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BOARD of CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES for the week of December 15-19, 2025

EXECUTIVE SESSION – December 11, 2025 at 11 a.m.

The Board convened in open session at 11 a.m., on December 11, 2025, to discuss collective bargaining. Present were Commissioners Ozias, French and Johnson, Administrator Mielke, Sheriff's Office King, Finance Department Lane and Turner, and Human Resources Dennler.

The Board may recess into Executive Session to consider employment or dismissal of personnel, to review the performance of a public employee, to consult with legal counsel, to consider the position to be taken in collective bargaining, to consider acquisition or sale of real estate, or other matters per RCW 42.30.110.

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to executive session for 1 hour, CMOs, mc

The Board recessed into executive session at 11:02 a.m.

The Board convened in open session at 12:02 p.m. and CMF noted no action will be taken

The meeting concluded at 12:02 p.m.

WORK SESSION – 9 a.m.

The work session convened at 9 a.m., Monday, December 15, 2025. Present were Commissioners Ozias, Johnson and French and Administrator Mielke.

Items of discussion per the agenda published December 11 were:

- Calendar/Correspondence
- Contract amendment 8 with Department of Health for various programs under the consolidated contract
- Open County position review
- Pre-application questionnaire with Washington Trust for Historic Preservation for Historic Cemetery Preservation Capital Grant Program – Port Crescent Cemetery discussion
- Request for qualifications to be received no later than Tuesday, February 17, 2026 at 10 a.m. regarding 2026 Architecture/Courthouse Security/Pedestrian Bridge/Engineering Consulting Services
- Contract amendment G with Salish Behavioral Health related to the Criminal Justice Treatment Account for youth support
- Agreement amendment 1 with Department of Ecology for the Puget Sound Nutrient Reduction Grant
- Agreement amendment with Facet NW, Inc. for Bullman Beach Water System
- Resolution authorizing closure of East Beach Road
- Agreement amendment 1 with Washington Recreation and Conservation Office for the North Olympic Peninsula Lead Entity
- Agreement with Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe to obtain high resolution topo bathymetric LiDAR data
- Contract amendment 1 with Department of Fish and Wildlife for the McDonald Creek Fish Screening & Passage Project
- Discussion to declare properties owned by Clallam County as surplus
- Resolution authorizing the Board of Equalization to convene
- Approval of the For and Against form for the Ethics Review Board 2026 Ballot Measure
- Agreement amendment 1 with Clallam Public Defender for Indigent Public Defense Services
- Discussion on proposed budget revisions to be considered on December 30

The meeting concluded at 11:10 a.m.

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REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Chair French called the meeting to order at 10 a.m., Tuesday, December 16, 2025. Also present were Commissioner Johnson and Administrator Mielke. Commissioner Ozias was excused.

REQUEST FOR MODIFICATIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Remove: 1g Resolution authorizing closure of East Beach Road

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to adopt the agenda as modified, CMFs, mc

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Joe Donisi, Public Works/Road Department, commented on item 1g Resolution authorizing closure of East Beach Road
- ATM commented on emergency declaration process
- Ed Bowen, Clallam Bay, commented on item 1g
- John Worthington, Sequim, commented on item 2a
- Jeff Tozzer, Sequim, commented on items 1g, 2o, 1a
- Eric Fehrmann, Sequim, commented on item 2o

CONSENT AGENDA – Any Commissioner may remove items for discussion

1a Approval of vouchers for the week of December 8

The Following warrants and electronic payments are approved for payment:

Accounts Payable:	Total
Warrant numbers: 9947110-9947324	\$991,659.97
Electronic payments dates: n/a	\$0.00
Total Accounts Payable:	\$991,659.97

1b Approval of minutes for the week of December 8, 2025

1c Resolution authorizing the Board of Equalization to convene

1d Resolution reappointing Paul Cunningham and Tia Skerbeck to the Board of Health

1e Resolution appointing Lissy Andros to the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee

1f Briefing and call for hearing to be held on Tuesday, January 6, 2026 at 10:30 a.m. regarding Ordinances amending and adding section to Chapter 5.100, Consolidated Fee Schedule – amending 300-A Planning Division Services Fees and 310-A and 310-B Building Division Fee Schedule **AND** adding 310-C Building Division

~~1g Resolution authorizing closure of East Beach Road - removed~~

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve the consent agenda as modified, CMOs, mc

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

- CRJ reported on Coastal Counties Caucus Meeting, vessel, Wreaths Across America
- CMF reported on Clallam Bay Sekiu Community Advisory Council Meeting, Olympic Regional Clean Air Agency Meeting

CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS

2a Agreement with Clallam Conservation District for Clean Water District Pollution Identification and Correction Program for outreach, education, and pollution correction

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve, CMFs, mc

2b Agreement amendment G with Anchor QEA LLC for the Dungeness Off-Channel Reservoir Project

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve, CMFs, mc

2c Agreement amendment 2 with Peninsula Housing Authority regarding American Rescue Plan Act Funds ARPA to cancel award

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve, CMFs, mc

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HEARING(S)

4a Hearing regarding an Ordinance amending the Clallam County Code Chapter 5.100 Consolidated Fee Schedule – Fairgrounds Fee Schedule 215-A

- Don Crawford, Parks, Fair and Facilities, provided a staff report

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to open the public hearing, CMFs, mc

- CMF noted no testimony was provided

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to close the public hearing and adopt staff recommendation, CMFs, mc

4b Hearing regarding an Ordinance amending the Clallam County Code Chapter 5.100 Consolidated Fee Schedule – Parks Department Fee Schedule 205-A

- Don Crawford, Parks, Fair and Facilities, provided a staff report

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to open the public hearing, CMFs, mc

- The following provided testimony:
 - Anna Plager, Sequim
 - Troye Jarmuth, Sequim
- The following sent in written testimony: Anna Plager, Don Crawford

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to close the public hearing and adopt staff recommendation, CMFs, mc

4c Hearing regarding a Resolution to approve the 2025 Clallam County Comprehensive Parks Master Plan Amendment

- Don Crawford, Parks, Fair and Facilities, provided a staff report

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to open the public hearing, CMFs, mc

- The following provided testimony:
 - Ed Bowen, Clallam Bay
 - John Worthington, Sequim
 - Anna Plager, Sequim
 - Troye Jarmuth, Sequim
- The following sent in written testimony: Anna Plager, Don Crawford

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to close the public hearing and adopt, CMFs, mc

CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS - CONTINUED

2d Agreement with Tyler Technologies for new accounting system

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve, CMFs, mc

2e Agreement with The Answer for Youth for the Starfleet Operations Program

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve, CMFs, mc

2f Agreement with The Answer for Youth for the Bridging the Gap 12 Program

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve, CMFs, mc

2g Agreement with Serenity House of Clallam County for the Serenity House Shelter Aides Program

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve, CMFs, mc

2h Agreement with Sarge's Veterans Support for the Sarge's Place Full-time Case Manager

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve, CMFs, mc

2i Agreement with Sarge's Veteran Support for the Sarge's Veteran Support Kitchen Remodel & Utilities

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve, CMFs, mc

2j Agreement with Peninsula Housing Authority for the Eklund at Gales Project

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve, CMFs, mc

2k Agreement with Healthy Families of Clallam County for the Emergency Shelter Program

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve, CMFs, mc

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2l Agreement with Healthy Families of Clallam County for the Safely Home Program

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve, CMFs, mc

2m Agreement with Forks Abuse Program DBA Mariposa House for West End Hope Program

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve, CMFs, mc

2n Agreement with The Boys and Girls Clubs of the Olympic Peninsula for Teen Homelessness Prevention and Resources Program

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve, CMFs, mc

2o Agreement with Trinity United Methodist Church for Safe Parking Program

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve, CMFs, mc

2p Contract amendment G with Salish Behavioral Health related to the Criminal Justice Treatment Account for youth support

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve, CMFs, mc

BUDGET

3a Resolution for consideration to adopt the following budget reductions:

Resolution for consideration to adopt the following budget revisions:

Parks & Facilities – REET (Real Estate Excise Tax) – Actual project costs were higher than originally planned, and the department is requesting to use anticipated underspend in the Park Road Development expense line to cover the difference/\$3,750

ACTION TAKEN: CMOm to issue notice, CMFs, mc

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Ed Bowen, Clallam Bay, commented on item 4c, policy 463, virtual participation, East Beach Road closure
- John Worthington, Sequim, commented on Dungeness, Jimmy Come Lately, seafood, river management
- Eric Fehrmann, Sequim, commented on Trinity Safe Parking Program, transfer of lands, getting responses
- Denise Lapio, Sequim, commented on safety, Jewish Holiday attack
- Jeff Tozzer, Sequim, commented on Commissioner Ozias absence, Clallam County parcel's, Jamestown Tribe property letter, Marine Resources Committee, 3 Crabs Road, Commissioners meetings, Commissioners Forum

The meeting concluded at 12:39 p.m. and continued until Monday, December 29, 2025, at 9 a.m.

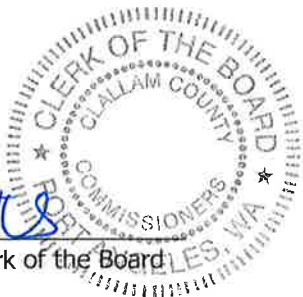
The BOCC meetings for the week of December 22-26 were cancelled.

The Board of Commissioners attended a WSAC Virtual Update, Coffee with Colleen, Clallam Transit System Meeting during the week of December 15, 2025.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 30th day of December 2025

ATTEST:

Loni Gores, MMC, Clerk of the Board



BOARD OF CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Mike French, Chair

Randy Johnson

Mark Ozias

KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS:

ATM Administrator Todd Mielke
CMO Commissioner Mark Ozias
CRJ Commissioner Randy Johnson
CMF Commissioner Mike French

m moved
mc motion carried
s seconded

BOARD OF CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC HEARING

4c Hearing regarding a Resolution to approve the 2025 Clallam County Comprehensive Parks Master Plan Amendment

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that any testimony that I give is true and accurate. Please print name and address clearly.

Nº	PRINTED NAME	SIGNATURE	ADDRESS
1	Ed Bowen	Ed Bowen	PO Box 111 CB
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BOCC

Public Hearings

Written Testimony

Parks Master Plan

Gores, Loni

From: Anna Plager <akplager@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 8, 2025 11:21 PM
To: Gores, Loni
Subject: Re: 2 letters for the BOCC & Administrator
Attachments: BOCC letter on fees Dec-8-2025.pdf; Updating the Park Plan 2026.pdf

Yes, thank you, I did forget the attachments.
Here they are,
Anna

On Mon, Dec 8, 2025 at 7:34 AM Gores, Loni <loni.gores@clallamcountywa.gov> wrote:

Anna Plager,

I'm not seeing any memos attached to the email you sent. Please forward again if you would like me to forward something.

Loni

"My email address has changed! The new format is Loni.Gores@clallamcountywa.gov Please update my contact card as your earliest convenience, Thank you!"

Loni Gores

Clerk of the Board

Commissioners Office

223 East 4th Street, Suite 4

Port Angeles, WA 98362

Phone: 360-417-2256

From: Anna Plager <akplager@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 8, 2025 1:48 AM
To: Gores, Loni <loni.gores@clallamcountywa.gov>
Subject: 2 letters for the BOCC & Administrator

Hello Loni,

Please forward the attached memos from me to the 3 County Commissioners, the County Administrator, and the 4 Park Advisory Board members.

These items are scheduled for a public hearing on December 16th, when I plan to offer additional verbal comments.

Thank you,

Anna Plager

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TO: Board of County Commissioners, Randy Johnson, Mark Ozias, Mike French

FROM: Anna Plager, Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

DATE: December 8, 2025 (the 12-4-05 version given to the Parks Advisory Bd is revised)

RE: Be smart, do not rush the plan amendment simply to upgrade a new park

Cc: Administrator Mielke, Clallam County
Parks & Recreation Advisory Board members

County Policy 463 County Park Acquisition and New Park and Recreation Facility Development (for Projects not in the "Parks Master Plan") states in the first section, **"Assure that the County provides opportunities for public comment on proposals through a variety of methods,"** as can be found on the Parks Department's website under Parks Master Plan, Chapter 5, pg. 25.

The current Parks 2026 5-year Capital project list supplants long-time needed, long-delayed park projects. Staff CIP priority requests are for the brand new Dungeness Trails park, completely replacing long-standing priorities. Staff want to rush to a) post new rules, b) rearrange the ad hoc parking (yes, it needs to be improved), and c) invest in all new equipment. Is this something the public really wants? Probably. What features, how many parking spaces, where best to locate them so we do not need to repeat it soon, and as for signage, why not ask the user-public what would help them better enjoy the new park?

Other county standard practices require capital improvements to be in the Five-Year Capital Plan, and for park projects, to also be in the Park & Recreation Master Plan. If substantial improvements are made to the new Dungeness Trails without involving the public in a meaningful way, we are putting the cart-before-the-horse. This level of development, in my estimation, entails more review than a) a Park Advisory Board meeting or b) a hearing with the Board of County Commissioners or c) any number of meetings and hearings on the Dungeness Off-Channel Reservoir. Those did not delve into what kind of park improvements are desired. Short-changing public participation in park project design, risks profligate, unfocused spending.

Updating/amending the existing 10-year Parks Plan is not a problem. The issue is spending big money to upgrade the new park without taking time to work on thoughtful design that can best meet public preferences for some time to come.

We are well along on creating the next 10-Year Comprehensive Plan (2027-2037). A more thoughtful approach to adding Dungeness Trails to the Master Plan would be to use our currently contracted planning process and follow existing Policy 463. The new 10-Year Plan is designed to guide our decisions starting in 2027, giving us plenty of time to set new CIP priorities. It is not wise to rush pell-mell into committing substantial funds without actively seeking public input in a meaningful manner. Let us keep the public trust and do this right.

Gores, Loni

From: Crawford, Donald
Sent: Friday, December 12, 2025 9:09 AM
To: Mielke, Todd; French, Mike
Cc: Gray, Steve; King, Brian; McFarlen, Rick; Earley, Melissa; Gores, Loni
Subject: BOCC Agenda Dec. 16th- 4c Hearing regarding a Resolution to approve the 2025 Clallam County Comprehensive Parks Master Plan Amendment- Dungeness Trails County Park Adoption
Attachments: Updating the Park Plan 2026.pdf; Dungeness Trails Master plan Entry Draft.pdf; DUNGENESS TRAILS.docx
Importance: High

Good morning,

I am writing to respectfully encourage the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) to formally approve agenda item 4c, which pertains to a Resolution for the 2025 Clallam County Comprehensive Parks Master Plan Amendment, inclusive of the Dungeness Trails County Park Adoption. This endeavor has seen significant collaboration among the Parks, Fair, & Facilities Department, the Roads Department, the Clallam County Sheriff's Office (CCSO), and various local volunteer organizations. Together, these groups have worked diligently to secure approval for the DNR land where the proposed park is located. Discussions on ongoing passive recreation opportunities under the new land ownership have been productive and transparent, drawing community support.

I would like to highlight several reasons for the BOCC's affirmative action on this matter:

1. The formal adoption of the Dungeness Trails County Park will empower the CCSO to enforce the County Park Code effectively. As communicated in discussions with CCSO staff, the park must be designated before enforcement of the Park Code can commence. This is crucial, as certain activities, such as ATV and motorcycle use, are currently permitted under the code.
2. The Park Advisory Board has unanimously recommended the approval of agenda item 4c, following thorough deliberations that included reviews of relevant materials, as referenced in the two web pages below. A representative from the Roads Department attended a recent Parks Advisory Board meeting to present an update on the Off-Channel Reservoir Project, which led to productive discussions on park planning and existing uses. Many members of the Peninsula Chapter of the Washington State Backcountry Horsemen have also expressed support for expanding current park

activities. Meeting recordings will reflect this collective support, with the primary focus on funding for the park's development and operations.

3. There have been numerous opportunities for public comment regarding the proposed Dungeness Trails County Park, as part of the broader Dungeness Off-Channel Reservoir project. The Clallam County Dungeness Off-Channel Reservoir Project web page, specifically the "Status" subsection under "Outreach," provides detailed information on the number of public meetings held. For reference:

<https://www.clallamcountywa.gov/188/Dungeness-Off-Channel-Reservoir-Project>

4. Moreover, the same web page outlines explicitly that the area will be utilized as a public park. It outlines the proposed uses, including hiking, biking, wildlife viewing, and river access. The City of Sequim also maintains a webpage dedicated to Dungeness Trails Park, providing additional details on its intended uses.

<https://www.visitsunnysequim.com/276/Dungeness-Trails>

5. Given that the Dungeness Trails Park is primarily developed for its intended activities, the county will not incur additional costs for hiring a park planner for its design. The county has considerable experience providing essential infrastructure, including parking, traffic signage, pedestrian crossings, and vault toilets.

a. Feedback from the public, including neighbors and park users, indicates a favorable reception towards the current level and type of park development. During recent public forums, community members have expressed a clear preference to maintain Dungeness Trails Park for existing passive recreational activities.

Thank you for considering this important resolution. I hope the BOCC will recognize the merits of adopting the Dungeness Trails County Park and look forward to your affirmative action.

Respectfully,



Don Crawford, CGM

Director

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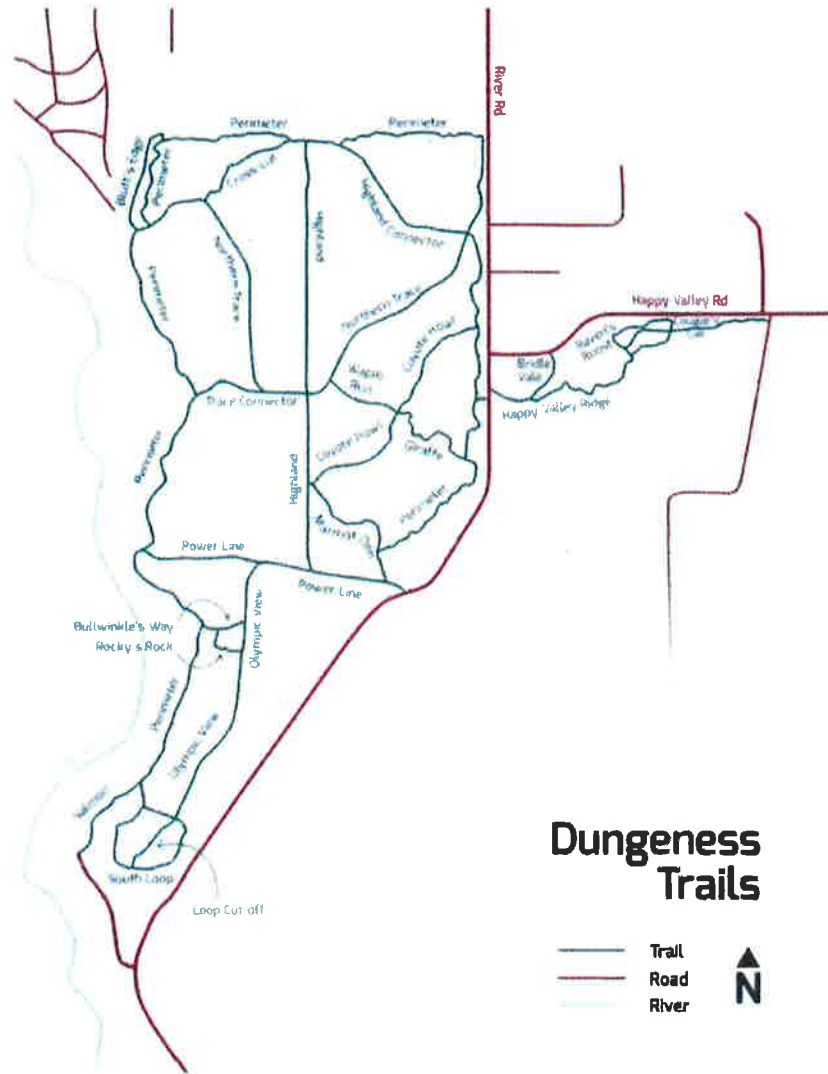
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DUNGENESS TRAILS COUNTY PARK



7. DUNGENESS TRAILS COUNTY PARK is a new 395.5-acre park with a multi-use non-motorized trail network of between 10 and 15 miles. Dungeness Trails County Park is partially developed for use by mountain bikers, walkers, runners, hikers, and horseback riders. It was obtained from the Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) in 2024 with funding provided by a Washington State Department of Ecology Stream Restoration Program Grant.

While approximately 300 acres will remain available for selected recreation and conservation purposes, roughly 100 acres are tentatively designated for the development of an off-channel reservoir to store water during winter and spring, when flows are plentiful, and save this water for later in the year when river flows are low, that will provide opportunities for aquifer recharge and ensure the sustainability of agriculture in the Dungeness Valley - all providing climate resiliency for people, farms, and fish.

<https://www.clallamcountywa.gov/188/Dungeness-Off-Channel-Reservoir-Project>

Both the additional park and the off-channel reservoir developments are ongoing and are several years from completion; however, due to the continued efforts of volunteer groups, the park is available to the public.

DUNGENESS TRAILS COUNTY PARK

Legal Description: The South Half of the Northwest Quarter and the West Half of
Section 36, Township 30 North, Range 4 West, W.M., Clallam
County, Washington
Parcels: 043036130000 (76.60 acres)
043036210000 (318.90 acres)

River Road, Sequim, 98382

Acreage: Uplands: 395.5 acres
Tidelands: 0
Total: 395.5 acres

Date Acquired: October 22, 2024

Deed Stipulations: There are conditions and covenants that the County is held to
in perpetuity.

Funding: Acquisition cost: \$1,240,100.00; paid to the Washington
Department of Natural Resources (DNR)

Washington State Department of Ecology- Stream Flow
Restoration Program Grant

Funding Stipulations: The County's ongoing obligation for
the project is perpetual.

Structures on Site: Entry Sign, Trail Signage, Wood
Kiosk, Entry Gates

Comments:

The Final Deed of Right, dated August 20, 2024, contains detailed information on permitted and prohibited activities and uses. This information will be vital to compliant development and programming.

Upon Recording, Please Return To:
Washington State Department of Ecology
Streamflow Restoration Program
PO Box 47600
Olympia, WA 98504-7600
Attn: Angela Johnson, Project Manager

COPY

DEED OF RIGHT TO USE LAND FOR

STREAMFLOW RESTORATION AND CONSERVATION PURPOSES

REFERENCE NUMBER OF RELATED DOCUMENT: N/A

GRANTOR: Clallam County

GRANTEE: STATE OF WASHINGTON, acting by and through the WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY including any successor agencies.

ABBREVIATED LEGAL DESCRIPTION: The South Half of the Northeast Quarter and the West Half of Section 36, Township 30 North, Range 4 West, W.M., Clallam County, Washington. (More particularly described in Exhibit "A" (Legal Description), and as depicted in Exhibit "B" (Property Map)).

ASSESSOR'S TAX PARCEL NUMBER(S): 043036-210000, 043036-130000

DEED OF RIGHT TO USE LAND FOR STREAMFLOW RESTORATION AND CONSERVATION PURPOSES

THIS DEED OF RIGHT TO USE LAND FOR STREAMFLOW RESTORATION AND CONSERVATION PURPOSES ("Deed") is made and entered into by and between Clallam County (hereinafter referred to as "Grantor") and the STATE OF WASHINGTON, acting by and through the WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY, including any successor agencies (hereinafter referred to as "Grantee" or "Ecology").

The Grantor enters this Deed for and in consideration of monies coming in whole or in part from Ecology's Water Resources Program, Streamflow Restoration Section. Such grant is made pursuant to the Project Agreement entered into between Grantor and Ecology entitled Dungeness Flow Restoration and Aquifer Recharge Off-Channel Reservoir between the State of Washington Department of Ecology and Clallam County, Agreement Number WRSRP-2019-CICoCD-00083, signed by Grantor on the 26th day of November, 2019 and by Ecology on the 6th day of December, 2019 ("Project Agreement") and supporting materials which are on file with Grantor and Ecology in connection with the Project Agreement.

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The Grantor hereby conveys and grants to Ecology as the representative of the people of the State, the perpetual right to enforce the following duties on the real property described in Exhibit "A" (Legal Description) and depicted in Exhibit "B" (Depiction of the Real Property) (the "Property"), under the terms herein:

1. Duties of Grantor

1.1 Grantor shall take such reasonable and feasible measures as necessary to protect the Property in perpetuity. Such measures shall be consistent with the purposes in the Project Agreement, which are streamflow restoration (e.g., off-channel reservoir, aquifer recharge), public park and recreational lands, habitat restoration, forest management, stormwater infiltration, and related facilities ("Conservation Values").

1.2 Grantor freely and voluntarily grants access to Ecology, or Ecology's authorized representatives, at all reasonable times, to inspect the Property for compliance with the terms of this Deed and the Project Agreement. Such access shall be subject to the restrictions, if any, allowed under the Project Agreement, by written agreement with Ecology, or under state law. The Grantor warrants it has and shall maintain the legal right and means to reach the Property.

1.3 Without prior written consent by Ecology or its successors through an amendment to this Deed, Grantor shall not use or allow any use of the Property (including any part of it) for uses other than herein stated and as stated in the Project Agreement. The Grantor shall also not grant or suffer the creation of any property interest that is inconsistent with the Conservation Values and purposes of the Project Agreement.

2. Specific Prohibitions

In addition to the general restrictions in Section 1 of this Deed, the following additional specific, non-exclusive list of activities and uses are expressly prohibited on the Property:

- a. Residential development, except a caretaker residence in association with a public park is a permitted use.
- b. Commercial and/or industrial use.
- c. Alteration of the land surface or water bodies that is not in accordance with the intent of the purposes of the Project Agreement (see Section 1.1) above and the listed permitted uses and activities in Section 3 below.
- d. Armoring within the floodplain to prevent the natural flow of water, with the following exceptions:
 - i. any armoring needed at the outlet of the reservoir spillway
 - ii. As approved by Ecology in writing and consistent with the purposes of the Project Agreement (see Section 1.1 above).
- e. The drilling of new wells, except for restoration or conservation needs as approved by Ecology in writing. This restriction does not prevent the maintenance of existing well(s), nor the drilling and maintaining of new wells for the purposes of monitoring groundwater conditions at the site.

3. Permitted Uses and Activities

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The following uses and activities are permitted on the Property:

- a. Site investigation work such as borings, test pits, soil samples, surveying, or other related activities.
- b. Construction, operation, and maintenance of a water storage reservoir and related infrastructure improvements that will store and release water for off-site irrigation.
- c. Construction, operation, and maintenance of improvements needed for aquifer recharge projects.
- d. Public park and recreational uses, activities, and related improvements.
- e. Groundwater monitoring wells.
- f. Cleanup and removal of debris and contamination associated with prior use of a portion of the site as a dump.
- g. Noxious weed control using best management practices.
- h. Reestablishment of native plants and enhancement of existing native plant communities.
- i. Habitat restoration projects.
- j. Forest practices and management, provided that any revenues derived from such forest practices will be applied to the restoration and stewardship of the Property.
- k. Removal of safety hazards, invasive species, and nuisance animals.
- l. Well decommissioning by a licensed well driller.
- m. Responding to emergencies on the property, in accordance with State and federal law. Grantor must notify Ecology in writing of any significant changes in site conditions caused by the emergency and response actions planned or taken as soon as practical but no later than within 24 hours of the discovery of the event.
- n. Washington State Department of Natural Resources reservations and mineral rights per RCW 79.11.210.
- o. Operation and maintenance within the Bonneville Power Administration Utility Corridor Easement and any other existing utility easement.

4. Notice Requirements

4.1 The Grantor, when conveying any interest in any part of the Property including but not limited to title, easement, leases, and security or other interests, must provide written notice to Ecology of the intended conveyance at least thirty (30) days in advance of the conveyance.

4.2 Should the Grantor become aware of any violation of this Deed, Grantor shall promptly report such violation in writing to Ecology.

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Clallam County Public Works Department 223 E Fourth Street, Suite 6 Port Angeles, Washington 98362 Phone #: 360-417-2379 Email: web_roads@clallamcountywa.gov	Washington State Department of Ecology Water Resources Program Streamflow Restoration Section P.O. Box 47600 Olympia, WA 98504 – 7600 Email: sfrprgrants@ecy.wa.gov
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5. Covenants Run with Land—Binding Upon Successors and Assigns

This Deed contains covenants running with the land and shall be binding upon the Grantor, its successors and assigns, and upon any person acquiring the Property, or any portion thereof, or any interest therein, including a leasehold interest, whether by operation of law or otherwise. If the Grantor sells all or any portion of its interest, the new owner of the Property or any portion thereof (including, without limitation, any owner who acquires its interest by foreclosure, trustee's sale or otherwise) shall be subject to applicable covenants and requirements under the Deed.

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GRANTOR:

GRANTOR Name: Clallam County

Board of Clallam County Commissioners

By: [Signature]

Name: Mike Frency

Title: Chair

Dated this 13 day of August, 2024

STATE OF WASHINGTON

COUNTY OF Clallam

On this 13 day of August, 2024, before me, a Notary Public in and for the State of Washington, duly commissioned and sworn, personally appeared Mike Frency, the BOCC Chair of Clallam County, who acknowledged said instrument to be the free and voluntary act and deed of said party for the uses and purposes therein mentioned and stated on oath that he/she/they was authorized to execute this instrument on behalf of said party.

WITNESS my hand and official seal hereto affixed the day and year first written above.



[Signature]
Notary Public in and for the State of Washington
Residing in: Port Angeles
My commission expires: 12/04/26

ALANNA A. GORES

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GRANTEE / ECOLOGY:

State of Washington, acting by and through the Washington State Department of Ecology

By: Ria Berns

Name: Ria Berns

Title: Program Manager, Water Resources, Dept. of Ecology

Dated this 20 day of August, 2024

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On this 20 day of AUGUST, 2024, before me, a Notary Public in and for the State of Washington, duly commissioned and sworn, personally appeared RIA BERNIS, the PROGRAM MANAGER, WATER RESOURCES of the Department of Ecology, who acknowledged said instrument to be the free and voluntary act and deed of said party for the uses and purposes therein mentioned and stated on oath that he/she/they was authorized to execute this instrument on behalf of said party.

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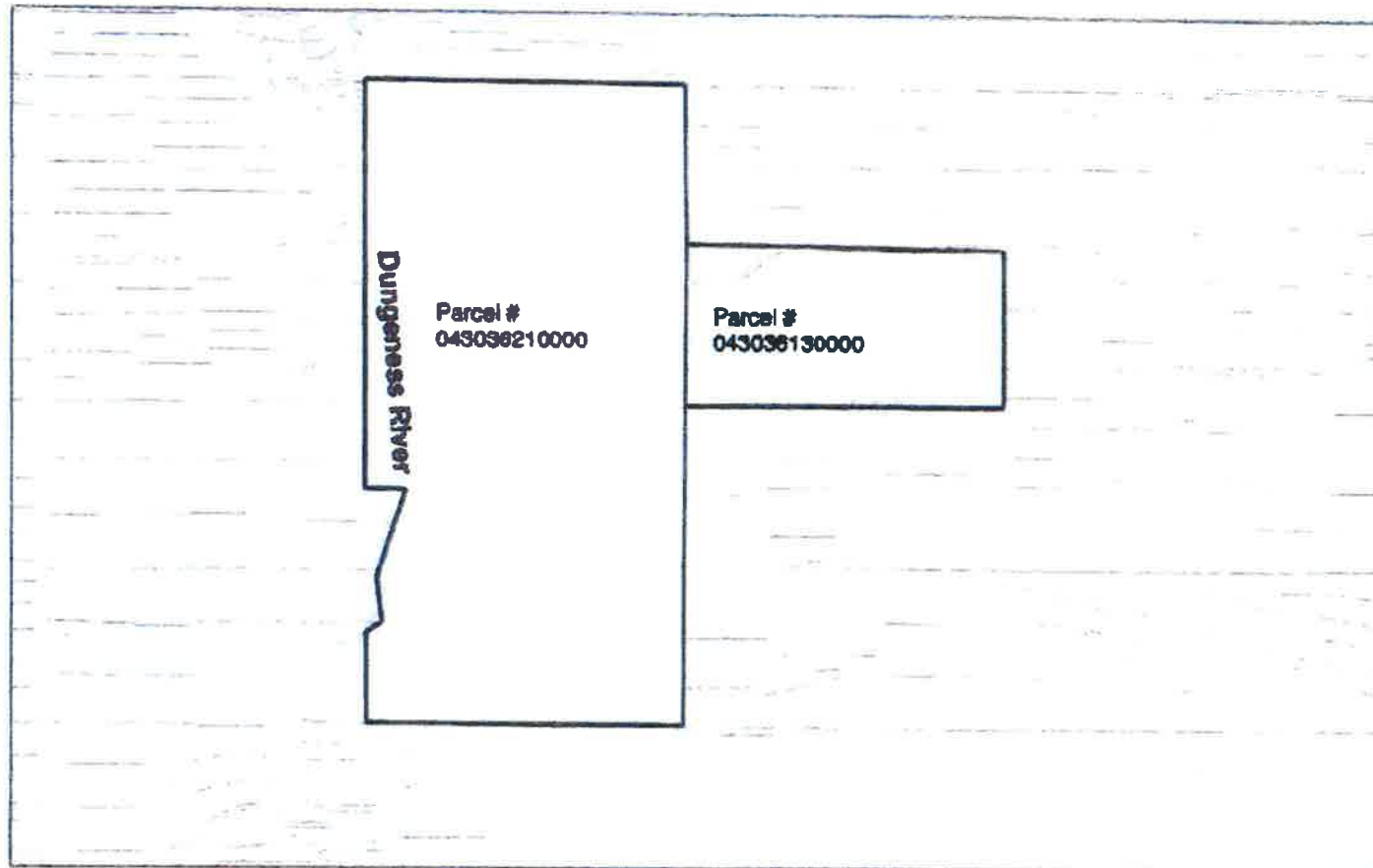
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EXHIBIT A: Legal Description of the Real Property

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WRSRP-2019-CICoCD-00083: Dungeness Flow Restoration and Aquifer Recharge Off-Channel Reservoir



7/30/2024

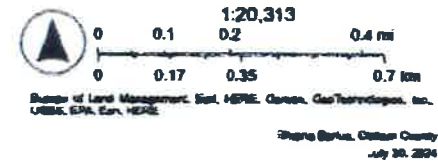


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DUNGENESS TRAILS COUNTY PARK



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While approximately 300 acres will remain available for selected recreation and conservation purposes, roughly 100 acres are tentatively designated for the development of an off-channel reservoir to store water during winter and spring, when flows are plentiful, and save this water for later in the year when river flows are low, that will provide opportunities for aquifer recharge and ensure the sustainability of agriculture in the Dungeness Valley - all providing climate resiliency for people, farms, and fish. <https://www.clallamcountywa.gov/188/Dungeness-Off-Channel-Reservoir-Project>

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Parcels: 043036130000 (76.60 acres)
043036210000 (318.90 acres)

River Road, Sequim, 98382

Acreage: Uplands: 395.5 acres
Tidelands: 0.
Total: 395.5 acres

Date Acquired: October 22, 2024

Deed Stipulations: There are conditions and covenants that the County is held to In perpetuity.

Funding: Acquisition cost: \$1,240,100.00; paid to the Washington Department of Natural Resources (DNR)

Washington State Department of Ecology- Stream Flow Restoration Program Grant

Funding Stipulations: The County's ongoing obligation for the project is perpetual.

Structures on Site: Entry Sign, Trail Signage, Wood Kiosk, Entry Gates

Comments:

The Final Deed of Right, dated August 20, 2024, contains detailed information on permitted and prohibited activities and uses. This information will be vital to compliant development and programming.

BOCC
Public Hearings

Written Testimony
Parks Fees

Gores, Loni

From: Anna Plager <akplager@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 23, 2025 10:44 PM
To: Gores, Loni
Subject: For the BOCC work this week
Attachments: 2026 Fee Schedule recommendation.docx

Hello Loni,

Thank you, once again, for sending the attached letter to the County Board of Commissioners, with a carbon copy to Administrator Mielke and to Park Advisory Board Chair Jarmuth.

Anna Plager

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TO: Board of Clallam County Commissioners Ozias, Johnson, French

From: Anna Plager, Park and Recreation Advisory Board member

Date: November 24, 2025

Re: Consolidated Fee Schedule – Parks Department Fee Schedule 205-A

Cc: Administrator Mielke
Chair Jarmuth

Greetings, me again. I realize my pleas are feeling repetitive. I am briefly asking for your attention to a few unfinished Park Advisory Board (PAB) efforts this year. After my recent memo to you (November 16th), Director Crawford sent the PAB relevant information about his recent actions that we were unaware of for months. I truly appreciate his effort to “close the loop” of communication. Now, I need to share with you the PAB’s reasoning. I do not wish to be obstinate or argumentative, but simply to know we have been heard. I see that Crawford shared with you the PAB meeting minutes, but the minutes are minimal, with no explanation or discussion. Here is a brief background.

Last spring and summer, after reviewing the staff’s Fee Schedule recommendation, the PAB asked staff to amend the Fee Schedule to keep the fees at their existing level for non-utility campsites for county residents only at both campgrounds, Dungeness and Salt Creek. These dry-camp site fees were raised two years ago by 40 percent! We reasoned that with inflation growing and the job market shrinking, this may be a difficult time for many of the lower-income community members. We acknowledge that tough times have hit the County’s financial well-being too, so we readily approved the other 48 fee increases to keep pace with the current CPI as proposed by staff.

Five months ago, out of respect for our local, dry-camping park users’ financial constraints being felt at this time, the PAB unanimously recommended keeping the non-utility site, county-resident camping fees at their existing level. Now, in November, we learn that the Director submitted both of our recommendations to you. However, by not communicating his decision until so late in the year – when our only recourse is to raise our concerns with you – he risks alienating our trust and understanding.

We will keep up our communication with you until we feel heard at the department level. Thank you for considering our perspective.

Gores, Loni

From: Anna Plager <akplager@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 8, 2025 11:21 PM
To: Gores, Loni
Subject: Re: 2 letters for the BOCC & Administrator
Attachments: BOCC letter on fees Dec-8-2025.pdf; Updating the Park Plan 2026.pdf

Yes, thank you, I did forget the attachments.
Here they are,
Anna

On Mon, Dec 8, 2025 at 7:34 AM Gores, Loni <loni.gores@clallamcountywa.gov> wrote:

Anna Plager,

I'm not seeing any memos attached to the email you sent. Please forward again if you would like me to forward something.

Loni

"My email address has changed! The new format is Loni.Gores@clallamcountywa.gov Please update my contact card as your earliest convenience, Thank you!"

Loni Gores

Clerk of the Board

Commissioners Office

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From: Anna Plager <akplager@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 8, 2025 1:48 AM
To: Gores, Loni <loni.gores@clallamcountywa.gov>
Subject: 2 letters for the BOCC & Administrator

Hello Loni,

Please forward the attached memos from me to the 3 County Commissioners, the County Administrator, and the 4 Park Advisory Board members.

These items are scheduled for a public hearing on December 16th, when I plan to offer additional verbal comments.

Thank you,

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From: Crawford, Donald
Sent: Friday, December 12, 2025 12:00 PM
To: Mielke, Todd; French, Mike
Cc: Turner, Rebecca; Lane, Mark; McFarlen, Rick; Earley, Melissa; Gores, Loni
Subject: Dec 16th 2025 BOCC Agenda 4b Hearing regarding an Ordinance amending the Clallam County Code Chapter 5.100 Consolidated Fee Schedule Parks Department Fee Schedule 205-A

Attachments: BOCC letter on fees Dec-8-2025.pdf; 2026 Economics and Parks Capital Plans.pdf; Clallam County Parks- 2025 Parks Master Fee Schedule Adjustment 5.28.2024.pdf

Good morning,

I am writing to explain the methodologies used to develop agenda item 4b, which is an Ordinance amending Clallam County Code Chapter 5.100, Consolidated Fee Schedule, Parks Department Fee Schedule 205-A.

First, it is essential to recognize that the adoption of agenda item 4b in December 2025 is required to update all park reservation fees, with the changes taking effect January 1st, as most camping and camp reservations occur in the first few weeks of January each year. Adopting agenda item 4b in January or later will result in a significant loss of revenue and create confusion for the public and county staff. In this case, it would be more convenient for the public and park staff to postpone any adjustments to the park fee schedule until the 2027 budget year.

That statement made, the Parks, Fair, & Facilities Staff presented agenda item 4b, following previous direction from the BOCC and counsel from the Finance Department.

During the 2024 BOCC Budget presentation, PFF staff and Finance Department representatives outlined the benefits of a two-step approach to managing PFF fee schedules.

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Based on current economic forecasts. The PFF Staff emphasizes that failure to increase fees in accordance with the factors outlined above for two consecutive years will require another substantial “True Up” in 2027.

Respectfully,



Don Crawford, CGM

Director

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DON CRAWFORD | DIRECTOR
RICK MCFARLEN | DEPUTY DIRECTOR

Date: March 25, 2025

To: Clallam County Park Board- *Peter Craig (Board Chair), Roger Hoffman (Vice Chair), Candace Kathol, Diane Chung, Anna Plager*

CC: *Todd Mielke- County Administrator*

From: Don Crawford, Parks Director

Subject: 2026 Economic Conditions & Implications on Parks Capital Programing and Development

Over the past five years, financial and economic factors, as well as tax constraints, have significantly impacted the county's comprehensive capital plan, including funding for parks. While the Park Advisory Board (PAB) is primarily focused on advocating for parks, it is crucial to understand the broader economic conditions of the county. Without this understanding, the PAB may struggle to grasp the constraints affecting park capital programming and development, making it difficult to recommend a viable course of action for the future.

Primary Fiscal Constraints-

- Inflationary and Labor Pressure & County Property Tax Limitations

Inflationary Pressure

The average Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the Seattle Area for the past five years is 4.8%. The 2024 inflation rate was 2.5% on its own. As of February 2025, the current rate trend is 2.8%, and the projected 2026 rate is expected to be in the range of 2.75%. This has the most significant impact on the cost of materials, supplies, and services.

Labor Pressure

The county typically experiences an annual increase of 6-8% in labor costs alone, which accounts for nearly three-quarters of the General Fund's annual operational budget. County leadership has a continual and innovative agenda for efficiency improvement, and because the county organization staffing is historically lean, dramatic improvements are the exception.

County Property Tax Limitations

Clallam County is restricted by state law to a maximum annual increase of 1% in assessed property values per thousand dollars without voter approval. However, the average five-year inflation rate for the Seattle area is 4.8%. Combined with a 6-8% labor cost increase, the cost of doing business has increased at a rate that outpaces the county's ability to adjust assessed values in a timely and adequate manner.

It is also instructive to note that the Clallam County Government has traditionally eschewed “lid lift” initiatives, prioritizing the needs of local taxing bodies, such as fire districts, hospital districts, and municipalities. Currently, the Washington State Legislature is considering a bill that would replace the current tax assessment cap with a formulaic model with a 3% cap.

- **County Capital Priorities**

During the same period, the county is undertaking several multi-million-dollar capital projects that have significant implications for resource and emergency resiliency. The unexpected increase in project costs have negatively impacted these capital priorities sufficiently to require lesser capital priorities to be delayed or reduced in scope.

Coincidentally, one specific capital priority, the Dungeness Off-Channel Reservoir, contains substantial unfunded park development elements both in terms of capital requirements and associated with several immediate life safety and operational considerations. These considerations necessitate a significant reprioritization of park capital priorities.

2026 Parks Capital Program

Due to the limitations described above, the Clallam County Parks Staff advocates for a strategic approach to capital programming for the 2026 Budget, focusing on only the highest-priority projects—those with a fundamental life-safety, asset preservation, or operational imperative. The attached spreadsheet identifies projects meeting the criteria.

2027-2031 Parks Capital Five-Year Program

In combination with the limitations described above and the ongoing 2027–2036 Clallam County Parks Master Plan Update initiative, the Clallam County Parks Staff advocates for capital five-year programming with strategically identified capital projects in 2027 and a pause in conjunction with the development of the 10-year capital plan associated with the 2027–2036 Clallam County Parks Master Plan Update. The attached spreadsheet identifies projects meeting the criteria.

Note:

1. There is a significant possibility of grant awards in 2026. Staff will coordinate with the PAI to determine which pre-identified capital recommendations to pursue.

2026 Parks Capital Program

Priority	Funding Source	Location	Project	Description	Amount	Budget Year
1		Dungeness Trails	Maintenance and Operations- Equipment and Vehicle Capitalization	Purchase service vehicle & trailer, UTV, and handheld equipment	\$92,000.00	2026
2		Dungeness Trails	Wayfinding, regulatory, & pedestrian ROW Signage Package	Install wayfinding, regulatory, and pedestrian ROW Signage Package- County and State	\$60,000.00	2026
4		Dungeness Trails	Primary Parking Lots- off the shoulder	design, permit, & construct gravel parking lots and perimeter barricades off River Rd. & Happy Valley Rd.	\$208,000.00	2026
3		Dungeness Rec Area	Campground Shower Upgrades	Replace/Upgrade Hot Water Tanks	\$35,000.00	2026
5		Camp David Jr.	Lodge Painting	Paint upper sections of lodge inaccessible by ladder	\$50,000.00	2026
	REET 1	General	Park Trail Development & Repair	Park Trail Development & Repair	\$15,000.00	2026
	REET 1	General	Park Road Development & Repair	Park Road Development & Repair	\$15,000.00	2026

2027 - 2031 Five- Year Parks Capital Program

Priority	Funding Source	Location	Project	Description	Amount	Budget Year
1		Fresh Water Bay	Remove and Replace Out of Order Vault Restroom	Remove and Replace Out of Order Vault Restroom- CXT	\$140,000.00	2027
2		Camp David Jr.	Remove and Replace Rotting Pilings	Remove and Replace Rotting Pilings	\$140,000.00	2027
3		Lake Pleasant	Remove and Replace Existing Playground	Remove and Replace Existing Playground	\$120,000.00	2027



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Date: May 28, 2024

To: Clallam County Park Board- *Peter Craig (Board President), Roger Hoffman, Candace Kathol, Bill Hughes, Pete Davis, Diane Chung, Anna Plager*

From: Don Crawford Parks Director

Subject: 2025 Parks Master Fee Schedule Adjustment Recommendation

After carefully reviewing the current CPI trends and justification of possible Parks Master Fee Schedule fee increases, staff have deduced that the 2024 fee schedule is sufficient to carry over through 2025.

However, integrating Autopay Kiosks—one each at SCRA and DRA—results in a *new transaction fee* of \$5.00 being assessed in addition to the camping fee for “First Come, First Serve” credit card payments. The transaction fee components are identified below.

Fee Components

Credit Card Transaction Fees	\$31,430.00
Annual Autopay Fee Station Service Fee	\$6,000.00
Pay Station Consumables, Batteries, and Replacement Parts	\$1,500.00
Warranties	\$1,500.00

Coin-Op Showers

Coin-operated showers generate approximately \$6,000 annually. The staff believes that the current fee schedule is sufficient to compensate for this revenue loss.

Dump Fees

Dump Fees generate approximately \$6,000 annually. Only non-camping patrons are charged for this convenience, which has always been an honor system fee. We will program the Autopay Kiosk to charge \$15.00, which includes the \$5.00 transaction fee.

Firewood

Sales generate approximately \$6,000 annually. We will program the Autopay Kiosk to charge \$10.00, which includes the \$5.00 transaction fee.

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November 17, 2025

Dear Sir or Madam:

**SUBJECT: NOTICE OF INTENT TO PREPARE A SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL
IMPACT STATEMENT/OVERSEAS ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT
STATEMENT FOR NORTHWEST TRAINING AND TESTING**

The United States (U.S.) Navy and the U.S. Coast Guard are jointly preparing a supplement to the 2015 Northwest Training and Testing (NWTT) Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)/Overseas EIS (OEIS) and the 2020 NWTT Final Supplemental EIS (SEIS)/OEIS to assess the potential environmental effects associated with the Proposed Action to continue at-sea military readiness activities in the NWTT Study Area. The Navy is the lead agency for the Proposed Action and is responsible for the scope and content of the SEIS/OEIS and Section 106 consultation under the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). The Coast Guard is participating as a joint lead agency due to the inclusion of its training activities, which are similar to proposed Navy activities. The Coast Guard participated as a cooperating agency during previous analyses. The purpose of the Proposed Action is to ensure the Navy and Coast Guard are able to organize, train, and equip service members and personnel needed to meet their respective national defense missions in accordance with their Congressionally mandated requirements.

At-sea military readiness activities include training; research, development, testing, and evaluation (referred to as "testing") activities; and range modernization and sustainment. Proposed at-sea training and testing activities are similar to those previously analyzed and are representative of activities conducted in the Study Area for decades, with some updates to the type, frequency, duration, intensity, and location. The Navy also proposes the modernization and sustainment of range capabilities that support training and testing activities.

The Study Area considered in the SEIS/OEIS consists of the same waters and over-water airspace analyzed in the 2015 NWTT EIS/OEIS and 2020 NWTT SEIS/OEIS. The Study Area does not include any land or overland airspace. The Study Area consists of three areas: 1) areas offshore of the Washington, Oregon, and Northern California coasts; 2) inland waters of Washington; and 3) Western Behm Canal in Southeast Alaska (Enclosure 1).

Proposed at-sea military readiness activities may include the use of active sonar, explosives, and other sources of sound. The Navy and Coast Guard would continue to employ mitigation measures when conducting at-sea activities to reduce or avoid potential adverse effects on marine species. The Navy and Coast Guard will seek the reissuance of federal regulatory permits and authorizations under the Marine Mammal Protection Act and consultations under the Endangered Species Act to support at-sea military readiness requirements within the Study Area beyond November 2027, which is when current permits and authorizations expire. The Navy and Coast Guard will coordinate and consult as required by all laws and regulations determined to be applicable to the project.

In the SEIS/OEIS, the Navy and Coast Guard will analyze the potential environmental effects of proposed military readiness activities using an updated acoustic effects model; updated marine mammal density data, acoustic effects criteria, and thresholds; and the best available science. The Navy and Coast Guard are consulting with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to obtain reauthorizations and appropriate permits. NMFS has been invited to be a cooperating agency for the development of the SEIS/OEIS.

The public, stakeholders, and federally recognized tribes are invited to comment on the scope of the SEIS/OEIS, including identifying potential alternatives or issues that should be addressed in the supplemental National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analysis, relaying environmental concerns, identifying historic in-water properties, and providing information or analysis relevant to the Proposed Action or the project's potential to affect historic in-water properties pursuant to Section 106 of the NHPA. The scoping period supports consultation under Section 106 of the NHPA and its implementing regulations. The Navy and Coast Guard are accepting comments during a 45-day scoping period from **December 5, 2025, to January 19, 2026**. Public, stakeholder, and tribal input is welcomed, valued, and appreciated. Comments may be submitted via the project website at **www.nepa.navy.mil/nwtteis** or by U.S. postal mail to:

Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command Northwest
Attention: NWTT SEIS/OEIS Project Manager
1101 Tautog Circle, Room 102
Silverdale, WA 98315-1101

Scoping comments must be postmarked or received online by **11:59 p.m. Pacific Standard Time on January 19, 2026**, for consideration in the Draft SEIS/OEIS.

For information about the NHPA Section 106 review process, or if you are interested in becoming a consulting party, please visit the NHPA Section 106 Process page found at **www.nepa.navy.mil/nwtteis**. Substantive comments will be considered under NEPA and pursuant to Section 106 of the NHPA.

Please visit the project website at **www.nepa.navy.mil/nwtteis** to view a virtual scoping presentation and learn more about the Proposed Action, its purpose and need, NEPA and NHPA Section 106 processes, and consulting party and public involvement opportunities. If you have questions or would like to schedule a briefing, please contact Mr. Todd McConchie, Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command Northwest, at 360-564-9872 or todd.c.mcconchie.civ@us.navy.mil.

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Please help the Navy and Coast Guard inform your community about the intent to prepare an SEIS/OEIS for at-sea military readiness activities within the NWTT Study Area by sharing this information with your staff and interested individuals.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. H. Beattie".

J. H. BEATTIE
Captain, U.S. Navy
Deputy Fleet Civil Engineer
By direction

Enclosure: Northwest Training and Testing SEIS/OEIS Study Area

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Enclosure 1: Northwest Training and Testing Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement Study Area

