WASHINGTON STATE
Recreation and Conservation Funding Board

Proposed Agenda
August 7, 2024

Hybrid

Location In-person: Room 172, First Floor, Natural Resources Building, 1111 Washington Street, SE, Olympia, WA. This public meeting location will allow the public to provide comments and listen to the meeting as required by the Open Public Meeting Act. This requirement can be waived via HB 1329 if there is a declaration of emergency or if an agency determines that a public meeting cannot safely be held. If an emergency occurs, remote technology will be the primary meeting source.

Location Virtually: https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_7idCImq8TtKe7ajVy74Fiw

Phone Option: (669)900-6833 - **Webinar ID:** 865 3198 7122

Order of Presentation: In general, each agenda item will include a short staff presentation, followed by board discussion. The board only makes decisions following the public comment portion of the agenda decision item.

Public Comment: General public comments are encouraged to be submitted in advance of the meeting in written form. Public comment on agenda items is also permitted. If you wish to comment, you may e-mail your request or written comments to Julia.McNamara@rco.wa.gov, board liaison.

COVID Precautions: Masks and hand sanitizer will be made available. If you are feeling ill, the zoom format is reliable resource for home viewing

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WEDNESDAY, August 7, 2024

OPENING AND MANAGEMENT REPORTS

9:00 a.m. **Call to Order** *Chair Shiosaki*

- Roll Call and Determination of Quorum
- Review and Approval of Agenda ***(Decision)***
- Remarks of the Chair

BOARD BUSINESS: BRIEFINGS

9:10 a.m. **1. Operating and Capital Budget Requests for 2025-2027** *Brock Milliern*

A. Proposed Operating Budget Requests

B. Proposed Capital Budget Requests

Resolution 2024-11

Resolution 2024-12

Resolution 2024-13

Public comment will occur prior to adopting the resolution. Please limit comments to three minutes

11:00 a.m. **ADJOURN**

Next Meeting: Regular Meeting- October 29-30, 2024. In-person at Room 172, Natural Resources Building, 1111 Washington Street, SE, Olympia, Wa.
Online via Zoom

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Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
Resolution 2024-11
Recommending a Funding Level for the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program
for the 2025-27 Biennium

WHEREAS, the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) must submit a 2025-27 Capital Request Budget to the Office of Financial Management; and

WHEREAS, the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) finds there is a continuing and compelling need for funding to maintain and enhance the state's quality of life and ecosystem health by investing in outdoor recreation opportunities and important plant, fish and wildlife habitat; and

WHEREAS, the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program is a critical component to furthering the goal of maintaining and enhancing the state's quality of life and healthy ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, requesting budget support for these grant programs, and the RCO administration necessary to implement those grant programs, enables the board to fulfill its mission and goals;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the board hereby approves the 2025-27 Budget request shown below, including retaining 3.74 percent of the appropriation for program administration.

Program	2025-27 Request
Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program	$150,000,000

Resolution moved by: Member Bugert

Resolution seconded by: Member Ohlson-Kiehn

Adopted*/Defeated/Deferred (underline one)*

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Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
Resolution 2024-12
Recommending a Funding Level for the
Youth and Community Athletic Facilities Program for the 2025-27 Biennium

WHEREAS, the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) must submit a 2023-25 Capital Request Budget to the Office of Financial Management; and

WHEREAS, the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) finds there is a continuing and compelling need for funding to maintain and enhance the state's quality of life by investing in outdoor recreation opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the Youth and Community Athletic Facilities program is a critical component to furthering the goal of maintaining and enhancing the state's quality of life and healthy lifestyles; and

WHEREAS, requesting budget support for this grant program, and the RCO administration necessary to implement it, enables the board to fulfill its mission and goals;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the board hereby approves a general obligation bond capital budget request for 2025-27 biennium in the amount shown below and a request to retain appropriate amount of any appropriation for program administration.

Program	2023-25 Request
Youth and Community Athletic Facilities Program	$27,000,000

Resolution moved by: Member Lam

Resolution seconded by: Member Burgess

Adopted*/Defeated/Deferred (underline one)*

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Recreation and Conservation Funding Board
Resolution 2024-13
Recommending a Funding Level for Recreation and Conservation Office Administration and Grant Programs in the 2025-27 Biennium

WHEREAS, the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) must submit a 2025-27 Operating Request Budget to the Office of Financial Management; and

WHEREAS, the operating budget will be in conformance with the Office of Financial Management instructions, including carry-forward, maintenance level, and enhancement items; and

WHEREAS, the RCO must also submit a 2025-27 Capital Request Budget to the Office of Financial Management; and

WHEREAS, for federally supported programs and revenue-supported state programs, the amounts requested will need to reflect estimated federal apportionments (LWCF, RTP, and BIG), and the current revenue projections by the Departments of Transportation and Licensing; and

WHEREAS, the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (board) finds there is a continuing and compelling need for funding to maintain and enhance the state's quality of life and ecosystem health by investing in outdoor recreation opportunities and important plant, fish and wildlife habitat; and

WHEREAS, the RCO administered grant programs are important components furthering the Governor's initiatives of having a clean environment and healthy communities; and

WHEREAS, requesting budget support for these grant programs, and the RCO administration necessary to implement those grant programs, enables the board to fulfill its mission and goals;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. The board hereby approves the 2025-27 budget requests shown below.

Program	2025-27 Request
Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account	$7,400,000
Boating Facilities Program	$18,900,000
Boating Infrastructure Grant Program (BIG)	$5,000,000

Firearm and Archery Range Recreation (FARR)	$642,000
Land and Water Conservation Fund	$20,000,000
Nonhighway and Off-road Vehicle Activities (NOVA)	$13,800,000
Recreational Trails Program	$5,000,000

2. The Director is authorized to modify and/or update the amounts as new revenue forecasts become available or to comply with Office of Financial Management budget instructions or directives. The Director also shall modify and/or update the request as necessary to meet the budget needs of the affiliated boards and councils, and to provide for scheduled rent, services, personnel increment dates, labor contract costs, and other operations costs.
3. The Director is authorized to apply for outside funding sources to supplement the capital and operating budgets consistent with the board and agency mission.
4. The Director shall submit any necessary re-appropriation requests.
5. The Director shall seek concurrence by the Salmon Recovery Funding Board in the submittal of any operating and capital budget requests within their jurisdiction.
6. The Director shall coordinate with the Department of Fish and Wildlife, Department of Natural Resources, and the Puget Sound Partnership in any jointly administered grant program budget requests.
7. The Director shall coordinate with the Washington Invasive Species Council in budget requests related to the administration of that Council.

Resolution moved by: Member Burgert

Resolution seconded by: Member Craig

Adopted*/Defeated/Deferred (underline one)*

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