



**MINUTES:**

*Approved July 18, 2024*

**Commission Meeting Agenda**

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission

May 29, 2024, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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

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

**Director:** Diana Dupuis

The Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission will be holding their regularly scheduled commission meeting virtually on May 29, 2024. 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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**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 May 24<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.

**Written Public Comment:**

Written public comments will be accepted for all agenda items until 5 p.m. on May 24<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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**Time:** Opening session will begin as shown; all other times are approximate.

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

- 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, Administrative Services Director Laura Holmes, Operations Director Jon Crimmins, Stewardship Director Lisa Lantz, Parks Development Director Heather Saunders, Policy & Governmental Affairs Director Owen Rowe, Communications Director Clare DeLong, Tribal Relations Director Jenna Bowman, Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Director Janette Chien, and Executive Assistant Becki Ellison
  - 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
  - Motion to approve the agenda
    - **Motion** by Scott Merriman to approve the agenda as presented. Second by Ken Bounds. Approved unanimously as presented.
- Logistics

**9:05 a.m. VIRTUAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Candice Boyd – Bridle Trails - support
- Chuck Hanson – Bridle Trails - oppose
- Carolyn Hanson – Bridle Trails - oppose
- Paula Monson – Bridle Trails – oppose
- Karen Hall – Bridle Trails - support

**9:24 a.m. REQUESTED ACTION**

Item E-1: Bridle Trails State Park Land Classification Update

This item asks the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission to approve an update to the land classifications at Bridle Trails State Park.

**REQUESTED ACTION FROM COMMISSION:**

*That the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission:*

1. Adopt revised land classifications for Bridle Trails State Park, as recommended by staff in Appendix 2.

**ACTION:**

Motion by Michael Latimer to approve the staff recommendation as proposed in the Requested Action above. Second by Laurie Connelly. Motion passed unanimously.

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**WORK SESSION:**

- 9:58 a.m. 2025 SUPPLEMENTAL AND 2025-27 OPERATING BUDGET–** Laura Holmes, Administrative Services Director and Van Church, Budget Director
- This presentation will update the Commission on the plan for the 2025 Supplemental and the 2025-27 Operating Budget requests.

**11:06 a.m. BREAK**

- 11:20 a.m. FINANCIAL UPDATE –** Laura Holmes, Administrative Services Director
- This presentation will provide the Commission with an update on the status of 1) State Parks' 2023-25 operating and capital budget expenditures, and 2) revenue collected to the Parks Renewal and Stewardship Account.

- 11:29 a.m. COMMISSION AD-HOC COMMITTEE –** Holly Williams, Commission Secretary, Scott Merriman, Commissioner and Laurie Connelly, Commission Vice Chair

- 11:42 am 2025 COMMISSION DATES AND LOCATIONS –** Becki Ellison, Executive Assistant
- This item provides the Commission an opportunity to discuss the 2025 logistics regarding the possible dates, locations, and tours for the commission meetings.

- 11:52 a.m. FORT WORDEN UPDATE –** Mike Sternback, Deputy Director
- This item will brief the Commission on the Fort Worden long range plan developed by Pros Consulting. Brian Trusty from Pros Consulting and Celeste Tell, Fort Worden PDA will present.

**1:00 p.m. BREAK**

**1:13 p.m. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chair Danenberg: *The Commission will enter executive session at 1:13 p.m. to discuss ongoing and potential litigations with the Commission's assigned legal counsel pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). The Commission will be in executive session until 3:00 pm. No action will be taken during the executive session. The Commission will adjourn after the conclusion of the executive session.*

**3:00 p.m. Executive Session extended to 4:00 p.m.**

**3:55 p.m. ADJOURN**

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