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Recreation Board to Meet in Olympia June 25

The Recreation and Conservation Funding Board will meet June 25 at the Natural Resource Building in Olympia. At this meeting, the board will review compliance and policy issues, adopt the State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan, and approve funding for recreation and conservation projects submitted and ranked in 2012. The agenda and other meeting materials will be posted [here](#) about two weeks before to the meeting.

RCO says Farewell and Thank you to Dominga Soliz

Dominga Soliz has accepted a position at the Washington Department of Corrections as a risk mitigation manager. May 17th was her last day at RCO. We will miss Dominga, but this is a good next step for her career. Her background is in criminal justice administration – the classes she took in law school and the jobs she had before working at RCO were focused on criminal defense, corrections issues, and other criminal justice work. This position offers her an opportunity to apply legal and policy skills in that subject area.

Salmon Conference

More than 600 people attended the Salmon Recovery Funding Board's fourth biennial salmon recovery conference May 14-15 in Vancouver. Participants represented 56 businesses, 36 nonprofits, 22 tribes, 19 conservation districts, 17 counties, and 13 state agencies. The participant who traveled the farthest came from Virginia. New features this year included nearly 20 student volunteers from 6 different colleges who helped out in the sessions, an organizational development track, and a door-prize drawing that encouraged attendees to visit the 40 exhibitors.

The two-day conference highlighted what has worked in more than 10 years of salmon recovery efforts, what has not, and how to improve the quality and cost-effectiveness of projects. The event focused on building better salmon recovery projects and sharing lessons learned from more than 1,600 completed projects, as well as the practical applications of new research and monitoring findings. Participants report that, as in previous years, the Salmon Recovery Conference was a great opportunity to network and connect one-on-one with other salmon recovery practitioners and policymakers.

If you missed it, you can see videos of the keynote speakers and review the the PowerPoint presentations by visiting the RCO Web site at [Salmon Recovery Conference](#).

Attendees are already asking about the next conference— it is scheduled to return in 2015.