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TO: IAC Members and Designees
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SUBJECT: Overview: WAC and Manuals Adoption Notebook Item #5

Summary. This memo provides an overview of agenda items 6 – 11, addressing implementation of:

- IAC's proposed policy on "matching requirements" and "supplanting existing resources."
- The four new funding categories and other changes made to the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP) by Chapter 303, Laws of 2005 (Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5396).

Items 6 – 11 cover adoption of both WACs (Washington Administrative Codes) and policy manuals.

Discussion.

Agenda item 6 ~ WACs: Match and Supplant. First up is consideration of the WACs for the "matching requirements" and "supplanting existing resources" policies. As of the date of this memo, 42 people have responded with comments on this proposal. Depending in part on the number who appear to testify, we anticipate that this public hearing will last about 30 minutes and include: a staff presentation, public testimony, and board discussion-adoption consideration.

Agenda items 7, 8, 9, 11 ~ WWRP Policy Manuals. In ESSB 5396, the legislature created four new funding categories in WWRP. This has caused staff to re-think how current WWRP manuals are organized. The following table describes the present organization and provides a preview of what the above agenda items will recommend for adoption (new categories-accounts are highlighted).

Manual Title, Contents	
Current Organization	Proposed Organization
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ WWRP Manual 10, WWRP: ◇ Critical Habitat Category ◇ Natural Areas Category ◇ Urban Wildlife Category ◇ State Parks Category ◇ Local Parks Category ◇ Trails Category ◇ Water Access Category 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ WWRP Manual 10-F-(Farmlands Preservation Program) ◆ WWRP Manual 10-HCA (Habitat Conservation Account): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ Critical Habitat Category ◇ Natural Areas Category ◇ Urban Wildlife Category ◇ Restoration-Enhancement on State Lands Category ◆ Riparian Protection Account
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ WWRP Manual 10-ORA (Outdoor Recreation Account): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ State Parks Category ◇ Local Parks Category ◇ Trails Category ◇ Water Access Category ◇ Development-Renovation on State Lands Category

Each of the three proposed manuals will contain all pertinent program policies: authorities, funding limits, matching requirements, eligibility, conversion policies, post approval requirements, project selection/evaluations, etc. *(Most of these polices have been carried over from the current WWRP Manual 10.)*

Agenda item 7 ~ WWRP: State Lands Categories. As shown in the above table, this discussion will explain the policies for these two categories and show how they fit into proposed WAC 286-27 and WWRP Manuals 10-HCA and 10-ORA. This 30 minute agenda item includes: • staff presentation, • public testimony, • board discussion, and • conditional approval of the manual (depending on any amendments that may occur under agenda item 11, Final Adoption WWRP Related Manuals)

Agenda item 8 ~ WWRP: Riparian Protection Account. Again, this discussion will explain the policies for this funding category and show how they fit into the proposed WAC 286-27 and WWRP Manual 10-HCA. This one hour agenda item includes: • staff presentation, • public testimony, • board discussion, and • conditional approval of the Riparian manual (depending on any amendments that may occur under agenda item 11, Final Adoption WWRP Related Manuals).

Agenda item 9 ~ WWRP: Farmlands Preservation Program. This item will cover the policies for this program and show how they fit into the proposed WAC 286-27 and WWRP Manual 10-F. This one hour agenda item includes: • staff presentation, • public testimony, • board discussion, and • conditional approval of the Farmlands manual (depending on any amendments that may occur under agenda item 11, Final Adoption WWRP Related Manuals).

Agenda item 10 ~ Final Adoption: All WWRP Related WACs. After the previous discussion and testimony (agenda items 7-9), this item will conclude WAC consideration at the board's February meeting. As of the date of this memo, 21 persons have responded with comments on IAC's WWRP WACs (chapter 286-27). We anticipate that this formal public hearing will last about 30 minutes and include final: staff presentation, public testimony, and board discussion-adoption consideration.

Agenda item 11 ~ Final Adoption: All WWRP Related Manuals. Again, after the previous discussion and testimony (agenda items 7-9), this item will conclude WWRP policy manual consideration at the board's February meeting. We anticipate that this adoption hearing will last about 95 minutes and include final: staff presentation, public testimony, and board discussion-adoption consideration.