

Outdoor Sports and Recreation Council

**Puyallup Public Library
324 South Meridian Street, South Conference Room
Puyallup, WA 98371**

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Summary Meeting Minutes

OSRC members in attendance: Joan Burlingame, Margo Forstrom, Cathy Heitmann (alternate), Mike Lindno, Brian Tustison, Keith Artz, Dick Hayek, Larry Bucklin, Rosendo Guerrero, Bruce Burns

Others in attendance: Mike Kruger (County Council staff), David Prutzman (Assistant to Council Member Pam Roach)

1. Meeting called to order at 6:04 pm.
2. Introductions.
3. March 12, 2018 meeting minutes were approved.
4. Discussion of Pierce County "Park, Recreation and Open Space Plan".
5. Discussion of the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Coalition
 - Mike Kruger provided an overview WWRC, the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP) grant funding opportunities and successful Pierce County grant awards over the past 10 years.
 - Discussed WWRC concerns regarding the potential cuts to the Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund and projects within Pierce County that have benefited from the Federal program.
6. Discussion of the "Economic Analysis of Outdoor Recreation in Washington State" study
 - Mike Kruger provided an overview of the significant findings provided through the study.
 - The report was produced as required through the Washington State Legislature's 2014-2015 operating budget.
 - The report provides specific information regarding the economic activity related to outdoor recreation in Washington State by County and Legislative District.
7. Discussion of the Chambers Creek Properties Boat Launch
 - Mike Kruger summarized the history and status of the planned boat launch at Chambers Bay properties. A 4-lane boat launch with associated parking was planned as a phase one

project in the 1997 Master Plan for the Chambers Bay properties. The boat launch project was included in the 2007 update to the master plan but was eliminated in the 2017 update and replaced with a non-motorized boat launch project.

- Studies from the year 2000 and an updated report from 2007 concluded that project approval from State and Federal agencies was problematic due to the listing of Puget Sound Chinook Salmon as “threatened” and that the low height of the railroad bridge would limit use based on tidal action. Dredging at the mouth of the Chambers Bay estuary would be needed due to sediment loading from Chambers Creek and ongoing maintenance would be costly and difficult to mitigate.
- **Note:** Permitting jurisdictions for a boat launch at Chambers Bay include the Army Corps of Engineers, Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife, Washington State Department Ecology, and the City of University of Place.
- The OSRC would like to see at least four new Puget Sound boat launches designed to accommodate motorized boats in Pierce County.
 - At a minimum, one deep water (all tide level) launch should be located south of the Narrows Bridge on the mainland side of the Sound.

8. OSRC discussion regarding opportunities and priorities for outdoor recreation in the County that should be pursued by the OSRC.

- OSRC members provided suggested edits to the 11-item list supplied by Joan.
- Dick Hayek provided a list of 4 additional projects on behalf of the Mountaineers.
- The list of opportunities and projects is a work in progress. OSRC should continue to provide Joan with their organizations priorities.
- The Chair encouraged the OSRC members to meet with State and local elected officials regarding the priorities. Staff recommends and organized approach to any lobbying.

9. Discussion of topics for the May 21 meeting:

- Mike Lindo and Keith Artz are requested to provide an update on their boat launch meeting with Tacoma Metro Parks.
- Request Ted Jackson provide a summary of the ATV feasibility study.
- Suggest guest speaker representing Forterra.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm

The next meeting of the Outdoor Sports and Recreational Council is scheduled for May 21, 2018. The agenda will be provided to members and posted on the OSRC web site prior to the meeting date.

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