noise solutions workshops, and the level of service workshops.

In addition, the communications staff also helped grant staff with public outreach efforts by developing communication plans and publications for several key topics including the level of service project and our PRISM upgrades.

An extensive effort has been underway to recruit grant applicants to our FARR program (Firearms and Archery Range Recreation), which has more-than-average available funding this year.

### **Publications**

Susan Zemek completed the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program Blue Book, which is a complete listing of all the grant applications for 2007. A copy is in your binder. New fact sheets on our grant programs also are underway and you should be getting copies shortly.

### **Big Checks**

Susan worked with Karen Daubert and Mountains to Sound Greenway for a Big Check presentation in November. Many thanks to Karen for making the trek into Preston during the week when they were experiencing flooding.

## **Budget**

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Accounting: Revenues are matching projections, and grant expenditures are about normal. See Attachment 1.

Accounting and human resources staff survived the complex implementation of the state's new payroll system. These statewide 'improvements' have cost us a lot in fees and extra time. We're hoping this will be more stable in the future.

The State Auditor has completed the regular fiscal audit, and we're awaiting release of the report. No findings are anticipated for IAC.

## **Partnerships and Other Boards**

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**Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB) work:** The 2006 grant cycle culminated with the award of 95 grants in December. In January, the SRFB is starting to look at the guidelines needed to launch the next grant cycle by April 2007.

**Invasive Species Council:** The Council had its inaugural session in late November, and is set for its second meeting January 29.

**Biodiversity Council:** Held a very successful workshop and conference on January 5.

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I look forward to seeing IAC members in January. If you have questions, please contact me at 360-902-3003.

**Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation**  
 For the Period of July 1, 2005 - June 30, 2007, actuals through 12/30/2006 (fm18)  
 Percentage of biennium reported: 75%

	BUDGET	COMMITTED		TO BE COMMITTED		EXPENDITURES	
	new and reapp. 2005-2007	Dollars	% of budget	Dollars	% of budget	Dollars	% Expended of committed
<b>Grant Programs</b>							
WA Wildlife & Rec. Program (WWRP)	\$90,958,038	\$90,435,185	99%	\$522,852	0.57%	\$27,967,568	31%
Boating Facilities Program (BFP)	18,073,817	17,789,707	98%	284,110	1.6%	7,022,544	39%
Nonhighway & Off-Road Vehicle (NOVA)	15,500,873	15,176,166	98%	324,707	2%	4,684,767	31%
Land & Water Conserv. Fund (LWCF)	7,492,117	7,492,117	100%	0	0.00%	1,504,633	20%
Aquatic Lands Enhan. Account (ALEA)	9,392,123	9,069,779	97%	322,344	3.43%	2,243,896	25%
National Recreational Trails (NRTP)	4,377,323	4,279,654	98%	97,669	2.2%	1,385,758	32%
Youth Athletic Facilities (YAF)	1,122,756	916,192	82%	206,564	18%	623,280	68%
Firearms & Archery Range Rec (FARR)	557,403	370,895	67%	186,508	33%	168,825	46%
Boating Infrastructure Grants (BIG)	2,307,712	2,307,712	100%	0	0%	124,048	5.38%
<b>Sub Total Grant Programs</b>	<b>149,782,162</b>	<b>147,837,408</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>1,944,753</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>45,725,320</b>	<b>31%</b>
<b>Administration</b>							
General Operating Funds	4,863,950	4,863,950	100%	0	0%	3,059,815	63%
<b>Grant and Administration Total</b>	<b>\$154,646,112</b>	<b>\$152,701,358</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>\$1,944,753</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>\$48,785,135</b>	<b>32%</b>

Note: The budget column shows the state appropriations and any received federal awards.

