



## **Commission Meeting Agenda**

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission

July 18, 2024

Four Points by Sheraton Conference Center, 714 Lakeway Dr., Bellingham, WA 98229

**Commissioners:** Chair Sophia Danenberg, Vice Chair Laurie Connelly, Secretary Holly Williams, Scott Merriman, Michael Latimer, Ken Bounds and Ali Raad

**Director:** Diana Dupuis

The Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission will be holding their regularly scheduled commission meeting in-person on July 18, 2024. 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.

You may participate remotely by listening and/or watching using the following link:

**Watch the meeting on TVW:** <https://www.tvw.org/watch/?eventID=2024071001>

**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. \*Please note we will not be accepting any comments on Cama Beach State Park except at the July 15 Special Commission meeting.

### **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 p.m. on July 12<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 July 15<sup>th</sup> with specific instructions around virtual testimony. \*Please note we will not be accepting any comments on Cama Beach State Park except at the July 15 Special Commission meeting.

### **Written Public Comment:**

Written public comment will be accepted for all agenda items until 5 p.m. on July 12<sup>th</sup> by email or mail. Any comments received after the cutoff will be given to the commission before its next meeting.

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The meeting minutes and recording will be loaded within one week after the meeting.

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

- Flag Salute - Brett Gladson – Park Ranger 2
- Call of the Roll
  - Chair Sophia Danenberg, Vice Chair Laurie Connelly, Secretary Holly Williams, Michael Latimer, Ali Raad, Ken Bounds and Scott Merriman
- Introduction of Staff
  - Director Diana Dupuis, Deputy Director Mike Sternback, Operations Director Jon Crimmins, Parks Development Director Heather Saunders, Stewardship Director Lisa Lantz, Administrative Services Director Laura Holmes, Policy & Governmental Affairs Director Owen Rowe, Tribal Relations Director Jenna Bowman, and Executive Assistant Becki Ellison
    - Attending Virtually: Human Resources Director Amber Erdahl, Communications Director Clare DeLong, and Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Director Janette Chien
  - Assistant Attorney General Andy Woo
- Indigenous Land Acknowledgement Statement
  - We humbly acknowledge the Lummi Nation, the Nooksack Nation and all Coast Salish people 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
- Logistics
- Approval of minutes of previous meetings
  - April 10, 11, 2024 – Yakima
  - May 29, 2024 – Commission Meeting - Virtual

**9:10 a.m. VIRTUAL PUBLIC COMMENT** – *General public comment and items on the agenda*

**9:25 a.m. PRE-ARRANGED SPEAKER**

- John Floberg, Executive Director, Washington State Parks Foundation
- Yvonne Kraus, Executive Director, Evergreen Bike Alliance
- Jim van Loben Sels, Executive Director, MS2000

**9:55 a.m. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS – *Items not on the agenda***

In-person public comments only

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**10:15 a.m. COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

**10:50 a.m. COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Real Estate
- Legislative
- Budget
- Ad-Hoc

**11:10 a.m. BREAK**

**11:20 a.m. DIRECTOR REPORT**

**11:30 a.m. RECOGNITION**

- Service Pins
  - Kyle Murphy
  - Patricia Anderson
- Gold Stars
- 2023 Stewardship Award recipients- Wild Sky Community Trail Association

**11:45 am REQUESTED ACTION**

- Item E-1: Proposed 2025 Regular Meeting Schedule for the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission  
This item asks the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission to approve the dates and locations for the 2025 year and delegate to the Director and/or their designee, the authority to adjust the meeting locations in consultation with the Commission Executive Committee.

**12:00 p.m. LUNCH**

**12:30 p.m. REQUESTED ACTION**

- Item E-2: Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 352-32-030 Camping Stay Limits and (WAC) 352-32-010 Definitions  
This item asks the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission to adopt revisions of the Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 352-32-030 Camping stay limits, (WAC) 352-32-010 Definitions.

**1:00 p.m. REQUESTED ACTION**

- Item E-3: Sale of Excess Timber from Forest Health Treatments  
This item asks the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission to approve the sale of excess timber resulting from forest health projects at Nisqually and Riverside state parks.

**1:20 p.m. REQUESTED ACTION**

- Item E-4: Washington Wildlife and Recreation Grants Program – State Parks Category – Project Evaluation  
This item asks the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission to evaluate mission alignment and rank grant projects proposed for funding in the State Parks category of the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program.

**2:20 p.m. REQUESTED ACTION**

- Item E-5: Agency Request Legislation for the 2025 Session  
This item requests the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission approval of policy options and delegation of authority to the Director's Office and the Legislative Committee to finalize agency request legislation and to submit the proposals to the Governor's Office in September.

**2:50 p.m. BREAK**

**3:05 p.m. REQUESTED ACTION**

- Item E-6: Capital Budget  
This item asks the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission to approve the final two-year project list for the 2025-27 State Parks Capital Budget Request.

**3:45 p.m. REQUESTED ACTION**

- Item E-7: 2025 Operating Supplemental  
This item asks the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission to: 1) approve the submittal of a 2025 Supplemental Operating Budget request to the Office of Financial Management (OFM), 2) and authorize the Director to make changes to the dollars and items requested as needed to finalize the operating request for submittal.

**4:00 p.m. REQUESTED ACTION**

- Item E-8: 2025-27 Operating Budget

This item asks the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission to 1) approve the 2025-27 operating budget request to submit to the Office of Financial Management (OFM).

**4:45 p.m. REQUESTED ACTION**

- Item E-9: Commission Policies

This item asks the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission to make changes to four Commission policies based on recommendations from staff.

**5:00 p.m. REPORT**

- Item E-10: Palouse to Cascades State Park Trail – Ellensburg – Easement for Public Road and Utility Crossings

This item reports to the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission about the progress made with MLC Laird Holdings II LLC for a public road crossing and utility crossing on the Palouse to Cascades State Park Trail for the Foster Development, located in Kittitas County (Appendix 1: Palouse to Cascades State Park Trail Vicinity Map, Appendix 2: Palouse to Cascades State Park Trail Project Area).

**5:30 p.m. ADJOURN**

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