

Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation (IAC)

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Agency Responsibilities

Established by citizen initiative 40 years ago to foster outdoor opportunities for Washington, the agency prepares statewide plans and reports, and offers grant funds. Programs support local, state, and federal governments, and other entities in buying, developing, and renovating parks, recreational facilities, open-space, and conservation and habitat sites. *IAC duties include:*

Service to three Boards:

- Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation – “IAC” (RCW 79A.25)
- Salmon Recovery Funding Board – “SRFB” (RCW 77.85)
- Governor’s Forum on Monitoring Salmon Recovery and Watershed Health (EO 04-03)

Administer 12 grant programs providing more than \$130 million in recreation, habitat, and salmon recovery grants across Washington State biennially:

- Aquatic Lands Enhancement (ALEA)
- Boating Facilities Program (BFP)
- Boating Infrastructure Grants (BIG)
- Firearms and Archery Range Recreation Program (FARR)
- Family Forest Fish Passage Program
- Hatchery Reform Grants
- Land & Water Conservation Fund
- National Recreational Trails (NRTP)
- Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities (NOVA)
- Washington Wildlife and Recreational Program (WWRP)
- Youth Athletic Facilities (YAF)
- Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB) - Habitat & Salmon Recovery Grants

Other Statewide Policies and Programs: › Develop and implement the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP); › Coordinate statewide watershed health and salmon recovery monitoring efforts; › Support the Biodiversity Council; › Host the state’s Natural Resources Data Portal for salmon and watershed information; › Produce reports such as the Public Lands Study and Recreation Boating Fuel Use Study; › Coordinate state agencies’ recreation mitigation negotiations in FERC re-licensing processes; › Provide technical assistance to state and local agencies on topics such as Americans With Disabilities Act, and boating facility design.

Organization – Office and Boards

The Office of IAC/SRFB

- Agency Director is Laura Johnson, with a five-member management team and 29 staff members. The Office performs all tasks needed to support the Boards and agency statutory duties, including › Budget, personnel and information technology activities; › Deployment of grant program field staff; › Publications, policy development, research, and planning; › Extensive interaction with and technical assistance to grant applicants and project sponsors in local governments and non-profit organizations.

Boards

- *The Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation (IAC)*, which meets quarterly, is an eight-member board consisting of five citizen members and three state agency representatives. All are voting members of the board. IAC makes policy and funding decisions on nine statewide grant programs supporting a wide range of recreation and habitat protection projects. Chaired by Val Ogden of Vancouver, WA.
- *The Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB)*, which meets up to eight times per year, is a 10-member board consisting of five voting citizen members and five non-voting state

agency representatives. This board makes policy and funding decisions on salmon recovery projects and activities. Chaired by William D. Ruckelshaus, of Seattle, WA.

- *The Governor's Forum on Watershed Health and Salmon Recovery* is co-chaired by the chair of the Salmon Recovery Funding Board and the director of the Department of Fish and Wildlife. The Forum continues the work of the Comprehensive Statewide Monitoring Strategy Report (2003). Members represent affected state and federal agencies, working to coordinate and streamline monitoring efforts and use consistent criteria for data collection and interpretation.

Budget by Source and Program

Current 2003-2005 Biennium		2005-2007 Proposed Biennium	
Operating	Capital	Operating	Capital
\$24.5M	\$132.6M new	\$28.3M	\$180.4M new

Revenue Sources (Est. 2005-2007; reappropriations not included)

\$208.7M – Bonds, federal appropriations, fees, unreclaimed boating fuel taxes.

Most Pressing Issues or Challenges the Agency is Facing

There are NO IMMEDIATE issues of concern. Issues for future consideration include:

2005 Recreation Congress.

The IAC is contemplating hosting a statewide Recreation Congress in fall 2005. This would be a major effort by IAC to highlight the state's outdoor recreation, health, habitat and tourism assets and challenges. Public and agency participation would be sought, with an emphasis on opportunities for collaboration. For example, one goal of the event would be to pull together state and local tourism programs, outdoor recreation resource providers such as State Parks, Dept. of Fish & Wildlife, and Dept. of Natural Resources, and Dept. of Health's wellness programs. The IAC would likely ask the Governor to be the keynote speaker. Staff contact: Director Laura Johnson or Tammy Owings at 902-2637.

Strategic Approaches for Investments and Results.

Over the past few years, both IAC and SRFB have been setting more strategic criteria for grant awards and better ways to measure results. This has included the balanced scorecard process; setting a two-biennium target for grant project completions and reduction of reappropriation requests; development of performance measures; and scientific monitoring efforts. Any changes to grant criteria and requirements can concern local governments and non-profits, because of potential cost and reporting requirements. With their constituents, the Boards will continue to work to find the right balance between strategic accountability and program efficiency. Staff contact: Director Laura Johnson or Jim Fox at 902-3021.

"SSB 6242" Study (Ch. 263, Laws of 2004)

Report to the Legislature, due July 2005. Will recommend coordinated statewide strategies for acquisition or disposal of state-owned recreation and habitat lands. Will attract attention and probable controversy. Staff contact: Director Laura Johnson or Jim Fox at 902-3021.

Federal Salmon Funding and Issues Coordination

Federal Pacific Coastal Salmon funds and coordination of salmon recovery planning are critical to the state's salmon recovery success. Through SRFB, Washington is helping coordinate western states' approaches on challenging congressional funding issues as well as with program oversight and monitoring requirements directed through federal program administrators at NOAA-Fisheries. Staff contact: Director Laura Johnson or Jim Fox at 902-3021.

Board Member Listing by Board Position

OUTDOOR RECREATION, INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE FOR (NS090)

Agency 467 - Interagency Comm for Outdoor Rec	Senate Conf. Y	Positions: Maximum 008
Authority Governor, statute	Public Disc. Y	Minimum 000
Authoriztn. RCW 43.99.110	Term Length 036	Actual 009
Rem. Auth. GC	Meetings/Yr. 04	

Pos. #	Name and Address	Status	Race	Appointed	Expires
001	Ogden, Val (The Honorable) 3118 NE Royal Oak Drive Vancouver, WA 98662-7435	A	C	07/07/2003	12/31/2005
		Terms Served	01		
		Position	Chair		
		Comments	General Public		

Pos. #	Name and Address	Status	Race	Appointed	Expires
002	Daubert, Karen 1101 30th Avenue South Seattle, WA 98144	A	C	01/06/2004	12/31/2004
		Terms Served	01		
		Position	a member		
		Comments	General Public		

Pos. #	Name and Address	Status	Race	Appointed	Expires
003	Yokota, Yvonne M. 2747 Towne Road Sequim, WA 98382	A	C	09/24/2003	12/31/2005
		Terms Served	01		
		Position	a member		
		Comments	General Public		

Pos. #	Name and Address	Status	Race	Appointed	Expires
004	Chapman, William H. 7703 Ridgecrest Lane Mercer Island, WA 98040	A	C	09/15/2004	12/31/2004
		Terms Served	01		
		Position	a member		
		Comments	General Public		

Pos. #	Name and Address	Status	Race	Appointed	Expires
005	Parlette, Robert L. (Mr.) 617 Washington Street Post Office Box 2136 Wenatchee, WA 98807	A	C	02/27/2002	12/31/2004
		Terms Served	03		
		Position	a member		
		Comments	General Public		