

AGENDA
CLALLAM COUNTY TRAILS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Clallam County Courthouse, Room 160
223 East 4th St Port Angeles, WA
August 5, 2026 - 1:30 p.m.

****ATTENTION****

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WELCOME/CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENT

REQUEST FOR MODIFICATIONS/ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: July 1, 2026

ANNOUNCEMENTS/MEMBER UPDATES:

- Information sharing among members on topics of general interest related to the Olympic Discovery Trail (ODT), Olympic Adventure Trail (OAT), other County trails, or about trails.

TRAIL PROJECT AND MAINTENANCE REPORTS

- **ODT improvement/expansion project updates**
 - a. ODT-Forks to La Push Project Update
 - b. Raise Grant Update
- **County Volunteer ODT/OAT Trail Crew Maintenance Project Reports**
- **County ODT/OAT Maintenance Project Reports**
- **Other ODT/OAT Reports (All)**

DISCUSSION AND BUSINESS ITEMS

LAW ENFORCEMENT POSITION DISCUSSION

COMMITTEE POSITIONS & VACANCIES DISCUSSION

PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURNMENT

Members: Charlie Commeree (City of Port Angeles Rep., Chair), Wendy Clark-Getzin (Tribal Gov. Rep., Vice Chair), Andy Stevenson (Straits Area Citizen-at-Large Rep.), Gordon Taylor (Western Area Citizen-at-Large Rep.), Jennifer Reandeau (Backcountry Horsemen Rep.), Judy Sarles (Backcountry Horsemen-Alt Rep.), Justin Zarieczny (Dept. of Natural Resources), Erik Rohrer (City of Forks), Jim Mraz (Peninsula Trails Coalition Rep.), Lorrie Mittmann (Trails Event Coordinator Rep.), Grant Herman (Olympic Peninsula Bicycle Alliance Rep.), Liz Cusanelli (U.S. Forest Service), William Bryant II, (Port Angeles Area Citizen at Large), and John Gagan (Sequim Area Citizen at Large) Ex-officio Members: Steve Gray (Clallam County Public Works Department), and Mike French (Clallam County Commissioner)

Clallam County Trails Advisory Committee (TAC)

July 1, 2026, Meeting Minutes

Welcome/Introductions:

The meeting was called to order and conducted via video/phone conferencing.

- *Members Present:* Gordon Taylor, Jim Mraz, Justin Zarzeczny, Bill Bryant, Lorrie Mittman, John Gagan, Erik Rohrer, Wendy Clark-Getzin, Lorrie Mittman, Bill Bryant, Andy Stevenson

County Representatives:

Steve Gray, County Public Works Dept. (Ex-officio TAC member)

Mike French, Clallam County Commissioner

Will Habel, Regional Trails & Active Transportation Coordinator

Approval of Minutes: There was no request for modification of the June 3rd, 2026 meeting. The minutes were approved.

Modifications/Additions to Agenda:

- There were no modifications to the agenda.

Public Comment

- There were no public comments.

Announcements and Member Updates:

- Member Clark-Getzin announced that the Carlsborg Crossing project had received increased funding via the PRTPO in order to complete the project. She informed the group that a 99% bid package was complete, and the design was nearly ready to go out for bid, with plans for construction in Fall of 2026.

Trail Projects and Maintenance Reports:

ODT- Forks to La Push Project Update

Will Habel told the group that he and representatives from Western Federal Lands would be met with both Olympic National Park and representatives from the Quileute Tribe out on site. The meetings went well, with all parties enthusiastic for the trail. The Quileute Tribe requested an exploration of having the trail on the northern side of the highway, in order to better serve the future higher ground community. Olympic National Park was very enthusiastic, informing us that we would likely have around 200-300 feet of right of way to design with, as wilderness designation does not start until around 200-300 feet off the highway.

Member Gray and Will also explored an alternative route to bypass the DNR parcel closes to the Bogachiel River. The route would be located partially on private forest land, and partially on DNR property. The DNR property that would need to be crossed does not have the same habitat considerations (old growth) as the main parcel being bypassed. This investigation is in its early stages.

Will also informed the group that the county had received another extension to the RCO right of way acquisition grant.

ODT- RAISE Grant Project

There were minimal updates for the RAISE Grant for the month of June. Will reiterated that they would hopefully soon be obligating, and that the newly updated forms were under review with the counties legal department.

County ODT/OAT Maintenance Project Reports/Volunteer Crew Maintenance Project Reports

Jeff and the volunteer crew began work on the “Burrito Bridge” project on the adventure trail. He mentioned that a trail bypass will be in place for equestrian users during this time.

A discussion then followed about logging on the Gossett-Waterline section of the ODT, including a report about a bridge that had been damaged during logging operations.

Discussion and Business Items

Grant Discussion

Will told the group about a number of grant opportunities that were pending award for the County. Will had applied to several grants relating to trail and other transportation projects, including several in the Diamond Point Community, and the Carlsborg area.

Spruce Railroad Trail Maintenance

Member Stevenson briefly mentioned maintenance problems on the Spruce Railroad Trail, and expressed frustration with the National Park. He expressed wishes for a reliable point on contact with the Park.

Law Enforcement on the Olympic Discovery Trail

Sherriff Brian King led a discussion on what steps are taken when reports of crime are made on the Olympic Discovery Trail. He described the procedure of removing people who are camping, causing issues, etc. See recording for full presentation and discussion.

At one point during the discussion, a motion was made to further discuss access and permission issues with WSDOT at a problem spot located at Strait View Drive. The motion passed.

Public Comment

- Rich James of the Peninsula Trails Coalition inquired about usage of the chain gang for trail cleanups, discussion followed.
- Rich James then made another comment, continuing the law enforcement discussion relating to specific hot spots on the trail, including Strait View Drive, and the Deer Park Rest Area.
- Member Stevenson gave a quick update to the progress being made relating to the Scenic Bikeways Program. The Quileute Tribe had raised objections to certain sections being nominated as Scenic Bikeway, as they were not yet completed, and for other unnamed reasons. The current plan is to modify the proposal to not include any trail segments west of the Camp Creek trailhead as part of the scenic bikeway. Andy was disappointed by this, but did mention that all other jurisdictions had signed acknowledgements to allow the trail to be designated east of the Camp Creek trailhead.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:00 p.m.

MEETING RECORDING AVAILABLE HERE: <https://clallamcowa.portal.civicclerk.com/event/3628/media>

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BEFORE THE BOARD OF CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS,
STATE OF WASHINGTON

Establishing a Clallam County)
Trails Advisory Committee)

RESOLUTION NO. 80, 2000

WHEREAS, the Board of Clallam County Commissioners wishes to establish a Trails Advisory Committee to make recommendations to the Board and other appointed bodies of Clallam County government regarding non-motorized transportation and trail related issues.

WHEREAS, an advisory committee comprised of various interests supportive of non-motorized transportation and trails drawn from the community is needed to make recommendations to the Board regarding trails and non-motorized transportation.

WHEREAS, the Board of Clallam County Commissioners wishes to receive additional public input from citizens knowledgeable about trail related issues, trail routes, trail uses and cost effective design standards.

WHEREAS, the Board of Clallam County Commissioners wishes to receive additional support from and coordination with public land management agencies and large private land managers whose land would be the site of regional trail routes.

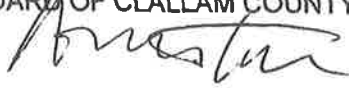
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

- I. The task of the Committee will include at least the following:
 - Providing aid in coordination of the efforts of the various agencies working on the Olympic Discovery Trail to ensure its timely completion.
 - Make recommendations to the Board and other appointed bodies of Clallam County government regarding non-motorized transportation and trail related issues.
 - Develop recommendations regarding cost effective design standards, trail routes, and trail uses.
 - Develop funding recommendations, work with private funding organizations and develop fundraising strategies to ensure adequate funding of trails and non-motorized routes.
 - Other tasks related to trails and non-motorized transportation as developed by the Committee
- II. That the Committee shall include members representing various trail interests drawn from the local community as follows:
 - One member of a trail advocacy group (Peninsula Trails Coalition, Backcountry Horsemen, Olympic Peninsula Bicyclists, Klahhane Club, Over the Hill Walkers, Volksmarch) drawn from each of the four planning areas in Clallam County (Sequim-Dungeness, Port Angeles, Straits and Western)
 - One member representing Olympic National Park
 - One member representing the Department of Natural Resources
 - One member representing the Forest Service
 - One member representing a large private forest company
 - One member from the Port Angeles Trails Advisory Committee
 - One member from the Sequim Trails Advisory Committee
 - One member representing off-road motorized user groups
 - One Ex-officio-non-voting staff of the Clallam County Road Department

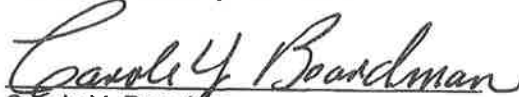
- III. That the term of the Committee shall extend to August 30, 2003, unless extended by the Board of Clallam County Commissioners.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS fifth DAY OF December, 2000.

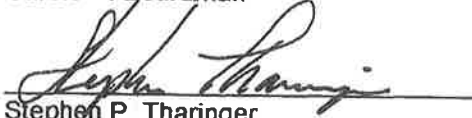
BOARD OF CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



Howard V. Doherty, Jr., Chair



Carole Y. Boardman



Stephen P. Tharinger

ATTEST:



Clerk of the Board



RESOLUTION 80, 2020

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ADDING REPRESENTATION TO THE TRAILS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

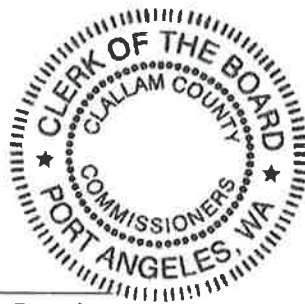
THE BOARD OF CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS finds as follows:

1. The Trails Advisory Committee was established by Resolution 80, 2000 to make recommendations to the Clallam County Board of Commissioners and other appointed members of Clallam County government regarding non-motorized transportation and trail related matters.
2. On September 8, 2009 the Board of Clallam County Commissioners adopted Resolution 75 establishing the Trails Advisory Committee with no sunset date and designating specific areas of member representation.
3. Trail Advisory Committee representation was further expanded by Resolution 69, 2015.
4. In September 2020, the Board of Clallam County Commissioners received a request to add the Olympic Peninsula Bicycle Alliance (OPBA) as a representative member to the Trails Advisory Committee.
5. At their October 7, 2020 meeting, the Trails Advisory Committee recommended the addition of a member of the Olympic Peninsula Bicycle Alliance to the Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Clallam County Commissioners, in consideration of the above findings of fact:

1. The representation of the Trails Advisory Committee is expanded to include a representative from the Olympic Peninsula Bicycle Alliance (OPBA).

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 3 day of November 2020



ATTEST:

Loni Gores

Loni Gores, CMC, Clerk of the Board

BOARD OF CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Mark Ozias
Mark Ozias, Chair

Randy Johnson
Randy Johnson

Bill Peach
Bill Peach



RESOLUTION 90, 2025

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REAPPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE TRAILS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

THE BOARD OF CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS finds as follows:

1. Vacancies exist on the Trails Advisory Committee due to the expiration of terms.
2. A press release was issued during the month of September 2025 soliciting applications from interested citizens, and the current members with the expiring terms were notified. One new application was received.
3. The current members with the expiring terms notified the Board of Commissioners in writing that they are interested in continuing to serve and asked to be considered for another term.
4. Public Works/Road Department endorses the reappointment of the members listed below to the Trails Advisory Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Clallam County Board of Commissioners, in consideration of the above findings of fact:

1. **Gordon Taylor** is reappointed to the Western area citizen at-large position for a term expiring December 31, 2027.
2. **Andy Stevenson** is reappointed to the Straits area citizen at large position for a term expiring December 31, 2027.
3. **Justin Zarzeczny** is reappointed to the Department of Natural Resources position for a term expiring December 31, 2027.
4. **Charlie Commeree** is reappointed to the City of Port Angeles position for a term expiring December 31, 2027.
5. **Erik Rohrer** is reappointed to the City of Forks position for a term expiring December 31, 2027.
6. **Wendy Clark-Getzin** is reappointed to the Tribal Government position for a term expiring December 31, 2027.
7. **Elizabeth A. Cusanelli** is reappointed to the U.S. Forest Service (ex-officio member) position for the term expiring December 31, 2027.
8. **Jennifer Reandeau** is reappointed to the Backcountry Horseman position for a term expiring December 31, 2027.
9. **Judith Sarles** is reappointed to the Backcountry Horseman alternate position for a term expiring December 31, 2027.
10. **Grant Herman** is reappointed to the Olympic Peninsula-Bicycle Alliance position for a term expiring December 31, 2027.
11. **Lorrie Mittmann** is reappointed to the Trail Events Coordinator position for a term expiring December 31, 2027.
12. **Steve Gray** is reappointed as the Clallam County Road Department/Ex officio representative for a term expiring December 31, 2027.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 2nd day of December 2025

ATTEST:

J. Gores
Joni Gores, MMC, Clerk of the Board



BOARD OF CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Mark Gores
Mark Gores

Randy Johnson
Randy Johnson

Mike French
Mike French



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RESOLUTION 95, 2025

REAPPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE TRAILS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

THE BOARD OF CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS finds as follows:

1. A vacancy exists on the Trails Advisory Committee due to the expiration of term.
2. A press release was issued during the months of September 2025 soliciting applications.
3. Public Works / Road Department endorses the reappointment of James Mraz to the Trails Advisory Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Clallam County Board of Commissioners, in consideration of the above findings of fact:

1. That **James Mraz** is reappointed to the Peninsula Trails Coalition position for the term expiring December 31, 2027.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 9th day of December 2025

BOARD OF CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS


Mike French, Chair


Randy Johnson


Mark Ozias

ATTEST:


Loni Gores, MMC, Clerk of the Board

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Appointee
Public Works





RESOLUTION 23, 2026

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APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE
TRAILS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

THE BOARD OF CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS finds as follows:

1. Vacancies exist on the Trails Advisory Committee.
2. A press release was issued during the month of December 2025 soliciting applications.
3. Public Works / Road Department endorses the reappointment of John Gagan and Billie Bryant to the Trails Advisory Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Clallam County Board of Commissioners, in consideration of the above findings of fact:

1. **John Gagan** is appointed to the Sequim Area Trails Citizen at large position for the term expiring December 31, 2027.
2. **Billie Bryant II** is appointed to the Port Angeles Area Trails Citizen at large position for the term expiring December 31, 2027.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 10th day of March 2026

BOARD OF CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS


Mike French, Chair


Randy Johnson


Mark Ozjas

ATTEST:


Loni Gores, MMC, Clerk of the Board

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Appointee
Public Works

