

Item 1C

Meeting Date: March 2010
Title: Project Time Extensions
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Approved by the Director:

Proposed Action: Decision

Summary

Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) staff requests that the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) consider the proposed project time extensions shown in Attachment A.

Strategic Plan Link

Consideration of these requests supports the board's goal of helping its partners protect, restore, and develop habitat and recreation opportunities that benefit people, fish and wildlife, and ecosystems.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of the extension requests included in Attachment A, Time Extension Requests for Board Approval, via Resolution #2010-01 (consent calendar).

Background

Manual #7, *Funded Projects: Policies and the Project Agreement*, outlines the board's adopted policy for progress on active funded projects.

The RCO received four time extension requests for the projects listed in Attachment A. This document summarizes the circumstances for the requested extension and the expected date of project completion. Board action is required because the project sponsor is requesting an extension to continue the agreement beyond the four-year period authorized in board policy.

Analysis

Considerations for approving time extension requests include:

- Receipt of a written request for the time extension;
- Reimbursements requested and approved;
- Date the board granted funding approval;
- Conditions surrounding the delay;
- Sponsor's reasons or justification for requesting the extension;
- Likelihood of sponsor completing the project within the extended period;
- Original dates for project completion;
- Sponsor's progress on this and other funded projects;
- Revised milestones or timeline submitted for completion of the project; and
- The effect the extension will have on reappropriation request levels for RCO.

Next Steps

If approved by the board, staff will execute the appropriate amendments and monitor progress through successful completion of the projects. It is staff's intention to allow the sponsor to finish what is already underway. If negotiations should stall on any of the acquisitions, the RCO would close the project and move the funding to the next available project on the list. This condition will be written into the time extensions.

Attachments

- A. Time Extension Requests for Board Approval

Attachment A: Time Extension Request for Board Approval

Project #	Project sponsor	Project name	Grant program	Grant Amount Remaining	Funding date	Extension request	Circumstances or reasons for delay
04-1327	Washington Department of Natural Resources	Methow Rapids NAP	WWRP Natural Areas	\$623,516	5/11/2005	06/30/2011	This project received a board extension in March 2009. Since then the sponsor has acquired 2 parcels and is currently in negotiations with a major landowner in the area (500+ acres). DNR will continue to negotiate with the major landowner in the area.
04-1328	Washington Department of Natural Resources	Bone River & Niawiakum River NAPs	WWRP Natural Areas	\$661,971	5/11/2005	06/30/2011	This project received a board extension in March 2009. Since then the sponsor was able to acquire one parcel and has completed appraisals on two other parcels. DNR will continue working to acquire these two parcels.
04-1395	Washington Department of Natural Resources	Trout Lake Wetlands NAP 04	WWRP Critical Habitat	\$960,889	5/11/2005	06/30/2011	This project received a board extension in March 2009. Since then the sponsor has acquired one parcel and has completed appraisals on another parcel. DNR will continue to pursue this one acquisition.
04-1416	Washington Department of Natural Resources	Ink Blot and Shumocher Creek NAPs 04	WWRP Natural Areas	\$1,198,829	5/11/2005	06/30/2011	This project received a board extension in March 2009. Since then the sponsor was able to acquire one parcel and has completed an appraisal on two other parcels. DNR will continue work to acquire both properties recently appraised.