



## **MINUTES:**

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### **Commission Work Session Agenda**

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission

October 18, 2023

Sun Mountain Lodge, 604 Patterson Lake Rd, Winthrop, WA 98862

**Commissioners:** Chair Ken Bounds, Vice Chair Sophia Danenberg, Secretary Laurie Connelly, Michael Latimer, Holly Williams, Mark O. Brown, and Ali Raad

**Director:** Diana Dupuis

The Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission will be holding their regularly scheduled commission work session in-person October 18, 2023. Please note that this is a hybrid meeting, you are welcome to attend in-person or online. We ask for patience as we navigate these hybrid meetings and want to remind you that attending in-person will be the most reliable option at this time.

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<https://parks.state.wa.us/154/Commission-meetings-agendas>

**Public Comment:** This is a work session between staff and the Commission. The public is invited to attend, but no public comment will be taken. No decisions will be made by the Commission at the work session.

**Time:** Opening session will begin as shown; all other times are approximate.

**9:00 a.m. CALL TO ORDER** – Sophia Danenberg, Commission Vice Chair

- Call of the Roll
  - Vice Chair Sophia Danenberg, Chair Ken Bounds Secretary Laurie Connelly, Holly Williams, Michael Latimer, Mark O. Brown, and Ali Raad
- Introduction of Staff
  - Director Diana Dupuis, Deputy Director Mike Sternback, Administrative Services Director Laura Holmes, Operations Director Jon Crimmins, Stewardship Director Lisa Lantz, Parks Development Director Heather Saunders, Legislative Director Owen Rowe, Human Resources Director Amber Erdahl, Tribal Relations Director Jenna Bowman, and Executive Assistant Becki Ellison
    - Attending virtually: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Director Janette Chien
  - Assistant Attorney General Andy Woo
- Changes to agenda
- Logistics

We would like to recognize the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of [Invisible Disabilities Week October 15th-21st](#). This week aims to bring awareness, education and support to our family, friends, co-workers, and communities. Approximately 20% of Americans, 66 million people, live with a condition that is considered an invisible disability.

Part of practicing Diversity Equity and Inclusion is to do our own reflection and learning about disability and work to ensure that our State Parks are inclusive and accessible to all individuals with disabilities - invisible and visible.

We share a quote from disability rights activist Patty Berne:

“A Disability Justice framework understands that all bodies are unique and essential, that all bodies have strengths and needs that must be met. We know that we are powerful not despite the complexities of our bodies, but because of them...Disability Justice holds a vision born out of collective struggle, drawing upon the legacies of cultural and spiritual resistance within a thousand underground paths, igniting small persistent fires of rebellion in everyday life.”

**9:05 a.m. ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES TEAM** – Laura Holmes, Administrative Services Director; Mark Bibeau, Chief Financial Officer; Harley Graves, Chief Information Officer; Colleen Maguire, Enterprise Risk Manager; and Van Church, Budget Director.

- This presentation will provide the Commission with an overview of the Administrative Services Division priorities, projects, and teams.

**10:36 a.m. SEASHORE CONSERVATION AREA UPDATE** – Matt Niles, Seashore Conservation Program Manager.

- This presentation will give the Commission an update on ongoing efforts to enhance the management of the Seashore Conservation Area, including details of a recent review of best available science that may inform future SCA management and policy decisions.

**10:55 a.m. BREAK**

**11:10 a.m. WESTPORT GOLF LLC UPDATE**– Mike Sternback, Deputy Director, and Westport Golf LLC

- This presentation will provide the Commission with an update on the proposed project.

**12:18 p.m. LUNCH**

**1:08 p.m. CAPITAL PROGRAM DELIVERABLES** –Andrew Rose, Parks Development Deputy Director

- This presentation will update the commission on the Parks Development Capital Program, its current workplan, successes, advancements, and deliverables.

- 2:04 p.m.      CLEAN ENERGY TRANSFORMATION UPDATE** – Ryan Karlson, Climate and Sustainability Coordinator; Kyle Murphy, Capital Program Manager; and Dylan Davis-Bloom, Contracts, Grants & Procurement Manager
- This presentation will provide the Commission with an update on the agency’s Clean Energy Transformation Initiative, including fleet electrification and other greenhouse gas emission reduction efforts.
- 2:58 p.m.      YOUTH ENGAGEMENT UPDATE** – Owen Rowe, Policy & Governmental Affairs Director
- This presentation will cover some of the topics from the July Governor’s Public Performance Review on state youth engagement investments. Additionally, the conversation will feature an update on the No Child Left Inside Program and State Parks’ programs and facilities that focus on connecting youth to the outdoors.
- 3:26 p.m.      BREAK**
- 3:45 p.m.      STAFF REPORTS**
- 4:49 p.m.      ADJOURN**

## **Commission Meeting Agenda**

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**Time:** Opening session will begin as shown; all other times are approximate.

**Order of Presentation:** In general, each agenda item will include a presentation followed by Commission discussion and then public comment. The Commission makes decisions following the public comment portion of the agenda.

### **In-Person Public Comment:**

We will be accepting in-person oral public comment at the meeting. If you wish to comment at a meeting, please fill out a comment card and provide it to staff at the sign in table. The Chair will call you up to the front at the appropriate time.

### **Virtual Public Comment:**

Virtual public comment will be accepted for our public meeting. To provide virtual comment you will need to be able to join the Attendee Web link from your computer (no phone option available). **Pre-registration is required.** To register email [commission@parks.wa.gov](mailto:commission@parks.wa.gov) by 5 pm on October 13<sup>th</sup>. Please provide the name you will be logging in under, contact phone number as well as the agenda item or general topic you will be speaking on. You will receive an email by noon on October 16<sup>th</sup> with specific instructions around virtual testimony.

### **Written Public Comment:**

Written public comment will be accepted for all agenda items until 5 p.m. on October 13<sup>th</sup> by email or mail. Any comments received after the cutoff will be given to the commission before its next meeting.

Email: [Commission@parks.wa.gov](mailto:Commission@parks.wa.gov)

Mail: WSPRC, Attn: Becki Ellison, PO Box 42650, Olympia, WA 98504.

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<https://parks.state.wa.us/154/Commission-meetings-agendas>. The meeting minutes and recording will be loaded within one week after the meeting.

**9:01 a.m.      CALL TO ORDER – Ken Bounds, Commission Chair**

- Flag Salute, Park Ranger John Stanfield
- Call of the Roll
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- Introduction of Staff
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    - Attending virtually: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Director Janette Chien
  - Assistant Attorney General Andy Woo
- Indigenous Land Acknowledgement Statement
  - We humbly acknowledge the Confederated Tribes of the Colville as we gather on their ancestral lands. We would like to take a moment to acknowledge the importance of these lands and the original stewards of them. We do this to reaffirm our commitment and responsibility in improving relationships between nations and to improving our own understanding of local Indigenous people and the culture.
- Recognition of State, Tribal and Local Officials
- Changes to the Agenda
  - Approval of the Agenda
    - Motion by Michael Latimer to the approve the agenda as presented Second by Sophia Danenberg. **Approved unanimously as presented.**
- Logistics
- Approval of minutes of previous meetings
  - July 12,13, 2023 – Ocean Shores
  - August 23, 2023 – Virtual Work Session
    - **Motion by Mark O. Brown to approve the minutes as presented. Second by Laurie Connelly. **Approved unanimously as presented.****

Today is the Great ShakeOut Event. Each year Washington State agencies, schools and businesses are encouraged to participate in The Great ShakeOut, which is the world's largest earthquake and tsunami drill! This year the event takes place today at 10:19 am.

Leading up to the event the Washington State Parks and Recreation Safety Department has sent out information to staff so they can prepare and practice how to protect themselves and take action to get prepared for disasters when they occur.

As part of Washington's ShakeOut drill, in addition to Dropping, Covering and Holding for 1 minute, an All Hazard Alert Broadcast ([AHAB tsunami sirens](#)) will be tested on 10/19 at approximately 10:19 a.m. as well with the actual wailing sound for anyone living or working in a tsunami zone. They encourage anyone in a tsunami zone to know your escape route.

If you have not thought about how you would react in such an event, now is a perfect time to begin planning.

**9:05 a.m. RECOGNITION**

- Gold Stars
  - Amy Brotherton, Isabel Rifenburg and Shellie Johnson

**9:08 a.m. VIRTUAL PUBLIC COMMENT – *general public comment and items on the agenda***

- Juelanne Dalzell - *Comment on Item E-3 Development of Recreation and Conservation Office Grant for the 2025-2027 biennium*

**9:13 a.m. PRE-ARRANGED SPEAKERS**

- Jim van Loben Sels, General Manager, Mt. Spokane Ski & Snowboard Park

**9:28 a.m. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS – *Items not on the agenda***

- In-person public comments only
  - None

**9:28 a.m. COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

**10:18 a.m. COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Real Estate
- Legislative
- Budget
- Executive

**10:43 a.m. BREAK**

**11:03 a.m. DIRECTOR REPORT**

**11:26 a.m. REQUESTED ACTION**

Item E-1: Scooteney Park Management Agreement

This item asks the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission to delegate authority to the Director to enter into a management agreement for Scooteney Park in Franklin County.

**ACTION REQUESTED OF COMMISSION:**

*That the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission*

1. Delegate to the Director the authority to enter into a management agreement with the Bureau of Reclamation for the developed portion of Scooteney Park, as described in the Staff Recommendation.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**ACTION:**

**Motion** by Ali Raad to approve the staff recommendation as proposed in the Requested Action above. Second by Mark O. Brown. **Motion passed unanimously.**

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**11:42 a.m. REQUESTED ACTION**

Item E-2: Pearrygin Lake Long-Term Park Boundary Update

This item asks the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission to approve an update to the long-term boundary of Pearrygin Lake State Park in Okanogan County.

**ACTION REQUESTED OF COMMISSION:**

*That the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission*

1. Adopt the revised land classifications and long-term park boundary shown in Appendix 2 and described in the Staff Recommendation.
2. Affirm that land classification and long-term boundary decisions are for Commission policy direction only and should not affect private property values, be used as an indication of a property owner's willingness to sell, or be used as a basis for making state or local government regulatory, permitting, or zoning decisions on private land holdings.
3. Affirm that any land acquisition or development of land management agreements within the adopted long-term park boundary are subject to staff capacity and agency priority.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Betty Wagner  
Mary M. McHugh  
Rick Lewis  
Leslie Mittendorf

**ACTION:**

**Motion** by Mark O. Brown to approve the staff recommendation as proposed in the Requested Action above. Second by Ali Raad **Motion passed unanimously.**

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**12:13 p.m. LUNCH**

**1:02 p.m.      REPORT**

Item E-3: Development of Recreation and Conservation Office grants for the 2025-27 biennium

This item reports to the Commission on progress in the grant development process and summarizes how grant ideas are selected and prioritized through cross-divisional collaboration between Operations, Capital, Planning, Real Estate, and other programs. Agency grant priorities are established by fall 2023. The Commission considers staff-recommended grant proposals in January 2024.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**ACTION:**

Report only, no action taken.

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**1:42 p.m.      REPORT**

Item E-4: Financial Update

This item reports to the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission on 1) State Parks' 2021-23 biennium final financial report, the status of 2) the 2023-25 biennium operating and capital budget expenditures, 3) Parks Renewal and Stewardship Account (PRSA) revenue, 4) 2023-25 Budget Climate Accounts Funding, and 5) the 2025-27 Budget Development.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**ACTION:**

Report only, no action taken.

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**2:18 p.m.      BREAK**

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**2:33 p.m.      OPERATIONS UPDATE** – Jon Crimmins, Operations Director; Scott Griffith, Eastern Region Superintendent; Anna Gill, Southwest Region Superintendent; and Jessica Logan, Northwest Region Superintendent

This presentation and discussion will provide the Commission with regional highlights from the busy season, as well as plans moving forward under the new Operations Leadership structure.

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**3:30 p.m.      DECEMBER PLANNING MEETING** – Ken Bounds, Commission Chair and Holly Williams, Commissioner

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**3:45 p.m.      REVIEW FOLLOW-UP ITEMS**

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**3:50 p.m. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chair Ken Bounds: The Commission will enter into executive session to discuss potential litigation with the Commission's assigned legal counsel pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). The Commission will be in executive session until 4:20 pm. The Commission will be adjourned at the conclusion of the executive session.

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**4:20 p.m. ADJOURN**

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