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**TO:** IAC Members and Designees  
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**SUBJECT:** WA Department of Fish & Wildlife, Cost Increase Request  
IAC #98-1310D Bush Point  
Notebook Item #2c (Consent Calendar)

**Summary**

The Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife (WDFW) requests IAC Board approval of an \$80,000 cost increase to a Boating Facilities Program (BFP) project. The Board approved a previous request for a cost increase in February 2004. This additional request will enable WDFW to complete the proposed improvements to the boating access site. WDFW's request is consistent with IAC Policy Manual #7, *Funded Projects: Policies & The Project Agreement*, §2, Item 8. IAC staff recommends approval of this request.

**Background**

Bush Point is located on Whidbey Island, approximately 3 miles northwest of the Town of Freeland in Island County. The site was acquired in 1998 with Boating Facilities Program (BFP – State) funds. In 1999, the Board approved this development project that includes demolition of existing structures on-site, installation of a two-lane concrete boat launch ramp, floats, parking, restrooms, utilities, fencing, and landscaping.

**Project Status**

The rails, hoist, and structures have been demolished. All mitigation has been completed. The parking area and lower launch areas have been graded and the base course prepared for paving. The boat launch has been constructed, the bulkhead reconstructed, and the pilings have been poured.

The piles will be driven by the end of January and floats installed shortly afterward. Bids for construction of the restrooms, septic system, water, power, paving, fencing, and landscaping will be awarded by February 1. All work will be completed by May 31, 2006.



**Discussion and Analysis**

As WDFW worked through the permit process, it was found that the project area supported surf smelt spawning. Extensive research and mitigation studies were necessary and the design was modified to meet permit requirements. This included the need for heavy-duty piles and floats and the addition of a septic system with pumping chambers to meet both the site conditions and county standards. As was noted on a prior time extension request, during demolition, underground tanks were found and clean up was required

During this clean up, excavation near the bulkhead revealed it had deteriorated and was in far worse condition than originally thought. In order to protect the boat launch and parking area, the bulkhead was reconstructed.

**Project Costs**

This additional work and subsequent delays coupled with increasing steel and concrete costs have dramatically impacted the project costs. The original project funding was \$589,590. The Board approved a 55% cost increase that added \$322,373 bringing total project costs to \$911,963. This second request for \$80,000 represents a total cost increase of 68%.

The original project included no sponsor match. However, due to the increasing costs and the desire to complete this project, WDFW has contributed \$220,000 and the Port of South Whidbey has contributed \$45,000. An additional contribution from the Port for \$115,000 is pending extension of the lease between the Port and WDFW. If approved, these additional funds will allow WDFW to complete construction of the remaining elements, including the additional electrical work for utilities and paving the parking area.

The following chart illustrates the original project agreement cost approved by IAC, the cost increase request, and the proposed project agreement total.

Project #98-1310D	Original Project Agreement	First Cost Increase Request	This Cost Increase Request	WDFW & Port of South Whidbey Contribution	Proposed Project Agreement Total
Boating Facilities Program	\$589,590	\$322,373	\$80,000	\$380,000	\$1,371,963

IAC Manual #7, *Funded Projects* outlines the policy for cost increase requests. The policy emphasizes timeliness, need, and a good basis for the request. This request is consistent with the criteria specified.

**Staff Recommendation**

Staff recommends approval of the cost increase as requested. Resolution #2006-01 (Consent Calendar) is provided for Board consideration.