

Proposed Retreat Agenda

July 12, 2017



Special Meeting

Educational Service District 113, Mason Room, 6005 Tyee Drive SW, Tumwater, WA 98512

RETREAT GOALS

- Understand how the various programs administered by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) have evolved and continue to evolve as we prepare to lead into the future.
 - Discuss the impacts of changes at the federal and state levels on the land acquisitions funded by the board.
 - Consider whether or not changes should be made to the various board-funded trail programs.
 - Preview Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) agency and program priorities for the upcoming biennium.
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ORDER OF BUSINESS

9:00 a.m. Opening

- Welcome and introductions *Governor Jay Inslee, Chair Ted Willhite, and Kaleen Cottingham*
 - Review retreat objectives *Jim Reid, Facilitator*
 - Review agenda *Everyone*
 - Agree on ground rules and decision-making framework
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9:15 a.m. 1. Getting to Know Each Other Better

- Why were you interested in serving on this board and what particular satisfaction have you derived from it?
- What has the board accomplished over the past biennium?

*(Introduction by
Scott Robinson)
Everyone*

9:45 a.m. 2. History of the Board and its Various Grant Programs

- What is the board's purpose and mission?
 - What is covered in the board's strategic plan?
 - What is the board's role and how has it evolved? How does it differ from the role of RCO?
 - How do the responsibilities of the board compare to those of RCO?
 - How have the various grant programs evolved? Why?
 - What is the intent of involving other state agencies on the board?
 - What do the state agency members of the board need from the citizen members of the board? And vice versa?
 - What might be impacts of the 2016 statutory amendments? Will they result in more or different kinds of applications?
 - Are there any questions, comments, or suggestions?
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*(Introduction by
Kaleen Cottingham)
Everyone*

11:00 a.m. BREAK

11:15 a.m. 3. Land Acquisitions in the Time of Change *Panel Discussion
Everyone*

- Why all the angst about land acquisitions?
- What issues are often mentioned as causing angst about land acquisitions?
- At the regional and local levels, what are sources of support and opposition to acquisitions?
- What role can the board play to address the concerns?
- Board discussion

12:15 p.m. LUNCH (provided for board members)

12:45 p.m. 4. Work Session for Draft Recommendations and Strategy *(Introduction by Leslie
Connelly and Adam Cole)
Everyone*

- State Unifying Strategy
- State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP)
- Boating Grant Programs Plan
- State Community Outdoor Athletic Fields Plan
- State Trails Plan
- Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities (NOVA) Plan

2:45 p.m. BREAK

3:00 p.m. 5. State Trail Designations and Other Trail Issues *(Introduction by
Darrell Jennings
and Scott Robinson)
Everyone*

- Overview of Grant Programs that Fund Trails
- What are the challenges and opportunities? Where would the board like to focus?
- Previous recommendations
 - How might the board initiate efforts to recruit and designate “state trails”?
 - Trails data: Next steps

4:00 p.m. 6. Policy Priorities for the 2017-2019 Biennium *(Introduction by
Wendy Brown)
Everyone*

- What are RCO’s proposed policy priorities for the next biennium, particularly the priorities for recreation and conservation?
- What are the interests we are working to advance and the outcomes we seek?
- What will be the board’s role in advancing these priorities?
- Questions, comments, and discussion

4:40 p.m. Summary and Next Steps *Chair Willhite,
Kaleen Cottingham
and Jim Reid*

4:50 p.m. Closing *Everyone*

- What are we taking away from today’s meeting?

5:00 p.m. ADJOURN FOR THE DAY

We will convene for the second day of the meeting in the Natural Resources Building, Room 172, in Olympia at 9:00 a.m.

PREPARATION MATERIALS

1. Revised Cody of Washington (RCW) Statutes
 - 79A.15 – Acquisition of habitat conservation and outdoor recreation lands.
 - 79A.25 – Recreation and conservation funding board.
 - 70A.35 – Washington state recreation trails system.
 - 46.09.310 – Off-road, Nonhighway, and Wheeled All-Terrain Vehicles; Definitions.
 - 46.68.045 – Disposition of off-road vehicle moneys.
 - 46.09.470 – Off-road, Nonhighway, and Wheeled All-Terrain Vehicles; Operating violations – Exceptions.
 - 46.09.530 – Off-road, Nonhighway, and Wheeled All-Terrain Vehicles; Administration and distribution of off-road vehicle moneys.
 - 46.09.340 – Off-road, Nonhighway, and Wheeled All-Terrain Vehicles; Nonhighway and off-road vehicle activities advisory committee.
2. History and Facts: Recreation and Conservation Funding Board and the Recreation and Conservation Office
3. Strategic Plan (2016): Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
4. Fact Sheet: Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
5. Grant Program Fact Sheets: Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
6. Results of the policy priorities survey (staff will present this information at the retreat)
7. Current RCO Policy Plan Work Plan
8. RCO Communication Plan and Background Data
9. Economic Analysis of Outdoor Recreation in Washington State (2015)
10. Biography of the Retreat Facilitator, Jim Reid