

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? *(Introduction by Scott Robinson)*
 - What has the board accomplished over the past biennium? *Everyone*
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9:45 a.m. 2. History of the Board and its Various Grant Programs

- What is the board's purpose and mission? *(Introduction by Kaleen Cottingham)*
 - What is covered in the board's strategic plan? *Everyone*
 - 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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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 Code 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](#)