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TO: IAC Members & Designees
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SUBJECT: Planning and Project Services Report
Notebook Item #3c

- 2006 Grants Cycle.** Planning and preparing for the upcoming grants cycle has kept the Projects Services Section occupied over the past few weeks. Staff has been extensively involved in reviewing and updating application, program, and policy related materials for 2006. This year IAC will be offering grants in seven of its nine programs. While the upcoming grants cycle is extremely important, staff has also focused its efforts on executing agreements for projects funded at the November meeting and assisting project sponsors with their year-end closing activities.
- Grants Workshops.** IAC's annual grants workshops are designed to provide important information to prospective applicants regarding IAC's application, evaluation, and funding processes. This year staff will conduct seven workshops at various locations around the state. Each workshop includes a general introductory session on IAC and its mission, a description of the grant programs offered for the year, and an overview of the application and evaluation processes. The workshops will also include a session on designing for barrier-free access. The workshops are scheduled for the following dates and locations:

DATE	WESTERN WASHINGTON	EASTERN WASHINGTON
February 27	~~~~~	Spokane Valley, CenterPlace Auditorium
February 28	Mount Vernon, Police Court Campus	Pasco, Pasco Senior Activity Center
March 1	Snohomish, Willis Tucker Community Park	Ellensburg, Hal Holmes Community Center
March 2	Federal Way, Dumas Ctr-Knutzen Theater	~~~~~
March 3	Vancouver, Firstenburg Community Center	~~~~~



3. **IAC Grants Meetings.** Lorinda Anderson has developed the grants schedule for 2006. There are a number of public meetings that may be of interest to Board members. The attached memorandum includes a schedule of the upcoming meetings and their locations.
4. **Grant Program News.**
 - a. *National Recreational Trails Program (NRTP).* As program participants gear up for the 2006 grants cycle and the May 1 application deadline, IAC staff has just completed working with interested parties on recommended updates to the program's policy and project selection manual. Included in this review was new draft language interpreting the IAC board's new policy on matching resources. More information on this effort is contained under tab 15 in this notebook. Early this year, the terms of four of the Advisory Committee's fifteen members expire, so recruitment efforts will soon be underway to fill vacancies representing mountain bicyclists, water trails, and motorized recreation.
 - b. *Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities (NOVA) Program.* Potential NOVA applicants are currently preparing to attend the IAC sponsored application workshops planned for February 27 – March 3. Later in the year, on May 1, applications are due, followed by project reviews in July, and evaluations in October. No Advisory Committee terms expire this year, so all 15 members will return, providing continuing program experience and knowledge.
 - c. *Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP).* Staff has focused its efforts on drafting new policies and making revisions to implement changes approved for WWRP through Substitute Senate Bill 5396. In this notebook are status reports on the progress to date and recommendations for Board adoption of revised WWRP policy manuals.
5. **Statewide Recreation Survey.** IAC has contracted with Clearwater Research of Boise, Idaho, to conduct a statewide survey of outdoor recreation participation. The survey is a random telephone survey and will use the same activity categories as our 1999-2000 survey. In order to better detect trends, it will gather data for all seasons and is expected to be defensible to a regional level (using state Tourism regions). We hope to have the survey completed by the end of this calendar year, with data analysis and reporting in early 2007. The data and the analysis will be of interest to the Priorities of Government budget decision-making process, as well as partner agencies and organizations statewide.
6. **Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC).** Staff continues to work on recreation issues related to hydroelectric projects around the state. Current projects include Boundary Dam (Seattle City Light), Jackson Dam (Snohomish County PUD and City of Everett), and Wells Dam (Douglas County PUD).

One past project, Tacoma Power's Cowlitz dam, is now starting implementation of some settlement items agreed to in 1999-2000. On another yet-to-be-finalized

project, Chelan County PUD's proposal to establish a so-called recreation enhancement fund associated with the Rocky Reach project appears to have been rejected by FERC as not having a strong enough nexus to the operation of the hydro facility.

Jim Eychaner has been invited to share his FERC expertise at two gatherings of hydro professionals. In February, he will present his perspective at the Northwest Hydroelectric Association's annual conference. In August, he will be part of a panel on balancing non-power resources at "HydroVision," an international gathering of professionals.

7. **Recreation Standards.** Planning staff is working with members of the Legislature on the issue of establishing standards for recreation facilities. Initial research indicates that while standards under some definitions (e.g., park acres per thousand, tennis courts per thousand) are obsolete, communities seem to be adapting old standards as a proxy for setting goals. While we are uncertain of the direction the Legislature wishes to take, we do recognize the need to involve the wider public in any work in this area.
8. **Planning Conference.** The National Association of Recreation Resource Planners (NARRP) is holding its annual conference this May in Nashville, TN, in partnership with the National Association of State Outdoor Recreation Liaison Officers. At the conference, IAC has been invited to demonstrate its PRISM grant management program. NARRP is a professional organization with members in nearly every state, representing state and federal agencies, land managers, consultants, and academic institutions. Serving the recreation profession since 1981, NARRP is the primary provider of learning opportunities devoted to outdoor recreation planning. Jim Eychaner is the organization's current President.
9. **NRPA 2006 Congress.** IAC staff was recently asked to assist in one of this year's major recreational conferences by coordinating a field education event. Each year, the National Recreation and Park Association sponsors a conference attended by upwards of 5,000 persons – the 2006 conference will be in Seattle. This year, IAC staff has agreed to take the lead in assisting with arrangements for an all day event that focuses on off-road vehicle activities. Currently under consideration is an activity that takes place in the Grays Harbor "Straddleline ORV Park" and portions of the Capital Forest.
10. **Trails Conference.** Last November, approximately 50 people met in Seattle to begin planning for Washington's 2006 trails conference. During the meeting, a vote was taken to discover on what topics the conference should focus. In order, the most popular were:
 - a. Funding
 - b. Urban trails
 - c. "Keeping what we have"

- d. Reaching out to young trail users
- e. Stewardship, multi-user collaboration.

At the meeting, three conference organizing committees were established to address the program, outreach and marketing, and facilities-logistics. Still to be determined are conference dates, program, and location.

11. **National Recreation Trails (NRT).** By federal law¹, IAC staff is periodically asked to provide feedback on trails in Washington proposed for federal NRT designation. While designation provides trails with national recognition (and not much more), its primary intent is to promote trails in general, especially those that are of local and regional significance, are well designed, developed, maintained, and publicly supported. Through designation, these trails are recognized as part of America's national system of trails. Since the process is not competitive and candidate trails always seem to be well thought out, staff typically does a little research and then supports designation. Currently, over 900 trails in all 50 states have received NRT designation. More information is available at:
<http://www.americantrails.org/nationalrecreationtrails/default.htm>.

12. **Representation.** Planning staff continues to represent IAC at meetings of:

- Governor's Council on Environmental Education
- Washington Wildlife and Recreation Coalition
- Washington Coalition to Promote Physical Activity
- WSDOE Nonpoint Pollution Advisory Committee
- WSDOT Heritage Corridors Advisory Committee
- DNR Natural Heritage Council
- Regional Salmon Recovery Boards
- Lead Entity Advisory Group
- Internal Quality Consultants
- Puget Sound Nearshore Partnership.

Apart from assisting these groups in meeting common objectives, staff also provides relevant information about IAC's grant and other programs.

13. **Successful Applicant Workshops (SAW)** are designed to provide applicants with information needed to implement approved projects. On December 8, staff conducted a SAW in Olympia for recipients of grants awarded at the November funding meeting. Participants at this workshop included park directors, project managers, financial officers, and volunteer coordinators. SAWs are offered on a regular basis to ensure grant recipients understand the terms of the IAC project agreement, IAC's program policies, and expectations for successful completion of a funded project.

¹ National Trail System Act of 1968, Public Law 90-543. National Recreation Trails may be designated by the Secretary of Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture.

14. **PROJECT Administration.** Outdoor Grant Managers currently administer active² projects in the programs listed below. The last column shows the difference from a year ago.

PROGRAM/ PROJECT ADMINISTRATION TABLE	ACTIVE PROJECTS 2/04	ACTIVE PROJECTS 2/05	ACTIVE PROJECTS 1/06	+ / -
Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account (ALEA)	14	14	26	+12
Boating Facilities Program (BFP)	87	85	86	+1
Boating Infrastructure Grant Program (BIG)	3	3	3	-
Firearms and Archery Range Recreation (FARR)	24	17	17	-
Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)	26	38	43	+5
National Recreational Trails Program (NRTP)	80	81	89	+8
Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities (NOVA)	99	90	169	+79
Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP)	195	157	214	+57
Youth Athletic Facilities (YAF)	30	60	33	-27
Other: Bonds/Housing & Urban Development	12	23	26	+3
Total	570	568	706	138

If you have questions concerning any of the items discussed in this memorandum or need other assistance you may reach me at (360) 902-3084 or neila@iac.wa.gov.

² Active Projects include projects approved for funding but not yet under agreement and completed projects that may have been reactivated to resolve a compliance issue, change a park name, revise a legal description, etc.



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SUBJECT: 2006 IAC Grants Meetings
Notebook Item #3c - Attachment

2006 promises to be another busy year. With new grant categories in the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program along with regularly scheduled grant programs, the summer months will be quite full. This is to alert you to upcoming events that may be of interest to you. Specific meeting schedules are developed after the Technical Completion Date for each respective grant program.

BACKGROUND

All meetings are considered open, public meetings. Observers are always welcome. Evaluations are formal settings where each applicant has an appointment before the Advisory Committee or evaluation team members. Members score projects, ultimately leading to the ranked lists that the board considers at its funding meetings. Project review meetings provide an opportunity for applicants to get advice from the advisory committee or review members prior to evaluation. Post evaluation meetings allow IAC staff and evaluators to review results and talk about any process improvements.

Key:

ALEA	- Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account
BFP	- Boating Facilities Program
BIG	- Boating Infrastructure Grant
LWCF	- Land and Water Conservation Fund
NRTP	- National Recreational Trails Program
NOVA	- Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities
WWRP	- Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program
N/A	- Not applicable



2006 EVALUATION MEETINGS

Date	Event	Location	Room
June			
Thursday – Friday, June 1– 2	WWRP – State Parks Category	Olympia, Natural Resources Bldg	175A/B
July – August			
Monday – Friday, July 3 – 21	NRTP Evaluations	Written Process	na
Monday – Wednesday, July 24 – 26	LWCF Evaluations	Olympia, Natural Resources Bldg	175A/B
Wednesday – Friday, July 26 – 28	ALEA Evaluations	Olympia, Natural Resources Bldg	175A/B
Monday – Friday, July 31 – August 4	WWRP – Local Parks Category	Olympia, Natural Resources Bldg	175A
Monday – Tuesday, July 31 – August 1	WWRP – Trails Category	Olympia, Natural Resources Bldg	175B
Wednesday, August 2	WWRP – Water Access Category	Olympia, Natural Resources Bldg	175B
Tuesday – Tuesday, August 1 – 8	WWRP – State Lands Development	Written Process	na
Monday – Friday, August 7 – 11	BIG Evaluations	Written Process	na
Monday, August 7	WWRP – Natural Areas	Olympia, Natural Resources Bldg	175A
Tuesday – Tuesday, August 1 – 8	WWRP – State Lands Restoration	Written Process	
Tuesday – Wednesday, August 8 – 9	WWRP – Critical Habitat	Olympia, Natural Resources Bldg	175A
Wednesday – Friday, August 9 – 11	WWRP – Riparian Protection	Olympia, Natural Resources Bldg	175B
Thursday, August 10	WWRP – Urban Wildlife Habitat	Olympia, Natural Resources Bldg	175A
Monday – Tuesday, August 14 – 15	WWRP – Farmlands Preservation	Olympia, Natural Resources Bldg	175A/B
September			
Tuesday - Friday, September 26 – 29	BFP Evaluations	Olympia, Natural Resources Bldg	175A/B
October			
Monday - Friday, October 2 – 6	NOVA Evaluations	Olympia, Natural Resources Bldg	175A/B

2006 PROJECT REVIEW MEETINGS (PRM)

Date	Event	Location	Room
April			
Wednesday-Thursday, April 19 – 20	WWRP- State Parks	Olympia, Natural Resources Bldg	175A/B
June			
Monday – Wednesday, June 5 – 7	ALEA PRM	Olympia, Natural Resources Bldg	175A/B
Wednesday – Friday, June 7 – 9	LWCF PRM	Olympia, Natural Resources Bldg	175A/B
Monday – Friday, June 12 – 16	WWRP – Local Parks, Trails, and Water Access	Various locations around the state	na
Monday – Tuesday, June 19 – 20	WWRP – State Lands Development	Olympia, Natural Resources Bldg	175A/B
Monday – Wednesday, June 26 – 28	WWRP – Critical Habitat, Natural Areas, and Urban Wildlife Habitat	Olympia, Natural Resources Bldg	175A/B
Thursday – Friday, June 29 – 30	WWRP – State Lands Restoration	Olympia, Natural Resources Bldg	175A/B

2006 PROJECT REVIEW MEETINGS (PRM), *continued*

Date	Event	Location	Room
July			
Monday – Friday, July 3 – 28	NOVA PRM	At home review	na
Monday – Friday, July 10 – 12	WWRP – Farmlands Preservation	Olympia, Natural Resources Bldg	175A/B
Wednesday – Friday, July 12 – 14	WWRP – Riparian Protection	Olympia, Natural Resources Bldg	175A/B
Tuesday – Friday, July 18 – 21	BFP PRM	Olympia, Natural Resources Bldg	175A/B

2006 POST EVALUATION MEETINGS

Date	Event	Location	Room
August 2006			
Wednesday, August 16	ALEA Post Evaluation Meeting	Olympia, Natural Resources Bldg	285
Wednesday, August 16	LWCF Post Evaluation Meeting	Olympia, Natural Resources Bldg	285
Wednesday, August 16	NRTP Post Evaluation Meeting	Cle Elum, Forest Service Offices	
Thursday, August 17	WWRP-Local Parks	Olympia, Natural Resources Bldg	285
Thursday, August 17	WWRP-Trails	Olympia, Natural Resources Bldg	285
Thursday, August 17	WWRP-Water Access	Olympia, Natural Resources Bldg	285
Friday, August 18	WWRP – State Lands Restoration	Olympia, Natural Resources Bldg	285
Friday, August 18	WWRP – State Lands Development	Olympia, Natural Resources Bldg	285
Monday, August 21	WWRP – Riparian Protection	Olympia, Natural Resources Bldg	285
Monday, August 21	WWRP – Critical Habitat, Natural Areas, and Urban Wildlife Habitat	Olympia, Natural Resources Bldg	285
Wednesday, August 23	WWRP – Farmlands Preservation	Olympia, Natural Resources Bldg	285
October 2006			
Wednesday, October 11	BFP Post Evaluation Meeting	Olympia, Natural Resources Bldg	285
Wednesday, October 25	NOVA Post Evaluation Meeting	Olympia, Natural Resources Bldg	175A/B