April 27, 2020

Office Closed. Staff Working from Their Homes
The Recreation and Conservation Office is closed. Staff are working from their homes to help avoid the possible spread of the coronavirus. Our staff are checking e-mails and telephone messages regularly. You may find contact information for staff online.

Grant Deadlines Extended, Match Reduced
Recreation and Conservation Funding Board Grants

- The board reduced the match requirement from 50 percent to 25 percent of the total project costs in the following grant programs:
  - Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account
  - Washington and Wildlife and Recreation Program (some categories)
  - Youth Athletic Facilities

  There are restrictions and rules around the reductions, so be sure to check the links for your particular grant program.

- The grant application deadline has been extended from May 1 to June 1 in the following grant programs:
  - Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account
  - Boating Infrastructure Grant
  - Land and Water Conservation Fund
  - Washington and Wildlife and Recreation Program
  - Youth Athletic Facilities

- All project evaluations will be Web-based. There will be no in-person meetings and the evaluation committees work remotely as well.
Salmon Recovery Grants

- Brian Abbott Fish Barrier Removal Board: The invitation to submit grant applications was rescheduled to May 15 with applications due May 29.

- Salmon Recovery Funding Board grant program: Applications are still due June 29 and lead entity ranked lists are due August 14.

We are working to continue normal operations as much as possible. Our employees are very mobile and often perform their jobs from home. We’re confident that we will be able to continue providing the service you need.

For the latest coronavirus health guidance, statistics, and resources, visit [Coronavirus.wa.gov](https://Coronavirus.wa.gov).