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Commission Work Session Agenda

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission

March 19, 2025, 9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Virtual/WSPRC HQ, 1111 Israel Rd SW, Olympia, WA 98504

Commissioners: Chair Laurie Connelly, Vice Chair Holly Williams, Secretary Ali Raad, Michael Latimer, Alfie Alvarado-Ramos, Scott Merriman and Sophia Danenberg

Director: Diana Dupuis

The Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission will be holding their regularly scheduled work session virtually on March 19, 2025. Please note that this is an online meeting. We will be providing a meeting space for the public to watch at the WSPRC HQ, 1111 Israel Rd. SW, Olympia, WA 98504. Staff/commissioners will be attending virtually.

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Public Comment: The public is invited to attend, but no verbal public comment will be taken at this meeting.

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

9:01 a.m. CALL TO ORDER – Holly Williams, Vice Chair

- Call of the Roll
 - Chair Laurie Connelly, Vice Chair Holly Williams, Secretary Ali Raad, Michael Latimer, Alfie Alvarado-Ramos and Scott Merriman
 - Absent: Sophia Danenberg
- Introduction of Staff

- Director Diana Dupuis; Deputy Director Mike Sternback; Executive Assistant Becki Ellison; Finance, Risk and Information Governance Division Director Laura Holmes; Workforce, Technology and Equity Division Director Amber Erdahl; Legislative Relations and Public Affairs Division Director Brian Considine; Tribal Relations Director Jenna adzalous Bowman; Operations Director Jon Crimmins; Parks Development Director Heather Saunders; Stewardship Director Lisa Lantz; Communications/Public Engagement Director Clare DeLong Tuminez; and Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Director Janette Chien.
- Assistant Attorney General Andy Woo
- Indigenous Land Acknowledgement
 - We respect and affirm tribal sovereignty and honor indigenous peoples whose traditional lands we occupy. The State Parks and Recreation Commission is committed to working with all Tribes to help preserve and restore a healthy natural environment for future generations.
- Changes to agenda
- Logistics

9:05 a.m. CLIMATE UPDATE –Ryan Karlson, Climate and Sustainability Program Manager

- This item reports to the Commission on Climate and Sustainability Program activities, with a focus on agency clean energy transformation efforts.

9:42 a.m. STATE-TRIBAL RECREATION IMPACTS INITIATIVE UPDATE – Jenna adzalous Bowman, Tribal Relations Director; Peter Herzog, Interagency Liaison; Dr. Andrea Thorpe, Natural Resource Program Manager; and Bob Whitener, The Whitener Group

- This presentation will provide the Commission with an update on the State-Tribal Recreation Impacts Initiative (STRII) and work underway towards adopting a charter for the initiative in June 2025.

10:12 a.m. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – Brian Considine, Legislative Relations and Public Affairs Division Director

- This item provides an update on the status of the 2025 session of the Washington State Legislature.

10:36 a.m. FINANCIAL UPDATE – Laura Holmes, Finance, Risk and Information Governance Division Director

- This item reports to the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission on 1) 2023-25 biennium operating and capital budget expenditures, 2) Parks Renewal and Stewardship Account (PRSA) revenue, 3) Governor’s recently proposed Operating and Capital budgets.

11:06 a.m. STAFF UPDATES

Vice Chair Williams

“The Commission will enter executive session at 11:30 a.m. 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 1:00 pm. No action will be taken during the executive session. The Commission will adjourn after the conclusion of the executive session”.

11:15 a.m. BREAK

11:30 a.m. EXECUTIVE SESSION

12:47 p.m. ADJOURN

Submitted by Becki Ellison, Executive Assistant

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