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1 AN ACT Relating to the state's management of its recreational 2. resources; amending RCW 77.32.010, 77.15.750, 79A.05.215, 79A.05.070, 3 77.32.070, 77.32.050, 46.01.140, 46.16A.090, 79A.05.010, 79A.05.020, 79A.05.035, 79A.05.040, 79A.05.045, 79A.05.050, 79A.05.055, 79A.05.060, 4 5 79A.05.065, 79A.05.080, 79A.05.085, 79A.05.090, 79A.05.095, 79A.05.100, 6 79A.05.105, 79A.05.110, 79A.05.115, 79A.05.120, 79A.05.125, 79A.05.130, 79A.05.140, 79A.05.145, 79A.05.150, 79A.05.155, 79A.05.160, 79A.05.165, 7 79A.05.170, 79A.05.175, 79A.05.178, 79A.05.180, 79A.05.185, 79A.05.190, 8 9 79A.05.195, 79A.05.200, 79A.05.205, 79A.05.210, 79A.05.220, 79A.05.230, 79A.05.240, 79A.05.250, 79A.05.280, 79A.05.285, 79A.05.290, 79A.05.300, 10 11 79A.05.310, 79A.05.315, 79A.05.320, 79A.05.325, 79A.05.330, 79A.05.335, 79A.05.340, 79A.05.345, 79A.05.351, 79A.05.355, 79A.05.360, 79A.05.370, 12 79A.05.375, 79A.05.380, 79A.05.390, 79A.05.395, 79A.05.410, 79A.05.415, 13 14 79A.05.545, 79A.05.610, 79A.05.615, 79A.05.620, 79A.05.630, 79A.05.650, 15 79A.05.665, 79A.05.670, 79A.05.685, 79A.05.688, 79A.05.690, 79A.05.695, 16 79A.05.705, 79A.05.710, 79A.05.715, 79A.05.735, and 79A.05.780; 17 reenacting and amending RCW 43.30.385, 77.12.170, 79A.05.030, 18 79A.05.225, 79A.05.255, and 79A.05.385; adding new sections to chapter 79A.80 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 77.32 RCW; adding new 19 20 sections to chapter 79A.05 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 46.01 21 RCW; creating a new section; repealing RCW 79A.80.010, 79A.80.020,

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- 1 79A.80.030, 79A.80.040, 79A.80.050, 79A.80.060, 79A.80.070, 79A.80.080,
- 2 79A.80.090, 79A.05.015, 79A.05.025, and 79A.05.075; prescribing
- 3 penalties; and providing an expiration date.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 5 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 1.** The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter unless the context clearly requires otherwise.
- 7 (1) "Agency" or "agencies" means the department of fish and 8 wildlife, the department of natural resources, and the state parks and 9 recreation department.
- 10 (2) "Day use permit" means the recreational lands access permit 11 created in section 3 of this act.
- 12 (3) "Discover pass" means the pass created in section 2 of this 13 act.
- 14 (4) "Recreational lands" means any designated or developed 15 recreation area or site managed by an agency for outdoor recreation or 16 fish and wildlife conservation including designated water access areas, 17 boat ramps and launches, wildlife areas, parking areas, roads, 18 trailheads, water trails, and other trails under ownership, management, 19 lease, or control of the agency.
- 20 (5) "Vehicle" has the same meaning as "motor vehicle" defined in 21 RCW 46.04.320 and which are required to be registered under chapter 22 46.16A RCW. The term "vehicle" does not include:
- 23 (a) An otherwise included motor vehicle if the vehicle is being 24 towed under the power of a motor vehicle satisfying the definition 25 provided in RCW 46.04.320;
- 26 (b) Those motor vehicles exempt from registration under RCW 27 46.16A.080; and
- 28 (c) State and publicly owned vehicles as provided in RCW 29 46.16A.170.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. (1) The discover pass is created as an annual pass that is required, except as provided in sections 5 and 8 of this act, to park or drive a vehicle on any recreational lands.
- 33 (2)(a) Except as provided in sections 10 and 11 of this act, the cost of a discover pass is thirty dollars.

1 (b) Every four years the office of financial management must review 2 the cost of a discover pass and, if necessary, recommend to the 3 legislature an adjustment to the cost of a discover pass to account for 4 inflation.

- (3)(a) Except for a gifted discover pass, a discover pass is valid for one year from the date of issuance and must be designed so the expiration month can be designated at the time of purchase.
- (b) A gift option must be made available to the purchaser of a discover pass. A gifted discover pass only differs from a standard discover pass in that the purchaser may designate the month in which the pass becomes effective.
- (4) A discover pass must be made available for purchase as provided in section 9 of this act.
 - (5) The discover pass must contain space for two motor vehicle license plate numbers and is only valid if a license plate number matching the vehicle in which the discover pass is displayed is written into one of those spaces.
 - (6) A complimentary discover pass must be provided to a volunteer who performed twenty-four hours of service on agency-sanctioned volunteer projects in one year. The agency must provide vouchers to volunteers identifying the number of volunteer hours they have provided for each project. The vouchers may be taken to an agency to be redeemed for a discover pass.
 - (7) Except as otherwise specifically provided in statute, other than providing the option for a day use permit under section 3 of this act, the agencies may not require any additional payment for day use noncommercial recreational access to recreational lands by individuals or single vehicles. This subsection does not apply to special winter recreational areas managed by the state parks and recreation department under chapter 79A.05 RCW, commercial activities or leases, consumptive uses, events, rights of entry, or other activities or uses of recreational lands not otherwise allowed to be accessed or used by the holders of a discover pass.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. (1) A person may purchase a day use permit that enables the holder to park or drive a vehicle on any recreational lands without violating the requirements of section 4 of this act.
 - (2)(a) The day use permit is ten dollars.

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- (b) Every four years the office of financial management must review the cost of a day use permit and, if necessary, recommend to the legislature an adjustment to the cost of a day use permit to account for inflation.
- 5 (3) Day use permits must be available for purchase as provided in 6 section 9 of this act.
 - NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. (1) Except as provided in this section or section 5 of this act, a valid discover pass or a day use permit must be visibly displayed in the front windshield of any vehicle, or in plain sight on a vehicle without a windshield when:
 - (a) Driving on recreational lands; or
 - (b) Parked on recreational lands.

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- (2) A discover pass or day use permit is not required on private lands, state-owned aquatic lands other than water access areas, or at agency offices, hatcheries, or other facilities where public business is conducted.
- (3) A discover pass or day use permit is not required for persons who use, possess, or enter lands owned or managed by the agencies for purposes consistent with a written authorization from the agency, including but not limited to leases, contracts, and easements. An agency may waive the requirements of this section for any person who has secured the ability to access specific recreational land through the provision of monetary consideration to the agency.
- (4) Failure to comply with subsection (1) of this section is a natural resource infraction under chapter 7.84 RCW. An agency is authorized to issue a notice of infraction to any person who fails to comply with subsection (1)(a) of this section or to any vehicle that fails to comply with subsection (1)(b) of this section.
- 29 (5) The penalty for failure to comply with the requirements of this 30 section is ninety-nine dollars. This penalty is reduced to fifty-nine 31 dollars if an individual provides proof of purchase of a discover pass 32 to the court within fifteen days after the issuance of the notice of 33 violation.
- 34 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 5.** (1) A discover pass or a day use permit are 35 not required for persons who display proof of payment of a camping fee

collected by the state parks and recreation department under chapter 79A.05 RCW for the day preceding and the day following the night or nights of camping designated on the proof of payment.

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- (2) A discover pass or day use permit is not required to park in designated winter recreational area parking spaces identified in RCW 79A.05.225 between November 1st through March 31st and are not valid substitutes for special winter recreational parking permits issued under RCW 79A.05.230.
- 9 (3) The state parks and recreation department must provide twelve 10 days a year where a vehicle may enter upon or park at a state park 11 without having to purchase or display a discover pass or day use 12 permit. At least three of those days must be on weekends.
 - NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. (1) The recreation access pass account is created in the state treasury. All moneys received from the sale of discover passes created in section 2 of this act and day use permits created in section 3 of this act must be deposited into the account.
 - (2) Except as otherwise provided in this section, each fiscal biennium, the first seventy-one million dollars in revenue must be distributed to the agencies in the following manner:
 - (a) Eight percent to the department of fish and wildlife and deposited into the state wildlife account created in RCW 77.12.170;
 - (b) Eight percent to the department of natural resources and deposited into the park land trust revolving fund created in RCW 43.30.385; and
 - (c) Eighty-four percent to the state parks and recreation department and deposited into the state parks renewal and stewardship account created in RCW 79A.05.215.
 - (3) Each fiscal biennium, revenues in excess of seventy-one million dollars must be distributed equally among the agencies to the accounts identified in subsection (2) of this section.
 - (4) Revenues distributed from the recreation access pass account may only be used by the agencies for the following purposes:
- 33 (a) Operating, maintaining, providing stewardship of, and 34 administering recreational lands and public access to public lands, 35 including criminal and civil law enforcement; and
 - (b) Securing public access to land owned by an agency that does not

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have direct public access, or to fishing and hunting areas located on, or requiring access through, private lands.

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- (5) Prior to distributing revenue to the agencies under this section, the state parks and recreation department must be reimbursed for the costs of producing, marketing, and distributing discover passes and day use permits under section 7 of this act.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 7. (1) Administration of this chapter, including the production, marketing, and distribution of discover passes and day use permits to private vendors and other sales locations, is the primary responsibility of the state parks and recreation department. However, the state parks and recreation department must consult with the other affected agencies when a decision substantially affects that agency.
- 14 (2) Nothing in this section affects the administration of the 15 department of fish and wildlife's automated licensing system authorized 16 in RCW 77.32.050 or provides the state parks and recreation department 17 with any authority over that system.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 8. Each agency must, where applicable, designate a short-term parking area on recreational lands that allows a vehicle to park on the recreational lands for up to fifteen minutes without having to display a discover pass or day use permit.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 9. (1) Discover passes and day use permits may be made available for purchase:
- 24 (a) Through private sector vendors under contract with the state 25 parks and recreation department;
 - (b) Directly from the state parks and recreation department, both through that agency's parks reservation system, directly from agency employees or volunteers at staffed state parks, or as otherwise provided in RCW 79A.05.070;
- 30 (c) From the department of licensing as provided in RCW 46.16A.090 and section 21 of this act;
- (d) From other outlets authorized by law to sell state licenses, permits, or passes; and
- (e) Consistent with RCW 77.32.050, through the department of fish and wildlife's automated licensing system.

(2) The department of fish and wildlife's automated licensing system is only one option for the sale of discover passes and day use permits. Only discover passes and day use permits purchased in the same transaction with licenses or permits issued under Title 77 RCW are required to be sold through the automated licensing system and assessed a transaction fee paid by the purchaser.

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- (3)(a) Except as provided in (b) of this subsection, once purchased, a discover pass may not be returned and the purchase price may not be refunded. Replacements for lost or stolen discover passes may only be provided at full cost as provided in sections 2 and 3 of this act.
- (b) The state parks and recreation department must maintain a policy for providing the full year of recreational lands access that the discover pass provides to individuals who are required by the department of licensing to change license plate numbers during the effective dates of a discover pass tied to the affected vehicle.
- (4) Private sector vendors under contract with the state parks and recreation department may be provided with discover passes and day use permits to sell at retail for a per item price less than the sales price established in sections 2 and 3 of this act. However, any participating private sector vendor may not collect less than the amount established in sections 2 and 3 of this act for the sale of a discover pass or day use permit.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 10. A new section is added to chapter 77.32 RCW to read as follows:
- (1) The department must make a discover pass available for purchase to any person who, in the same transaction, also purchases one of the following:
 - (a) A big game hunting license issued under RCW 77.32.450;
 - (b) A small game hunting license issued under RCW 77.32.460;
- 31 (c) A western Washington pheasant permit issued under RCW 32 77.32.575;
 - (d) A trapping license issued under RCW 77.65.450;
- 34 (e) A watchable wildlife decal issued under RCW 77.32.560; or
- 35 (f) A combination, saltwater, or freshwater personal use fishing 36 license issued under RCW 77.32.470.

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1 (2) The cost of a discover pass, when purchased during the same 2 transaction as an item identified in subsection (1) of this section, is 3 fifty percent of the cost of a discover pass as established in section 4 2 of this act.

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- (3) Only one discounted discover pass may be issued per transaction. Additional discover passes, as well as discover passes and day use permits sold to an individual purchasing an item other than those identified in subsection (1) of this section, may be purchased for the amount established in section 2 of this act.
- (4) The fees collected for all discover passes and day use permits purchased under this section must be deposited in the recreation access pass account created in section 6 of this act.
- 13 (5) For the purposes of this section and unless the context clearly 14 requires otherwise, the terms "discover pass" and "day use permit" have 15 the same meaning as provided in section 1 of this act.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 11. A new section is added to chapter 79A.05 RCW to read as follows:
 - (1) The department must make a discover pass available for purchase to any person who, in the same transaction, also purchases a campsite rental.
- 21 (2) The cost of a discover pass, when purchased during the same 22 transaction as an item identified in subsection (1) of this section, is 23 fifty percent of the cost of a discover pass as established in section 24 2 of this act.
 - (3) Only one discounted discover pass may be issued per transaction. Additional discover passes, as well as discover passes and day use permits sold to an individual purchasing an item other than those identified in subsection (1) of this section, may be purchased for the amount established in section 2 of this act.
 - (4) The fees collected for all discover passes and day use permits purchased under this section must be deposited in the recreation access pass account created in section 6 of this act.
- 33 (5) For the purposes of this section and unless the context clearly 34 requires otherwise, the terms "discover pass" and "day use permit" have 35 the same meaning as defined in section 1 of this act.

1 **Sec. 12.** RCW 77.32.010 and 2011 c 320 s 19 are each amended to read as follows:

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- (1) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, a recreational license issued by the director is required to hunt for or take wild animals or wild birds, fish for, take, or harvest fish, shellfish, and seaweed. A recreational fishing or shellfish license is not required for carp, smelt, and crawfish, and a hunting license is not required for bullfrogs.
- (2) A ((pass or permit issued under RCW 79A.80.020, 79A.80.030, or 79A.80.040 is required to park or operate a motor vehicle on a recreation site or lands, as defined in RCW 79A.80.010)) discover pass or day use permit issued under section 2 or 3 of this act is required to access, park a vehicle on, or drive a vehicle on recreational lands managed by the department, as the term "recreational lands" is defined in section 1 of this act.
- During the 2009-2011 fiscal biennium 16 (3) to enable the 17 implementation of the pilot project established in section 307, chapter 18 329, Laws of 2008, a fishing permit issued to a nontribal member by the 19 Colville Tribes shall satisfy the license requirements in subsection (1) of this section on the waters of Lake Rufus Woods and on the north 20 21 shore of Lake Rufus Woods, and a Colville Tribes tribal member 22 identification card shall satisfy the license requirements 23 subsection (1) of this section on all waters of Lake Rufus Woods.
- 24 **Sec. 13.** RCW 77.15.750 and 2011 c 320 s 20 are each amended to 25 read as follows:
- 26 (1) A person is guilty of unlawful use of a department permit if 27 the person:
- 28 (a) Violates any terms or conditions of the permit issued by the 29 department or the director; or
- 30 (b) Violates any rule of the ((commission)) department or the director applicable to the requirement for, issuance of, or use of the permit.
- 33 (2)(a) Permits covered under subsection (1) of this section 34 include, but are not limited to, master hunter permits, crab pot 35 removal permits and shellfish pot removal permits under RCW 77.70.500, 36 depredation permits, landowner hunting permits, commercial carp license

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permits, permits to possess or dispense beer or malt liquor pursuant to RCW 66.28.210, and permits to hold, sponsor, or attend an event requiring a banquet permit from the liquor control board.

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- (b) Permits excluded from subsection (1) of this section include the discover pass created in ((RCW 79A.80.020, the vehicle access pass created in RCW 79A.80.040, the day use permit created in RCW 79A.80.030)) section 2 of this act, the day use permit created in section 3 of this act, commercial use or activity permits, noncommercial use or activity permits, parking permits, experimental fishery permits, trial commercial fishery permits, and scientific collection permits.
 - (3) Unlawful use of a department permit is a misdemeanor.
- 13 (4) A person is guilty of unlawful use of an experimental fishery 14 permit or a trial commercial fishery permit if the person:
- 15 (a) Violates any terms or conditions of the permit issued by the 16 department or the director; or
- 17 (b) Violates any rule of the ((commission)) department or the 18 director applicable to the issuance or use of the permit.
 - (5) Unlawful use of an experimental fishery permit or a trial commercial fishery permit is a gross misdemeanor.
- 21 (6) The definitions in this subsection apply throughout this 22 section unless the context clearly requires otherwise.
- 23 (a) "Experimental fishery permit" means a permit issued by the 24 director for either:
 - (i) An "emerging commercial fishery," defined as a fishery for a newly classified species for which the department has determined that there is a need to limit participation; or
 - (ii) An "expanding commercial fishery," defined as a fishery for a previously classified species in a new area, by a new method, or at a new effort level, for which the department has determined that there is a need to limit participation.
- 32 (b) "Trial commercial fishery permit" means a permit issued by the 33 department for trial harvest of a newly classified species or harvest 34 of a previously classified species in a new area or by a new means.
- 35 **Sec. 14.** RCW 43.30.385 and 2011 c 320 s 21 and 2011 c 16 s 14 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:
- 37 (1) The park land trust revolving fund is to be utilized by the

department for the purpose of acquiring real property, including all reasonable costs associated with these acquisitions, as a replacement for the property transferred to the state parks and recreation ((commission)) department, as directed by the legislature in order to maintain the land base of the affected trusts or under RCW 79.22.060 and to receive voluntary contributions for the purpose of operating and maintaining public use and recreation facilities, including trails, managed by the department.

- (2) In addition to the other purposes identified in this section, the park land trust revolving fund may be utilized by the department to hold funding for future acquisition of lands for the community forest trust program from willing sellers under RCW 79.155.040.
- (3)(a) Proceeds from transfers of real property to the state parks and recreation ((commission)) department or other proceeds identified from transfers of real property as directed by the legislature shall be deposited in the park land trust revolving fund.
- (b) The proceeds from real property transferred or disposed under RCW 79.22.060 must be used solely to purchase replacement forest land, that must be actively managed as a working forest, within the same county as the property transferred or disposed.
- (c) Disbursement from the park land trust revolving fund to acquire replacement property and for operating and maintaining public use and recreation facilities shall be on the authorization of the department.
- (d) The proceeds from the recreation access pass account created in ((RCW 79A.80.090 must be solely used for the purpose of operating and maintaining public use and recreation facilities, including trails, managed by the department)) section 6 of this act may only be used for the purposes provided in section 6 of this act.
- (4) In order to maintain an effective expenditure and revenue control, the park land trust revolving fund is subject in all respects to chapter 43.88 RCW, but no appropriation is required to permit expenditures and payment of obligations from the fund.
- (5) The department is authorized to solicit and receive voluntary contributions for the purpose of operating and maintaining public use and recreation facilities, including trails, managed by the department. The department may seek voluntary contributions from individuals and organizations for this purpose. Voluntary contributions will be deposited into the park land trust revolving fund and used solely for

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- 1 the purpose of public use and recreation facilities operations and
- 2 maintenance. Voluntary contributions are not considered a fee for use
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- 4 **Sec. 15.** RCW 79A.05.215 and 2011 c 320 s 22 are each amended to read as follows:
 - (1) The state parks renewal and stewardship account is created in the state treasury. Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, all receipts from user fees, concessions, leases, donations collected under RCW 46.16A.090(3), and other state park-based activities shall be deposited into the account. ((The proceeds from the recreation access pass account created in RCW 79A.80.090 must be used for the purpose of
 - (2)(a) Except for the proceeds from the recreation access pass account created in section 6 of this act, expenditures from the account may be used for operating state parks, developing and renovating park facilities, undertaking deferred maintenance, enhancing park stewardship, and other state park purposes.
- 18 <u>(b) The proceeds from the recreation access pass account created in</u>
 19 <u>section 6 of this act must be used for the purposes identified in</u>
 20 section 6 of this act.
- 21 <u>(c)</u> Expenditures from the account may be made only after 22 appropriation by the legislature.
- 23 **Sec. 16.** RCW 77.12.170 and 2011 c 339 s 3, 2011 c 320 s 23, and 24 2011 c 171 s 112 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:
 - (1) There is established in the state treasury the state wildlife account which consists of moneys received from:
 - (a) Rentals or concessions of the department;

operating and maintaining state parks.))

- 28 (b) The sale of real or personal property held for department 29 purposes, unless the property is seized or recovered through a fish, 30 shellfish, or wildlife enforcement action;
 - (c) The assessment of administrative penalties;
- 32 (d) The sale of licenses, permits, tags, and stamps required by chapter 77.32 RCW, RCW 77.65.490, and application fees;
- 34 (e) Fees for informational materials published by the department;
- 35 (f) Fees for personalized vehicle, Wild on Washington, and

Endangered Wildlife license plates and Washington's Wildlife license plate collection as provided in chapter 46.17 RCW;

- (g) Articles or wildlife sold by the director under this title;
- (h) Compensation for damage to department property or wildlife losses or contributions, gifts, or grants received under RCW 77.12.320. However, this excludes fish and shellfish overages, and court-ordered restitution or donations associated with any fish, shellfish, or wildlife enforcement action, as such moneys must be deposited pursuant to RCW 77.15.425;
- 10 (i) Excise tax on anadromous game fish collected under chapter 11 82.27 RCW;
 - (j) The department's share of revenues from auctions and raffles authorized by the ((commission)) department;
 - (k) The sale of watchable wildlife decals under RCW 77.32.560; and
 - (1) ((Moneys received from the recreation access pass account created in RCW 79A.80.090 must be dedicated to stewardship, operations, and maintenance of department lands used for public recreation purposes; and
- (m)) Donations received by the director under RCW 77.12.039.
- 20 (2) Moneys received from the recreation access pass account created 21 in section 6 of this act may only be used for the purposes identified 22 in section 6 of this act.
- 23 (3) State and county officers receiving any moneys listed in 24 subsection (1) of this section shall deposit them in the state treasury 25 to be credited to the state wildlife account.
- 26 **Sec. 17.** RCW 79A.05.070 and 2011 c 320 s 24 are each amended to 27 read as follows:
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- 29 (1) Make rules and regulations for the proper administration of its 30 duties;
 - (2) Accept any grants of funds made with or without a matching requirement by the United States, or any agency thereof, for purposes in keeping with the purposes of this chapter; accept gifts, bequests, devises and endowments for purposes in keeping with such purposes; enter into cooperative agreements with and provide for private nonprofit groups to use state park property and facilities to raise money to contribute gifts, grants, and support to the ((commission))

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- <u>department</u> for the purposes of this chapter. The ((commission)) department may assist the nonprofit group in a cooperative effort by providing necessary agency personnel and services, if available. However, none of the moneys raised may inure to the benefit of the nonprofit group, except in furtherance of its purposes to benefit the ((commission)) department as provided in this chapter. The agency and the private nonprofit group shall agree on the nature of any project to be supported by such gift or grant prior to the use of any agency property or facilities for raising money. Any such gifts may be in the form of recreational facilities developed or built in part or in whole for public use on agency property, provided that the facility is consistent with the purposes of the agency;
 - (3) Require certification by the ((commission)) department of all parks and recreation workers employed in state aided or state controlled programs;
 - (4) Act jointly, when advisable, with the United States, any other state agencies, institutions, departments, boards, or commissions in order to carry out the objectives and responsibilities of this chapter;
 - (5) Grant franchises and easements for any legitimate purpose on parks or parkways, for such terms and subject to such conditions and considerations as the ((commission)) department shall specify;
 - (6) Charge ((such)) fees for services, utilities, and use of facilities, except for facilities allowed to be accessed and used by the holder of a discover pass or day use permit under chapter 79A.80 RCW, as the ((commission)) department shall deem proper. Unless deemed inappropriate by the department, the department shall utilize unstaffed collection stations to collect any fees or distribute any permits necessary for access to state parks;
 - (7) Enter into agreements whereby individuals or companies may rent undeveloped parks or parkway land for grazing, agricultural, or mineral development purposes upon such terms and conditions as the ((commission)) department shall deem proper, for a term not to exceed forty years;
 - (8) Determine the qualifications of and employ a director of parks and recreation who shall receive a salary as fixed by the governor in accordance with the provisions of RCW 43.03.040 and determine the qualifications and salary of and employ such other persons as may be needed to carry out the provisions hereof; and

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(9) ((Without being limited to the powers hereinbefore enumerated, the commission shall have)) Utilize such other powers as in the judgment of a majority of its members are deemed necessary to effectuate the purposes of this chapter((: PROVIDED, That)). However, the ((commission shall)) department does not have power to supervise directly any local park or recreation district, and no funds shall be made available for such purpose.

- **Sec. 18.** RCW 77.32.070 and 2008 c 244 s 1 are each amended to read 9 as follows:
 - (1) Applicants for a license, permit, tag, or stamp shall furnish the information required by the director. However, the director may not require the purchaser of a razor clam license under RCW 77.32.520, a discover pass under section 2 of this act, or a day use permit under section 3 of this act to provide any personal information except for, when appropriate, proof of residency. The commission may adopt rules requiring licensees or permittees to keep records and make reports concerning the taking of or effort to harvest fish, shellfish, and wildlife. The reporting requirement may be waived where, for any reason, the department is not able to receive the report. The department must provide reasonable options for a licensee to submit information to a live operator prior to the reporting deadline.
 - (2) The commission may, by rule, set an administrative penalty for failure to comply with rules requiring the reporting of taking or effort to harvest wildlife. The commission may also adopt rules requiring hunters who have not reported for the previous license year to complete a report and pay the assessed administrative penalty before a new hunting license is issued.
 - (a) The total administrative penalty per hunter set by the commission must not exceed ten dollars.
 - (b) By December 31st of each year, the department shall report the rate of hunter compliance with the harvest reporting requirement, the administrative penalty imposed for failing to report, and the amount of administrative penalties collected during that year to the appropriate fiscal and policy committees of the senate and house of representatives.
 - (3) The commission may, by rule, set an administrative penalty for failure to comply with rules requiring the reporting of data from catch

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record cards officially endorsed for Puget Sound Dungeness crab. The commission may also adopt rules requiring fishers who possessed a catch record card officially endorsed for Puget Sound Dungeness crab and who have not reported for the previous license year to complete a report and pay the assessed administrative penalty before a new catch record card officially endorsed for Puget Sound Dungeness crab is issued.

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- (a) The total administrative penalty per fisher set by the commission must not exceed ten dollars.
- (b) By December 31st of each year, the department shall report the rate of fisher compliance with the Puget Sound Dungeness crab catch record card reporting requirement, the administrative penalty imposed for failing to report, and the amount of administrative penalties collected during that year to the appropriate fiscal and policy committees of the senate and house of representatives.
- 15 **Sec. 19.** RCW 77.32.050 and 2011 c 339 s 5 are each amended to read as follows:
 - (1) All recreational and commercial licenses, permits, tags, stamps, and raffle tickets shall be issued under the authority of the The commission shall adopt rules for the issuance of commission. licenses, permits, tags, stamps, and raffle tickets, and for the collection, payment, and handling of license fees, including terms and conditions to govern dealers, and dealer fees. A transaction fee on commercial and recreational documents issued through an automated licensing system may be set by the commission and collected from licensees. The department may authorize all or part of such fee to be paid directly to a contractor providing automated licensing system The department and dealers shall collect and retain dealer fees of at least two dollars for purchase of a standard hunting or fishing recreational license document or commercial license document, except that the commission may set a lower dealer fee for issuance of tags or when a licensee buys a license that involves a stamp or display card format rather than a standard department licensing document form or for purchases of a discover pass under section 2 of this act or a day use permit under section 3 of this act. Dealer fees must be uniform throughout the state.
 - (2) ((Until September 1, 2011, the department shall charge an additional transaction fee of ten percent on all recreational licenses,

- 1 permits, tags, stamps, or raffle tickets. These transaction fees must
- 2 be deposited into the state wildlife account, created in RCW 77.12.170,
- 3 for funding fishing and hunting opportunities for recreational license
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- 5 $\frac{(3)}{(3)}$) The application fee is waived for all commercial license
- 6 documents that are issued through the automated licensing system.
- 7 **Sec. 20.** RCW 46.01.140 and 2011 c 171 s 11 are each amended to 8 read as follows:
- 9 (1) County auditor/agent duties. A county auditor or other agent 10 appointed by the director shall:
 - (a) Enter into a standard contract provided by the director;
- (b) Provide all services authorized by the director for vehicle certificates of title and vehicle registration applications and issuance under the direction and supervision of the director including,
- 15 but not limited to:
 - (i) Processing reports of sale;
 - (ii) Processing transitional ownership transactions;
- 18 (iii) Processing mail-in vehicle registration renewals until 19 directed otherwise by legislative authority;
- 20 (iv) Issuing registrations and temporary ORV use permits for off-road vehicles as required under chapter 46.09 RCW;
- (v) Issuing registrations for snowmobiles as required under chapter 46.10 RCW; and
 - (vi) Collecting fees and taxes as required;
- 25 (c) If authorized by the director, offer for sale and distribute 26 discover passes and day use permits as provided in chapter 79A.80 RCW.
 - (2) County auditor/agent assistants and subagents. A county auditor or other agent appointed by the director may, with approval of the director:
- 30 (a) Appoint assistants as special deputies to accept applications 31 for vehicle certificates of title and to issue vehicle registrations; 32 and
- 33 (b) Recommend and request that the director appoint subagencies 34 within the county to accept applications for vehicle certificates of 35 title and vehicle registration application issuance.
- 36 (3) Appointing subagents. A county auditor or other agent

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appointed by the director who requests a subagency shall, with approval of the director:

- (a) Use an open competitive process including, but not limited to, a written business proposal and oral interview to determine the qualifications of all interested applicants; and
- (b) Submit all proposals to the director with a recommendation for appointment of one or more subagents who have applied through the open competitive process. If a qualified successor who is an existing subagent's sibling, spouse, or child, or a subagency employee has applied, the county auditor shall provide the name of the qualified successor and the name of one other applicant who is qualified and was chosen through the open competitive process.
 - (4) Subagent duties. A subagent appointed by the director shall:
- (a) Enter into a standard contract with the county auditor or agent provided by the director; ((and))
- (b) Provide all services authorized by the director for vehicle certificates of title and vehicle registration applications and issuance under the direction and supervision of the county auditor or agent and the director including, but not limited to:
 - (i) Processing reports of sale;

- (ii) Processing transitional ownership transactions;
- (iii) Mailing out vehicle registrations and replacement plates to internet payment option customers until directed otherwise by legislative authority;
 - (iv) Issuing registrations and temporary ORV use permits for off-road vehicles as required under chapter 46.09 RCW;
- (v) Issuing registrations for snowmobiles as required under chapter 46.10 RCW; and
 - (vi) Collecting fees and taxes as required; and
 - (c) If authorized by the director, offer for sale and distribute discover passes and day use permits as provided in chapter 79A.80 RCW.
 - (5) Subagent successorship. A subagent appointed by the director who no longer wants his or her appointment may recommend a successor who is the subagent's sibling, spouse, or child, or a subagency employee. The recommended successor must participate in the open competitive process used to select an applicant. In making successor recommendations and appointment determinations, the following provisions apply:

(a) If a subagency is held by a partnership or corporate entity, the nomination must be submitted on behalf of, and agreed to by, all partners or corporate officers;

- (b) A subagent may not receive any direct or indirect compensation or remuneration from any party or entity in recognition of a successor nomination. A subagent may not receive any financial benefit from the transfer or termination of an appointment; and
- (c) The appointment of a successor is intended to assist in the efficient transfer of appointments to minimize public inconvenience. The appointment of a successor does not create a proprietary or property interest in the appointment.
- (6) **Standard contracts.** The standard contracts provided by the director in this section may include provisions that the director deems necessary to ensure that readily accessible and acceptable service is provided to the citizens of the state, including the full collection of fees and taxes. The standard contracts must include provisions that:
- (a) Describe responsibilities and liabilities of each party related to service expectations and levels;
 - (b) Describe the equipment to be supplied by the department and equipment maintenance;
 - (c) Require specific types of insurance or bonds, or both, to protect the state against any loss of collected revenue or loss of equipment;
- (d) Specify the amount of training that will be provided by each of the parties;
- (e) Describe allowable costs that may be charged for vehicle registration activities as described in subsection (7) of this section; and
- 29 (f) Describe causes and procedures for termination of the contract, 30 which may include mediation and binding arbitration.
 - (7) County auditor/agent cost reimbursement. A county auditor or other agent appointed by the director who does not cover expenses for services provided by the standard contract may submit to the department a request for cost-coverage moneys. The request must be submitted on a form developed by the department. The department shall develop procedures to standardize and identify allowable costs and to verify whether a request is reasonable. Payment must be made on those requests found to be allowable from the licensing services account.

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- 1 (8) County auditor/agent revenue disbursement. County revenues 2 that exceed the cost of providing services described in the standard 3 contract, calculated in accordance with the procedures in subsection 4 (7) of this section, must be expended as determined by the county 5 legislative authority during the process established by law for 6 adoption of county budgets.
 - (9) **Appointment authority.** The director has final appointment authority for county auditors or other agents or subagents.
- 9 (10) **Rules.** The director may adopt rules to implement this 10 section.

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NEW SECTION. Sec. 21. A new section is added to chapter 46.01 RCW to read as follows:

The department of licensing may, in coordination with the state parks and recreation department, offer for sale and distribute discover passes and day use permits, as provided in chapter 79A.80 RCW, at department driver licenses offices. Any amounts collected by the department through the sales of discover passes and day use permits must be deposited in the recreation access pass account created in section 6 of this act.

- 20 **Sec. 22.** RCW 46.16A.090 and 2011 c 320 s 12 are each amended to 21 read as follows:
 - (1) The department, county auditor or other agent, or subagent appointed by the director shall provide an opportunity for a vehicle owner to make a voluntary donation as provided in this section when applying for an initial or renewal vehicle registration.
 - (2)(a) A vehicle owner who registers a vehicle under this chapter may donate one dollar or more to the organ and tissue donation awareness account to promote the donation of organs and tissues under the uniform anatomical gift act as described in chapter 68.64 RCW. The donation of one or more dollars is voluntary and may be refused by the vehicle owner.
- 32 (b) The department, county auditor or other agent, or subagent 33 appointed by the director shall:
- 34 (i) Ask a vehicle owner applying for a vehicle registration if the 35 owner would like to donate one dollar or more;

(ii) Inform a vehicle owner of the option for organ and tissue donations as required under RCW 46.20.113; and

- (iii) Make information booklets or other informational material available regarding the importance of organ and tissue donations to vehicle owners.
- (c) All reasonable costs associated with the creation of the donation program created under this section must be paid proportionally or by another agreement by a participating Washington state organ procurement organization established for organ and tissue donation awareness purposes by the Washington state organ procurement organizations. For the purposes of this section, "reasonable costs" and "Washington state organ procurement organization" have the same meaning as in RCW 68.64.010.
- (3) The department shall collect from a vehicle owner who pays a vehicle license fee under RCW 46.17.350(1) (a), (d), (e), (g), (h), (j), (n), (o), or (q) or who registers a vehicle under RCW 46.16A.455 with a declared gross weight of ten thousand pounds or less a voluntary donation of five dollars to support Washington's state park system. The donation may not be collected from any vehicle owner actively opting not to participate in the donation program. The department shall ensure that the opt-out donation under this section is clear, visible, and prominently displayed in both paper and online vehicle registration renewals. Notification of intent to not participate in the donation program must be provided annually at the time of vehicle registration renewal. The donation must be deposited in the state parks renewal and stewardship account established in RCW 79A.05.215 to be used for the operation and maintenance of state parks.
- (4) ((Beginning with vehicle license fees that are due or will become due on or after October 1, 2011,)) A vehicle owner who registers a vehicle under this chapter may purchase a discover pass for ((a fee of thirty dollars, as may be adjusted for inflation under RCW 79A.80.020)) the purchase price of a discover pass as established in section 2 of this act. Purchase of the discover pass is voluntary by the vehicle owner. The discover pass fee must be deposited in the recreation access pass account created in ((RCW 79A.80.090)) section 6 of this act. The department, county auditor, or other agent or subagent appointed by the director is not responsible for delivering a

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- 1 purchased discover pass to a motor vehicle owner. The agencies, as
- 2 defined in ((RCW 79A.80.010)) section 1 of this act, must deliver the
- 3 purchased discover pass to a motor vehicle owner.
- 4 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 23.** (1) A state agency may not refund money for
- 5 a discover pass or day use permit purchased prior to the effective date
- 6 of this section.
- 7 (2) Each pass or permit purchased prior to the effective date of
- 8 this section is valid for two license plate numbers written on the
- 9 pass.
- 10 (3) For the purposes of this section, "discover pass" and "day use
- 11 permit" refer to the passes and permits defined in section 1 of this
- 12 act.
- 13 (4) This section expires December 31, 2013.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 24. A new section is added to chapter 79A.05
- 15 RCW to read as follows:
- 16 There is created an agency of state government to be known as the
- 17 state parks and recreation department with the duties and
- 18 responsibilities set forth in this title. The director of the
- 19 department must be appointed by the governor.
- 20 **Sec. 25.** RCW 79A.05.010 and 1999 c 249 s 101 are each amended to
- 21 read as follows:
- The definitions in this section apply throughout this title unless
- 23 the context clearly requires otherwise.
- 24 (1) (("Commission")) <u>"Department"</u> means the state parks and
- 25 recreation ((commission)) department.
- 26 (2) (("Chair" means the member of the commission elected pursuant
- 27 to RCW 79A.05.025.
- 28 (3))) "Director" and "director of the state parks and recreation
- 29 ((commission)) department" mean the director of the state parks and
- 30 recreation <u>department</u> or the director's designee.
- 31 $((\frac{4}{}))$ (3) "Recreation" means those activities of a voluntary and
- 32 leisure time nature that aid in promoting entertainment, pleasure,
- 33 play, relaxation, or instruction.
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- represents, or is meant to become representative of, its unaltered state.
- 3 **Sec. 26.** RCW 79A.05.020 and 2011 c 171 s 114 are each amended to 4 read as follows:

In addition to whatever other duties may exist in law or be imposed in the future, it is the duty of the ((commission)) director to:

- (1) Implement integrated pest management practices and regulate pests as required by RCW 17.15.020;
- (2) Take steps necessary to control spartina and purple loosestrife as required by RCW 17.26.020;
 - (3) Participate in the implementation of chapter 19.02 RCW;
- 12 (4) Coordinate planning and provide staffing and administrative 13 assistance to the Lewis and Clark trail committee as required by RCW 14 27.34.340;
- 15 (5) Administer those portions of chapter 46.10 RCW not dealing with 16 the registration of snowmobiles as required by RCW 46.10.370;
 - (6) Consult and participate in the scenic and recreational highway system as required by chapter 47.39 RCW; and
- 19 (7) Develop, prepare, and distribute information relating to marine 20 oil recycling tanks and sewage holding tank pumping stations, in 21 cooperation with other departments, as required by chapter 88.02 RCW.
- 22 The ((commission)) <u>director</u> has the power reasonably necessary to 23 carry out these duties.
- 24 Sec. 27. RCW 79A.05.030 and 2005 c 373 s 1 and 2005 c 360 s 5 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

The ((commission)) director shall:

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- (1) Have the care, charge, control, and supervision of all parks and parkways acquired or set aside by the state for park or parkway purposes.
 - (2) Adopt policies, and adopt, issue, and enforce rules pertaining to the use, care, and administration of state parks and parkways. The ((commission)) department shall cause a copy of the rules to be kept posted in a conspicuous place in every state park to which they are applicable, but failure to post or keep any rule posted shall be no defense to any prosecution for the violation thereof.

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(3) Permit the use of state parks and parkways by the public under such rules as shall be adopted.

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- (4) Clear, drain, grade, seed, and otherwise improve or beautify parks and parkways, and erect structures, buildings, fireplaces, and comfort stations and build and maintain paths, trails, and roadways through or on parks and parkways.
- (5) Grant concessions or leases in state parks and parkways, upon such rentals, fees, or percentage of income or profits and for such terms, in no event longer than fifty years, and upon such conditions as shall be approved by the ((commission)) department: PROVIDED, That leases exceeding a twenty-year term shall require a unanimous vote of the ((commission)) department: PROVIDED FURTHER, That if, during the term of any concession or lease, it is the opinion of ((commission)) department that it would be in the best interest of the state, the ((commission)) department may, with the consent of the concessionaire or lessee, alter and amend the terms and conditions of such concession or lease: PROVIDED FURTHER, That television station leases shall be subject to the provisions of RCW 79A.05.085, only: PROVIDED FURTHER, That the rates of such concessions or leases shall be renegotiated at five-year intervals. No concession shall be granted which will prevent the public from having free access to the scenic attractions of any park or parkway.
- (6) Employ such assistance as it deems necessary. ((Commission)) Department expenses relating to its use of volunteer assistance shall be limited to premiums or assessments for the insurance of volunteers by the department of labor and industries, compensation of staff who assist volunteers, materials and equipment used in authorized volunteer projects, training, reimbursement of volunteer travel as provided in RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060, and other reasonable expenses relating to The ((commission)) department, volunteer recognition. discretion, may waive ((commission)) <u>department</u> fees otherwise applicable to volunteers. The ((commission)) department shall not use volunteers to replace or supplant classified positions. The use of volunteers may not lead to the elimination of any employees or permanent positions in the bargaining unit.
- (7) By majority vote of its authorized membership select and purchase or obtain options upon, lease, or otherwise acquire for and in the name of the state such tracts of land, including shore and tide

- lands, for park and parkway purposes as it deems proper. If the ((commission)) department cannot acquire any tract at a price it deems reasonable, it may, by majority vote of its authorized membership, obtain title thereto, or any part thereof, by condemnation proceedings conducted by the attorney general as provided for the condemnation of rights-of-way for state highways. Option agreements executed under authority of this subsection shall be valid only if:
- 8 (a) The cost of the option agreement does not exceed one dollar; 9 and

- (b) Moneys used for the purchase of the option agreement are from (i) funds appropriated therefor, or (ii) funds appropriated for undesignated land acquisitions, or (iii) funds deemed by the ((commission)) department to be in excess of the amount necessary for the purposes for which they were appropriated; and
- (c) The maximum amount payable for the property upon exercise of the option does not exceed the appraised value of the property.
- (8) Cooperate with the United States, or any county or city of this state, in any matter pertaining to the acquisition, development, redevelopment, renovation, care, control, or supervision of any park or parkway, and enter into contracts in writing to that end. All parks or parkways, to which the state contributed or in whose care, control, or supervision the state participated pursuant to the provisions of this section, shall be governed by the provisions hereof.
- (9) Within allowable resources, maintain policies that increase the number of people who have access to free or low-cost recreational opportunities for physical activity, including noncompetitive physical activity.
- (10) Adopt rules establishing the requirements for a criminal history record information search for the following: Job applicants, volunteers, and independent contractors who have unsupervised access to children or vulnerable adults, or who will be responsible for collecting or disbursing cash or processing credit/debit card transactions. These background checks will be done through the Washington state patrol criminal identification section and may include a national check from the federal bureau of investigation, which shall be through the submission of fingerprints. A permanent employee of the ((commission)) department, employed as of July 24, 2005, is exempt from the provisions of this subsection.

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- **Sec. 28.** RCW 79A.05.035 and 1999 c 249 s 303 are each amended to read as follows:
 - (1) The ((commission)) director shall:

- (a) Manage timber and land under its jurisdiction to maintain and enhance aesthetic and recreational values;
- (b) Apply modern conservation practices to maintain and enhance aesthetic, recreational, and ecological resources; and
- (c) Designate and preserve certain forest areas throughout the state as natural forests or natural areas for interpretation, study, and preservation purposes.
 - (2) Trees may be removed from state parks:
 - (a) When hazardous to persons, property, or facilities;
- 13 (b) As part of a park maintenance or development project, or 14 conservation practice;
 - (c) As part of a road or utility easement; or
 - (d) When damaged by a catastrophic forest event.
 - (3) Tree removal under subsection (2) of this section shall be done by ((commission)) department personnel, unless the personnel lack necessary expertise. Except in emergencies and when feasible, significant trees shall be removed only after they have been marked or appraised by a professional forester. The removal of significant trees from a natural forest may take place only after a public hearing has been held, except in emergencies.
 - (4) When feasible, felled timber shall be left on the ground for natural purposes or used for park purposes including, but not limited to, building projects, trail mulching, and firewood. In natural forest areas, first consideration shall be given to leaving timber on the ground for natural purposes.
 - (5) The ((commission)) director may issue permits to individuals under RCW 4.24.210 and 79A.05.090 for the removal of wood debris from state parks for personal firewood use.
 - (6) Only timber that qualifies for cutting or removal under subsection (2) of this section may be sold. Timber shall be sold only when surplus to the needs of the park.
- 35 (7) Net revenue derived from timber sales shall be deposited in the 36 state parks renewal and stewardship account created in RCW 79A.05.215.

1 **Sec. 29.** RCW 79A.05.040 and 1999 c 249 s 401 are each amended to read as follows:

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In addition to other duties, the ((commission)) director may ((from time to time impose, it is the duty of the director to)):

- 5 (1) Ensure the control of weeds in parks to the extent required by 6 RCW 17.04.160 and 17.10.205; and
- 7 (2) Participate in the operations of the environmental enhancement 8 and job creation task force under chapter 43.21J RCW.
- 9 The director has the power reasonably necessary to carry out these 10 duties.
- 11 **Sec. 30.** RCW 79A.05.045 and 1999 c 249 s 304 are each amended to read as follows:
- 13 (1) The ((commission)) director shall provide waste reduction and recycling information in each state park campground and day-use area.
 - (2) The ((commission)) director shall provide recycling receptacles in the day-use and campground areas of at least forty state parks. The receptacles shall be clearly marked for the disposal of at least two of the following recyclable materials: Aluminum, glass, newspaper, plastic, and tin. The ((commission)) department shall endeavor to provide recycling receptacles in parks that are near urban centers or in heavily used parks.
- 22 (3) The ((commission)) director shall provide daily maintenance of 23 such receptacles from April through September of each year.
- (4) The ((commission)) director is authorized to enter into agreements with any person, company, or nonprofit organization to provide for the collection and transport of recyclable materials and related activities under this section.
- 28 **Sec. 31.** RCW 79A.05.050 and 2002 c 175 s 52 are each amended to read as follows:
- 30 (1) The ((commission)) director shall establish a policy and procedures for supervising and evaluating community restitution activities that may be imposed under RCW 70.93.060(3) including a description of what constitutes satisfactory completion of community restitution.
- 35 (2) The ((commission)) director shall inform each state park of the 36 policy and procedures regarding community restitution activities, and

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- 1 each state park shall then notify the ((commission)) department as to
- 2 whether or not the park elects to participate in the community
- 3 restitution program. The ((commission)) department shall transmit a
- 4 list notifying the district courts of each state park that elects to
- 5 participate.

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- 6 **Sec. 32.** RCW 79A.05.055 and 1997 c 137 s 1 are each amended to 7 read as follows:
- 8 The ((commission)) director may:
- 9 (1) Study and appraise parks and recreational needs of the state 10 and assemble and disseminate information relative to parks and 11 recreation;
- 12 (2) Make provisions for the publication and sale of interpretive, 13 recreational, and historical materials and literature. Proceeds from 14 such sales shall be directed to the parks improvement account; and
- 15 (3) Coordinate the parks and recreational functions of the various 16 state departments, and cooperate with state and federal agencies in the 17 promotion of parks and recreational opportunities.
- 18 **Sec. 33.** RCW 79A.05.060 and 1999 c 249 s 402 are each amended to read as follows:
- 20 (1) The parks improvement account is hereby established in the 21 state treasury.
 - (2) The ((commission)) director shall deposit all moneys received from the sale of interpretive, recreational, and historical literature and materials in this account. Moneys in the account may be spent only for development, production, and distribution costs associated with literature and materials.
 - (3) Disbursements from the account shall be on the authority of the director, or the director's designee. The account is subject to the allotment procedure provided under chapter 43.88 RCW. No appropriation is required for disbursement of moneys to be used for support of further production of materials provided for in RCW 79A.05.055(2). The director may transfer a portion of the moneys in this account to the state parks renewal and stewardship account and may expend moneys so transferred for any purpose provided for in RCW 79A.05.215.

- **Sec. 34.** RCW 79A.05.065 and 2011 c 171 s 115 are each amended to read as follows:
 - (1)(a) The ((commission)) director shall grant to any person who meets the eligibility requirements specified in this section a senior citizen's pass which shall: (i) Entitle such a person, and members of his or her camping unit, to a fifty percent reduction in the campsite rental fee prescribed by the ((commission)) department; and (ii) entitle such a person to free admission to any state park.
 - (b) The ((commission)) director shall grant a senior citizen's pass to any person who applies for the senior citizen's pass and who meets the following requirements:
 - (i) The person is at least sixty-two years of age;

- (ii) The person is a domiciliary of the state of Washington and meets reasonable residency requirements prescribed by the ((commission)) director; and
 - (iii) The person and his or her spouse have a combined income that would qualify the person for a property tax exemption pursuant to RCW 84.36.381. The financial eligibility requirements of this subsection (1)(b)(iii) apply regardless of whether the applicant for a senior citizen's pass owns taxable property or has obtained or applied for such property tax exemption.
 - (c) Each senior citizen's pass granted pursuant to this section is valid as long as the senior citizen meets the requirements of (b)(ii) of this subsection. A senior citizen meeting the eligibility requirements of this section may make a voluntary donation for the upkeep and maintenance of state parks.
 - (d) A holder of a senior citizen's pass shall surrender the pass upon request of a ((commission)) department employee when the employee has reason to believe the holder fails to meet the criteria in (b) of this subsection. The holder shall have the pass returned upon providing proof to the satisfaction of the director that the holder meets the eligibility criteria for obtaining the senior citizen's pass.
 - (2)(a) Any resident of Washington who is disabled as defined by the social security administration and who receives social security benefits for that disability, or any other benefits for that disability from any other governmental or nongovernmental source, or who is entitled to benefits for permanent disability under RCW $71A.10.020((\frac{4}{3}))$ (4) due to unemployability full time at the minimum

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wage, or who is legally blind or profoundly deaf, or who has been issued a card, decal, or special license plate for a permanent disability under RCW 46.19.010 shall be entitled to receive, regardless of age and upon making application therefor, a disability pass at no cost to the holder. The pass shall: (i) Entitle such a person, and members of his or her camping unit, to a fifty percent reduction in the campsite rental fee prescribed by the ((commission)) director; and (ii) entitle such a person to free admission to any state park.

- (b) A card, decal, or special license plate issued for a permanent disability under RCW 46.19.010 may serve as a pass for the holder to entitle that person and members of the person's camping unit to a fifty percent reduction in the campsite rental fee prescribed by the ((commission)) department, and to allow the holder free admission to state parks.
- (3) Any resident of Washington who is a veteran and has a service-connected disability of at least thirty percent shall be entitled to receive a lifetime veteran's disability pass at no cost to the holder. The pass shall: (a) Entitle such a person, and members of his or her camping unit, to free use of any campsite within any state park; (b) entitle such a person to free admission to any state park; and (c) entitle such a person to an exemption from any reservation fees.
- (4)(a) Any Washington state resident who provides out-of-home care to a child, as either a licensed foster-family home or a person related to the child, is entitled to a foster home pass.
- (b) An applicant for a foster home pass must request a pass in the manner required by the ((commission)) department. Upon receipt of a properly submitted request, the ((commission)) department shall verify with the department of social and health services that the applicant qualifies under (a) of this subsection. Once issued, a foster home pass is valid for the period, which may not be less than one year, designated by the ((commission)) director.
- (c) When accompanied by a child receiving out-of-home care from the pass holder, a foster home pass: (i) Entitles such a person, and members of his or her camping unit, to free use of any campsite within any state park; and (ii) entitles such a person to free admission to any state park.
 - (d) For the purposes of this subsection (4):

- 1 (i) "Out-of-home care" means placement in a foster-family home or 2 with a person related to the child under the authority of chapter 3 13.32A, 13.34, or 74.13 RCW;
- 4 (ii) "Foster-family home" has the same meaning as defined in RCW 5 74.15.020; and
- 6 (iii) "Person related to the child" means those persons referred to in RCW 74.15.020(2)(a) (i) through (vi).
- 8 (5) All passes issued pursuant to this section are valid at all 9 parks any time during the year. However, the pass is not valid for 10 admission to concessionaire operated facilities.
 - (6) The ((commission)) director shall negotiate payment and costs, to allow holders of a foster home pass free access and usage of park campsites, with the following nonoperated, nonstate-owned parks: Central Ferry, Chief Timothy, Crow Butte, and Lyons Ferry. The ((commission)) department shall seek state general fund reimbursement on a biennial basis.
 - (7) The ((commission)) director may deny or revoke any Washington state park pass issued under this section for cause, including but not limited to the following:
 - (a) Residency outside the state of Washington;
- 21 (b) Violation of laws or state park rules resulting in eviction 22 from a state park;
 - (c) Intimidating, obstructing, or assaulting a park employee or park volunteer who is engaged in the performance of official duties;
 - (d) Fraudulent use of a pass;

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- 26 (e) Providing false information or documentation in the application 27 for a state parks pass;
 - (f) Refusing to display or show the pass to park employees when requested; or
- 30 (g) Failing to provide current eligibility information upon request31 by the agency or when eligibility ceases or changes.
- 32 (8) This section shall not affect or otherwise impair the power of 33 the ((commission)) department to continue or discontinue any other 34 programs it has adopted for senior citizens.
- 35 (9) The ((commission)) <u>director</u> may engage in a mutually agreed 36 upon reciprocal or discounted program for all or specific pass programs 37 with other outdoor recreation agencies.

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(10) The ((commission)) director shall adopt those rules as it 1 2 finds appropriate for the administration of this section. Among other things, the rules shall prescribe a definition of "camping unit" which 3 4 will authorize a reasonable number of persons traveling with the person 5 having a pass to stay at the campsite rented by such a person, a 6 minimum Washington residency requirement for applicants for a senior 7 citizen's pass, and an application form to be completed by applicants 8 for a senior citizen's pass.

Sec. 35. RCW 79A.05.080 and 1965 c 8 s 43.51.062 are each amended to read as follows:

The state parks and recreation ((commission)) department is hereby authorized to lease the use of such areas in Mount Spokane state park, Steptoe Butte state park, Kamiak Butte state park or any other state park for television stations as the ((commission)) department may decide are suitable for that purpose: PROVIDED, That this authority shall not extend to school lands or lands held by the state of Washington for educational purposes.

18 **Sec. 36.** RCW 79A.05.085 and 1974 ex.s. c 151 s 1 are each amended to read as follows:

The ((commission)) director shall determine the fair market value for television station leases based upon independent appraisals and existing leases for television stations shall be extended at said fair market rental for at least one period of not more than twenty years: PROVIDED, That the rates in said leases shall be renegotiated at five year intervals: PROVIDED FURTHER, That said stations shall permit the attachment of antennae of publicly operated broadcast and microwave stations where electronically practical to combine the towers: PROVIDED FURTHER, That notwithstanding any term to the contrary in any lease, this section shall not preclude the ((commission)) director from prescribing new and reasonable lease terms relating modification, placement or design of facilities operated by or for a station, and any extension of a lease granted under this section shall be subject to this proviso: PROVIDED FURTHER, That notwithstanding any other provision of law the director in his discretion may waive any requirement that any environmental impact statement or environmental

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- 1 assessment be submitted as to any lease negotiated and signed between
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- 3 **Sec. 37.** RCW 79A.05.090 and 1983 c 193 s 1 are each amended to 4 read as follows:
- Persons over the age of sixty-five are exempt from any permit or other administrative fee imposed by the ((commission)) director for the collection of wood debris in state parks, if such wood is for personal use.
- 9 **Sec. 38.** RCW 79A.05.095 and 1999 c 249 s 901 are each amended to read as follows:
- The ((commission)) department may receive and accept donations of lands for state park purposes, and shall be responsible for the management and control of all lands so acquired. It may from time to time recommend to the legislature the acquisition of lands for park purposes by purchase or condemnation.
- 16 **Sec. 39.** RCW 79A.05.100 and 1997 c 137 s 3 are each amended to read as follows:
- The ((commission)) department may receive in trust any money donated or bequeathed to it, and carry out the terms of such donation or bequest, or, in the absence of such terms, expend the same as it may deem advisable for park or parkway purposes.
- Money so received shall be deposited in the state parks renewal and stewardship account.
- 24 **Sec. 40.** RCW 79A.05.105 and 1965 c 8 s 43.51.100 are each amended to read as follows:

Inasmuch as the value of land with standing timber is increasing and will continue to increase from year to year and no loss will be caused to the common school fund or other fund into which the proceeds of the sale of any land held by the state would be paid by postponing the sale thereof, the commissioner of public lands may, upon his or her own motion, and shall, when directed so to do by the ((state parks and recreation commission)) department, withdraw from sale any land held by the state abutting on any public highway and certify to the

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- 1 ((commission)) department that such land is withheld from sale pursuant 2 to the terms of this section.
- Such lands shall not be sold until directed by the legislature, and shall in the meantime be under the care, charge, control, and supervision of the ((commission)) department.
- 6 **Sec. 41.** RCW 79A.05.110 and 1999 c 249 s 902 are each amended to 7 read as follows:

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- The commissioner of public lands may, upon his or her own motion, and shall, when directed so to do by the ((commission)) department, withdraw from sale any land held by the state and not acquired directly from the United States with reservations as to the manner of sale thereof and the purposes for which it may be sold, and certify to the ((commission)) department that such land is withheld from sale pursuant to the terms of this section.
- All such land shall be under the care, charge, control, and supervision of the ((commission)) department, and after appraisal in such manner as the ((commission)) department directs may be exchanged for land of equal value, and to this end the ((chair and secretary of the commission)) director may execute deeds of conveyance in the name of the state.
- 21 **Sec. 42.** RCW 79A.05.115 and 2009 c 338 s 1 are each amended to 22 read as follows:
- 23 (1) The ((commission)) <u>department</u> shall develop and maintain a 24 cross-state trail facility with appropriate appurtenances.
- (2) This section expires July 1, 2019, unless the department of transportation enters into a franchise agreement for a rail line over any of the portions of the Milwaukee Road corridor between Ellensburg and Marengo by July 1, 2019.
- 29 **Sec. 43.** RCW 79A.05.120 and 2009 c 338 s 2 are each amended to 30 read as follows:
- 31 (1) To facilitate completion of a cross-state trail under the 32 management of the ((parks and recreation commission)) department, 33 management and control of lands known as the Milwaukee Road corridor 34 shall be transferred between state agencies as follows on the date a

franchise agreement is entered into for a rail line over portions of the Milwaukee Road corridor:

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- (a) Portions owned by the state between Ellensburg and the Columbia river that are managed by the ((parks and recreation commission)) department are transferred to the department of transportation;
- (b) Portions owned by the state between the west side of the Columbia river and Royal City Junction and between Warden and Lind that are managed by the department of natural resources are transferred to the department of transportation;
- (c) Portions owned by the state between Lind and the Idaho border that are managed by the department of natural resources are transferred to the ((parks and recreation commission)) department as of June 7, 2006; and
- 14 (d) Portions owned by the state between Lind and Marengo are 15 transferred to the department of transportation.
 - (2) The department of natural resources may, by mutual agreement with the ((parks and recreation commission)) department, transfer management authority over portions of the Milwaukee Road corridor to the ((state parks and recreation commission)) department, at any time prior to the department of transportation entering into a franchise agreement.
- (3) This section expires July 1, 2019, and no transfers shall occur unless the department of transportation enters into a franchise agreement for a rail line over any of the portions of the Milwaukee Road corridor between Ellensburg and Marengo by July 1, 2019.
- 26 **Sec. 44.** RCW 79A.05.125 and 2009 c 338 s 3 are each amended to 27 read as follows:
 - (1) The department of transportation shall negotiate one or more franchises with rail carriers to establish and maintain a rail line over portions of the Milwaukee Road corridor owned by the state between Ellensburg and Marengo. The department of transportation may negotiate such a franchise with any qualified rail carrier. Criteria for negotiating the franchise and establishing the right-of-way include:
- 34 (a) Assurances that resources from the franchise will be sufficient 35 to compensate the state for use of the property, including completion 36 of a cross-state trail between Easton and the Idaho border;

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- 1 (b) Types of payment for use of the franchise, including payment 2 for the use of federally granted trust lands in the transportation 3 corridor;
 - (c) Standards for maintenance of the line;

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- (d) Provisions ensuring that both the conventional and intermodal rail service needs of local shippers are met. Such accommodations may comprise agreements with the franchisee to offer or maintain adequate service or to provide service by other carriers at commercially reasonable rates;
- (e) Provisions requiring the franchisee, upon reasonable request of any other rail operator, to provide rail service and interchange freight over what is commonly known as the Stampede Pass rail line from Cle Elum to Auburn at commercially reasonable rates;
 - (f) If any part of the franchise agreement is invalidated by actions or rulings of the federal surface transportation board or a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining portions of the franchise agreement are not affected;
 - (g) Compliance with environmental standards; and
 - (h) Provisions for insurance and the coverage of liability.
- 20 (2) The franchise may provide for periodic review of financial arrangements under the franchise.
 - (3) The department of transportation, in consultation with the ((parks and recreation commission)) department and the senate and house transportation committees, shall negotiate the terms of the franchise, and shall present the agreement to the ((parks and recreation commission)) department for approval of as to terms and provisions affecting the cross-state trail or affecting the ((commission)) department.
 - (4) This section expires July 1, 2019, unless the department of transportation enters into a franchise agreement for a rail line over any of the portions of the Milwaukee Road corridor between Ellensburg and Marengo by July 1, 2019.
- 33 **Sec. 45.** RCW 79A.05.130 and 2009 c 338 s 4 are each amended to read as follows:
- 35 (1) The cross-state trail account is created in the custody of the 36 state treasurer. Eleven million five hundred thousand dollars is 37 provided to the ((state parks and recreation commission)) department to

- acquire, construct, and maintain a cross-state trail. This amount may 1 2 (a) Legislative appropriations intended for trail 3 development; (b) payments for the purchase of federally granted trust 4 lands; and (c) franchise fees derived from use of the rail corridor. legislature 5 The intends that any amounts provided 6 transportation fund are to be repaid to the transportation fund from 7 franchise fees.
- 8 (2) The department of transportation shall deposit franchise fees from use of the rail corridor according to the following priority: (a) 9 10 To the department of transportation for actual costs incurred in 11 administering the franchise; (b) to the department of natural resources 12 as compensation for use of federally granted trust lands in the rail 13 corridor; (c) to the transportation fund to reimburse any amounts transferred or appropriated from that fund by the legislature for trail 14 15 development; (d) to the cross-state trail account, not to exceed eleven million five hundred thousand dollars, provided that this amount shall 16 be reduced proportionate with any funds transferred or appropriated by 17 18 the 1996 legislature or paid from franchise fees for the purchase of 19 federally granted trust lands or for trail development; and (e) the 20 remainder to the essential rail assistance account, created under RCW 21 47.76.250. Expenditures from the cross-state trail account may be used 22 only for the acquisition, development, operation, and maintenance of 23 the cross-state trail. Only the director of the ((state parks and 24 recreation commission)) department or the director's designee may authorize expenditures from the account. The account is subject to 25 26 allotment procedures under chapter 43.88 RCW, but no appropriation is 27 required for expenditures.
 - (3) The ((commission)) department may acquire land from willing sellers for the cross-state trail, but not by eminent domain.
- 30 (4) The ((commission)) department shall adopt rules describing the 31 cross-state trail.

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- 32 (5) This section expires July 1, 2019, unless the department of 33 transportation enters into a franchise agreement for a rail line over 34 any of the portions of the Milwaukee Road corridor between Ellensburg 35 and Marengo by July 1, 2019.
- 36 **Sec. 46.** RCW 79A.05.140 and 1999 c 59 s 2 are each amended to read 37 as follows:

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The ((state parks and recreation commission)) department may grant permits to individuals, groups, churches, charities, organizations, agencies, clubs, or associations to improve any state park or parkway, or any lands belonging to the state and withdrawn from sale under the provisions of this chapter. These improvements shall not interfere with access to or use of such public lands or facilities by the general public and shall benefit the public in terms of safety, recreation, aesthetics, or wildlife or natural area preservation. improvements on public lands and facilities shall be for the use of all members of the general public.

Sec. 47. RCW 79A.05.145 and 1999 c 59 s 3 are each amended to read 12 as follows:

Any such individual, group, organization, agency, club, or association desiring to obtain such permit shall make application therefor in writing to the ((commission)) department, describing the lands proposed to be improved and stating the nature of the proposed improvement.

- **Sec. 48.** RCW 79A.05.150 and 1982 c 156 s 3 are each amended to 19 read as follows:
 - If the ((state parks and recreation commission)) department determines that the proposed improvement will substantially alter a park, parkway, or park land, it shall require the applicant to submit detailed plans and specifications of the proposed improvement, which, as submitted, or as modified by the ((state parks and recreation commission)) department, shall be incorporated in the permit when granted.
- **Sec. 49.** RCW 79A.05.155 and 2000 c 11 s 31 are each amended to 28 read as follows:

If the ((commission)) department determines it necessary, the applicant shall execute and file with the secretary of state a bond payable to the state, in such penal sum as the ((commission)) department shall require, with good and sufficient sureties to be approved by the ((commission)) department, conditioned that the grantee of the permit will make the improvement in accordance with the plans and specifications contained in the permit, and, in case the

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- 1 improvement is made upon lands withdrawn from sale under the provisions
- of RCW 79A.05.105, will pay into the state treasury to the credit of
- 3 the fund to which the proceeds of the sale of such lands would belong,
- 4 the appraised value of all merchantable timber and material on the
- 5 land, destroyed, or used in making such improvement.
- 6 **Sec. 50.** RCW 79A.05.160 and 2011 c 320 s 15 are each amended to read as follows:
- 8 (1) The ((members of the commission)) director and ((its)) the 9 director's designated employees shall be vested with police powers to 10 enforce the laws of this state.
- 11 (2) The director may, under the provisions of RCW 7.84.140, enter 12 into an agreement allowing employees of the department of natural 13 resources and the department of fish and wildlife to enforce certain 14 civil infractions created under this title.
- 15 **Sec. 51.** RCW 79A.05.165 and 2007 c 441 s 2 are each amended to read as follows:
 - (1) Every person is guilty of a misdemeanor who:

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- (a) Cuts, breaks, injures, destroys, takes, or removes any tree, shrub, timber, plant, or natural object in any park or parkway except in accordance with such rules as the ((commission)) department may prescribe; or
 - (b) Kills, or pursues with intent to kill, any bird or animal in any park or parkway except in accordance with a research pass, permit, or other approval issued by the ((commission)) department, pursuant to rule, for scientific research purposes; or
 - (c) Takes any fish from the waters of any park or parkway, except in conformity with such general rules as the ((commission)) department may prescribe; or
 - (d) Willfully mutilates, injures, defaces, or destroys any guidepost, notice, tablet, fence, inclosure, or work for the protection or ornamentation of any park or parkway; or
 - (e) Lights any fire upon any park or parkway, except in such places as the ((commission)) department has authorized, or willfully or carelessly permits any fire which he or she has lighted or which is under his or her charge, to spread or extend to or burn any of the shrubbery, trees, timber, ornaments, or improvements upon any park or

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parkway, or leaves any campfire which he or she has lighted or which has been left in his or her charge, unattended by a competent person, without extinguishing it; or

- (f) Places within any park or parkway or affixes to any object therein contained, without a written license from the ((commission)) department, any word, character, or device designed to advertise any business, profession, article, thing, exhibition, matter, or event.
- (2)(a) Except as provided in (b) of this subsection, a person who violates any rule adopted, promulgated, or issued by the ((commission)) department pursuant to the provisions of this chapter is guilty of a misdemeanor.
- (b) The ((commission)) department may specify by rule, when not inconsistent with applicable statutes, that violation of the rule is an infraction under chapter 7.84 RCW.
- **Sec. 52.** RCW 79A.05.170 and 1991 sp.s. c 13 s 23 are each amended to read as follows:
 - (1) Any lands owned by the ((state parks and recreation commission)) department, which are determined to be surplus to the needs of the state for development for state park purposes and which the ((commission)) department proposes to deed to a local government or other entity, shall be accompanied by a clause requiring that if the land is not used for outdoor recreation purposes, ownership of the land shall revert to the ((state parks and recreation commission)) department.
 - (2) The ((state parks and recreation commission)) department, in cases where land subject to such a reversionary clause is proposed for use or disposal for purposes other than recreation, shall require that, if the land is surplus to the needs of the ((commission)) department for park purposes at the time the ((commission)) department becomes aware of its proposed use for nonrecreation purposes, the holder of the land or property shall reimburse the ((commission)) department for the release of the reversionary interest in the land. The reimbursement shall be in the amount of the fair market value of the reversionary interest as determined by a qualified appraiser agreeable to the ((commission)) department. Appraisal costs shall be borne by the local entity which holds title to the land.

(3) Any funds generated under a reimbursement under this section shall be deposited in the parkland acquisition account which is hereby created in the state treasury. Moneys in this account are to be used solely for the purchase or acquisition of property for use as state park property by the ((commission)) department, as directed by the legislature; all such funds shall be subject to legislative appropriation.

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8 **Sec. 53.** RCW 79A.05.175 and 2007 c 145 s 1 are each amended to 9 read as follows:

Whenever the ((commission)) department finds that any land under its control cannot advantageously be used for park purposes, it is authorized to dispose of such land by the method provided in this section or by the method provided in RCW 79A.05.170. If such lands are school or other grant lands, control thereof shall be relinquished by resolution of the ((commission)) department to the proper state If such lands were acquired under restrictive conveyances by which the state may hold them only so long as they are used for park purposes, they may be returned to the donor or grantors by the ((commission)) department. All other such lands may be either sold by the ((commission)) department to the highest bidder or exchanged for other lands of equal value by the ((commission)) department, and all conveyance documents shall be executed by the governor. exchanges shall be accompanied by a transfer fee, to be set by the ((commission)) department and paid by the other party to the transfer; such fee shall be paid into the parkland acquisition account established under RCW 79A.05.170. The ((commission)) department may accept sealed bids, electronic bids, or oral bids at auction. Bids on all sales shall be solicited at least twenty days in advance of the sale date by an advertisement appearing at least once a week for two consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the land to be sold is located. If the ((commission)) department feels that no bid received adequately reflects the fair value of the land to be sold, it may reject all bids, and may call for new bids. All proceeds derived from the sale of such park property shall be paid into the park land acquisition account. considered for exchange shall be evaluated by the ((commission)) <u>department</u> to determine its adaptability to park usage. The equal

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- value of all lands exchanged shall first be determined by the appraisals to the satisfaction of the ((commission)) department. No
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- 4 unanimous consent of the ((commission)) department.

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- 5 **Sec. 54.** RCW 79A.05.178 and 2000 c 42 s 1 are each amended to read 6 as follows:
 - (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, the ((commission)) department may directly dispose of up to ten contiguous acres of real property, without public auction, to resolve trespass, property ownership disputes, and boundary adjustments with adjacent private property owners. Real property to be disposed of under this section may be disposed of only after appraisal and for at least fair market value, and only if the transaction is in the best interest of The ((commission)) department shall cooperate with state. potential purchasers to arrive at a mutually agreeable sales price. necessary, determination of fair market value may include the use of separate independent appraisals by each party and the review of the appraisals, as agreed upon by the parties. All conveyance documents shall be executed by the governor. All proceeds from the disposal of the property shall be paid into the park land acquisition account. disposal of real property may be made without the unanimous consent of the ((commission)) department.
 - (2) Prior to the disposal of any real property under subsection (1) of this section, the ((commission)) department shall hold a public hearing on the proposal in the county where the real property, or the greatest portion of the real property, is located. At least ten days, but not more than twenty-five days, prior to the hearing, the ((commission)) department shall publish a paid public notice of reasonable size in display advertising form, setting forth the date, time, and place of the hearing, at least once in one or more daily newspapers of general circulation in the county and at least once in one or more weekly newspapers circulated in the area where the real property is located. A news release concerning the public hearing must be disseminated among print and electronic media in the area where the real property is located. The public notice and news release shall also identify the real property involved in the proposed disposal and describe the purpose of the proposed disposal. A summary of the

testimony presented at the public hearing shall be prepared for the ((commission's)) department's consideration when reviewing the proposed disposal of real property.

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- (3) If there is a failure to substantially comply with the procedures set out under this section, then the agreement to dispose of the real property is subject to being declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction. Such a suit must be brought within one year of the date of the real property disposal agreement.
- 9 **Sec. 55.** RCW 79A.05.180 and 1998 c 42 s 2 are each amended to read 10 as follows:
- 11 Before the director ((of parks and recreation presents a proposed)) 12 proposes an exchange ((to the parks and recreation commission)) 13 involving ((an exchange of)) state land pursuant to this chapter, the 14 director shall hold a public hearing on the proposal in the county where the state lands or the greatest proportion thereof is located. 15 Ten days but not more than twenty-five days prior to such hearing, the 16 director shall publish a paid public notice of reasonable size in 17 18 display advertising form, setting forth the date, time, and place of the hearing, at least once in one or more daily newspapers of general 19 20 circulation in the county and at least once in one or more weekly 21 newspapers circulated in the area where the state owned land is 22 A news release pertaining to the hearing 23 disseminated among printed and electronic media in the area where the state land is located. The public notice and news release also shall 24 25 identify lands involved in the proposed exchange and describe the 26 purposes of the exchange and proposed use of the lands involved. summary of the testimony presented at the hearings shall be prepared 27 28 for the ((commission's)) department's consideration when reviewing the 29 director's exchange proposal. If there is a failure to substantially 30 comply with the procedures set forth in this section, then the exchange 31 agreement shall be subject to being declared invalid by a court. 32 such suit must be brought within one year from the date of the exchange 33 agreement.
- 34 **Sec. 56.** RCW 79A.05.185 and 1999 c 249 s 904 are each amended to read as follows:
- To encourage the development of the Puget Sound country as a

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- recreational boating area, the ((commission)) department is authorized 1 2 to establish landing, launch ramp, and other facilities for small pleasure boats at places on Puget Sound frequented by such boats and 3 where the ((commission)) department shall find such facilities will be 4 5 of greatest advantage to the users of pleasure boats. The ((commission)) department is authorized to acquire land or to make use 6 7 of lands belonging to the state for such purposes, and to construct the necessary floats, launch ramp, and other desirable structures and to 8 9 make such further development of any area used in connection therewith 10 as in the judgment of the ((commission)) department is best calculated to facilitate the public enjoyment thereof. 11
- 12 **Sec. 57.** RCW 79A.05.190 and 1997 c 150 s 2 are each amended to read as follows:
- (1) By September 1, 1997, the ((commission)) department shall increase the area available for use by recreational metal detectors by at least two hundred acres.
- (2) Beginning September 1, 1998, and each year thereafter until
 August 31, 2003, the ((commission)) department shall increase the area
 of land available for use by recreational metal detectors by at least
 fifty acres.
- 21 **Sec. 58.** RCW 79A.05.195 and 1999 c 249 s 905 are each amended to 22 read as follows:
- 23 (1) The ((commission)) department shall develop a cost-effective 24 plan to identify historic archaeological resources in at least one 25 state park containing a military fort located in Puget Sound. The plan 26 shall include the use of a professional archaeologist and volunteer 27 citizens.
- 28 (2) Any park land that is made available for use by recreational 29 metal detectors under this section shall count toward the requirements 30 established in RCW 79A.05.190.
- 31 **Sec. 59.** RCW 79A.05.200 and 2000 c 11 s 32 are each amended to read as follows:
- 33 The powers, functions, and duties heretofore exercised by the 34 department of fish and wildlife, or its director, respecting the 35 management, control, and operation of the following enumerated

tidelands, which are presently suitable for public recreational use, 1 2 are hereby transferred to the ((parks and recreation commission)) department which shall also have respecting such tidelands all the 3 4

powers conferred by this chapter, as now or hereafter amended,

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Parcel No. 1. (Toandos Peninsula) The tidelands of the second class, owned by the state of Washington, situate in front of, adjacent to, or abutting upon lots 1, 2, and 3, section 5, lots 1, 2, and 3, section 4, and lot 1, section 3, all in township 25 north, range 1 west, W.M., with a frontage of 158.41 lineal chains, more or less.

Parcel No. 2. (Shine) The tidelands of the second class, owned by the state of Washington, situate in front of, adjacent to, or abutting upon lots 1, 2, 3 and that portion of lot 4 lying north of the south 8.35 chains thereof as measured along the government meander line, all in section 35, township 28 north, range 1 east, W.M., with a frontage of 76.70 lineal chains, more or less.

Subject to an easement for right-of-way for county road granted to Jefferson county December 8, 1941 under application No. 1731, records of department of public lands.

Parcel No. 3. (Mud Bay - Lopez Island) The tidelands of the second class, owned by the state of Washington situate in front of, adjacent to, or abutting upon lots 5, 6 and 7, section 18, lot 5, section 7 and lots 3, 4, and 5, section 8, all in township 34 north, range 1 west, W.M., with a frontage of 172.11 lineal chains, more or less.

Excepting, however, any tideland of the second class in front of said lot 3, section 8 conveyed through deeds issued April 14, 1909 pursuant to the provisions of chapter 24, Laws of 1895 under application No. 4985, records of department of public lands.

Parcel No. 4. (Spencer Spit) The tidelands of the second class, owned by the state of Washington, situate in front of, adjacent to, or abutting upon lots 1, 3, and 4, section 7, and lot 5, section 18 all in township 35 north, range 1 west, W.M., with a frontage of 118.80 lineal chains, more or less.

Parcel No. 5. (Lilliwaup) The tidelands of the second class, owned by the state of Washington, lying easterly of the east line of vacated state oyster reserve plat No. 133 produced southerly and situate in front of, adjacent to or abutting upon lot 9, section 30, lot 8,

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- 1 section 19 and lot 5 and the south 20 acres of lot 4, section 20, all
- 2 in township 23 north, range 3 west, W.M., with a frontage of 62.46
- 3 lineal chains, more or less.

- **Sec. 60.** RCW 79A.05.205 and 2000 c 11 s 33 are each amended to read as follows:
- The ((state parks and recreation commission)) department may take appropriate action to provide public and private access, including roads and docks, to and from the tidelands described in RCW 79A.05.200.
- **Sec. 61.** RCW 79A.05.210 and 1999 c 249 s 906 are each amended to read as follows:
 - (1) The department of natural resources and the ((commission)) department shall have authority to negotiate sales to the ((commission)) department, for park and outdoor recreation purposes, of trust lands at fair market value.
 - (2) The department of natural resources and the ((commission)) department shall negotiate a sale to the ((commission)) department of the lands and timber thereon identified in the joint study under section 4, chapter 163, Laws of 1985, and commonly referred to as the Point Lawrence trust property, San Juan county on the extreme east point of Orcas Island. Timber conservation and management practices provided for in RCW 79A.05.035 and 79A.05.305 shall govern the management of land and timber transferred under this subsection as of the effective date of the transfer, upon payment for the property, and nothing in this chapter shall be construed as restricting or otherwise modifying the department of natural resources' management, control, or use of such land and timber until such date.
- **Sec. 62.** RCW 79A.05.220 and 1987 c 466 s 3 are each amended to 28 read as follows:
- The ((parks and recreation commission)) department and the department of natural resources may periodically conduct a joint review of trust lands managed by the department of natural resources to identify those parcels which may be appropriate for transfer to the ((commission)) department for public recreation purposes.

- (1) In addition to its other powers, duties, and functions the ((commission)) department may:
- (a) Plan, construct, and maintain suitable facilities for winter recreational activities on lands administered or acquired by the ((commission)) department or as authorized on lands administered by other public agencies or private landowners by agreement;
- (b) Provide and issue upon payment of the proper fee, under RCW 79A.05.230, 79A.05.240, and 46.61.585, with the assistance of such authorized agents as may be necessary for the convenience of the public, special permits to park in designated winter recreational area parking spaces;
- (c) Administer the snow removal operations for all designated winter recreational area parking spaces; and
- (d) Compile, publish, and distribute maps indicating such parking spaces, adjacent trails, and areas and facilities suitable for winter recreational activities.
- (2) The ((commission)) <u>department</u> must require the winter recreation program and its services to be self-supported solely through permit fees, gifts, grants, donations, and other revenues dedicated to the winter recreational program account in RCW 79A.05.235 and the snowmobile account in RCW ((46.10.075)) 46.68.350.
- (3) The ((commission)) department may contract with any public or private agency for the actual conduct of such duties, but shall remain responsible for the proper administration thereof. The ((commission)) department is not liable for unintentional injuries to users of lands administered for winter recreation purposes under this section or under RCW 46.10.370, whether the lands are administered by the ((commission)) department, by other public agencies, or by private landowners through agreement with the ((commission)) department. Nothing in this section prevents the liability of the ((commission)) department for injuries sustained by a user by reason of a known dangerous artificial latent condition for which warning signs have not been conspicuously posted. A road covered with snow and groomed for the purposes of winter recreation consistent with this chapter and chapter 46.10 RCW shall not be presumed to be a known dangerous artificial latent condition for the purposes of this chapter.

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1 **Sec. 64.** RCW 79A.05.230 and 1990 c 49 s 3 are each amended to read 2 as follows:

3 The fee for the issuance of special winter recreational area 4 parking permits shall be determined by the ((commission)) department after consultation with the winter recreation advisory committee. 5 the person making application therefor is also the owner of a 6 7 snowmobile registered pursuant to chapter 46.10 RCW, there shall be no 8 fee for the issuance of an annual permit. All special winter recreational area parking permits shall commence and expire on the 9 10 dates established by the ((commission)) department.

- 11 **Sec. 65.** RCW 79A.05.240 and 1982 c 11 s 4 are each amended to read 12 as follows:
- 13 The ((commission)) department may, after consultation with the winter recreation advisory committee, adopt rules ((and regulations)) 14 prohibiting or restricting overnight parking at any special state 15 16 winter recreational parking areas owned or administered by it. 17 such special state winter recreational parking areas are administered by the ((commission)) department pursuant to an agreement with other 18 public agencies, such agreement may provide for prohibition or 19 20 restriction of overnight parking.
- 21 **Sec. 66.** RCW 79A.05.250 and 2000 c 11 s 34 are each amended to 22 read as follows:
- The ((commission)) department may adopt such rules as are necessary to implement and enforce RCW 79A.05.225 through 79A.05.240 and 46.61.585 after consultation with the winter recreation advisory committee.
- 27 **Sec. 67.** RCW 79A.05.255 and 2000 c 48 s 1 and 2000 c 11 s 35 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:
- 29 (1) There is created a winter recreation advisory committee to
 30 advise the ((parks and recreation commission)) department in the
 31 administration of this chapter and to assist and advise the
 32 ((commission)) department in the development of winter recreation
 33 facilities and programs.
- 34 (2) The committee shall consist of:

(a) Six representatives of the nonsnowmobiling winter recreation public appointed by the ((commission)) director, including a resident of each of the six geographical areas of this state where nonsnowmobiling winter recreation activity occurs, as defined by the ((commission)) department.

- (b) Three representatives of the snowmobiling public appointed by the ((commission)) director.
- (c) One representative of the department of natural resources, one representative of the department of fish and wildlife, and one representative of the Washington state association of counties, each of whom shall be appointed by the director of the particular department or association.
- (3) The terms of the members appointed under subsection (2)(a) and (b) of this section shall begin on October 1st of the year of appointment and shall be for three years or until a successor is appointed, except in the case of appointments to fill vacancies for the remainder of the unexpired term: PROVIDED, That the first of these members shall be appointed for terms as follows: Three members shall be appointed for two years, and three members shall be appointed for three years.
- (4) Members of the committee shall be reimbursed from the winter recreational program account created by RCW 79A.05.235 for travel expenses as provided in RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.
- (5) The committee shall meet at times and places it determines not less than twice each year and additionally as required by the committee chair or by majority vote of the committee. The chair of the committee shall be chosen under procedures adopted by the committee. The committee shall adopt any other procedures necessary to govern its proceedings.
- 30 (6) The director of parks and recreation or the director's designee 31 shall serve as secretary to the committee and shall be a nonvoting 32 member.
- **Sec. 68.** RCW 79A.05.280 and 1977 ex.s. c 281 s 4 are each amended to read as follows:
- 35 The ((parks and recreation commission)) department is authorized to 36 accept grants or moneys from any federal or private source for support 37 of hostels. The ((commission)) department at its discretion is

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- 1 directed to apportion and transfer any such moneys to contracting
- 2 agencies or political subdivisions which operate hostels: PROVIDED
- 3 That the ((commission)) department shall establish rules and
- 4 regulations for the operation of hostels which are substantially
- 5 similar to the operating standards and customs established by the
- 6 American Youth Hostels Incorporated.
- 7 $\,$ Sec. 69. RCW 79A.05.285 and 1999 c 249 s 907 are each amended to
- 8 read as follows:
- 9 The ((commission)) department is authorized to evaluate and acquire
- 10 land under RCW ((79.01.612)) 79.10.030 in cooperation with the
- 11 department of natural resources.
- 12 Sec. 70. RCW 79A.05.290 and 1999 c 249 s 908 are each amended to
- 13 read as follows:
- 14 The ((commission)) department may select land held by the
- department of natural resources for acquisition under RCW 79A.50.010 et
- 16 seq.
- 17 **Sec. 71.** RCW 79A.05.300 and 2000 c 11 s 37 are each amended to
- 18 read as follows:
- 19 For the reasons specified in RCW 79A.25.250, the ((state parks and
- 20 <u>recreation commission</u>)) <u>department</u> shall place a high priority on the
- 21 establishment of urban area state parks and shall revise its plan for
- 22 future state parks to achieve this priority. This section shall be
- 23 implemented by January 1, 1981.
- 24 Sec. 72. RCW 79A.05.310 and 1998 c 245 s 66 are each amended to
- 25 read as follows:
- The ((state parks and recreation commission)) department shall:
- 27 (1) Coordinate a statewide program of boating safety education
- 28 using to the maximum extent possible existing programs offered by the
- 29 United States power squadron and the United States coast guard
- 30 auxiliary;
- 31 (2) Adopt rules in accordance with chapter 34.05 RCW, consistent
- 32 with United States coast guard regulations, standards, and precedents,
- 33 as needed for the efficient administration and enforcement of this
- 34 section;

1 (3) Enter into agreements aiding the administration of this 2 chapter;

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- (4) Adopt and administer a casualty and accident reporting program consistent with United States coast guard regulations;
- (5) Adopt and enforce recreational boating safety rules, including but not necessarily limited to equipment and navigating requirements, consistent with United States coast guard regulations;
- (6) Coordinate with local and state agencies the development of biennial plans and programs for the enhancement of boating safety, safety education, and enforcement of safety rules and laws; allocate money appropriated to the ((commission)) department for these programs as necessary; and accept and administer any public or private grants or federal funds which are obtained for these purposes under chapter 43.88 RCW; and
- 15 (7) Take additional actions necessary to gain acceptance of a 16 program of boating safety for this state under the federal boating 17 safety act of 1971.
- 18 **Sec. 73.** RCW 79A.05.315 and 1989 c 129 s 1 are each amended to 19 read as follows:

Management control of the portion of the Milwaukee Road corridor, beginning at the western terminus near Easton and concluding at the west end of the bridge structure over the Columbia river, which point is located in section 34, township 16 north, range 23 east, W.M., inclusive of the northerly spur line therefrom, shall be transferred by the department of natural resources to the ((state parks and recreation commission)) department at no cost to the ((commission)) department.

- 27 **Sec. 74.** RCW 79A.05.320 and 2000 c 11 s 39 are each amended to 28 read as follows:
- The ((state parks and recreation commission)) department shall do the following with respect to the portion of the Milwaukee Road corridor under its control:
- 32 (1) Manage the corridor as a recreational trail except when closed 33 under RCW 79A.05.325;
 - (2) Close the corridor to hunting;
- 35 (3) Close the corridor to all motorized vehicles except: (a)

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- Emergency or law enforcement vehicles; (b) vehicles necessary for access to utility lines; and (c) vehicles necessary for maintenance of the corridor, or construction of the trail;
 - (4) Comply with legally enforceable conditions contained in the deeds for the corridor;
- 6 (5) Control weeds under the applicable provisions of chapters 7 17.04, 17.06, and 17.10 RCW; and
 - (6) Clean and maintain culverts.

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- 9 **Sec. 75.** RCW 79A.05.325 and 1989 c 129 s 3 are each amended to 10 read as follows:
- 11 The ((state parks and recreation commission)) department may do the 12 following with respect to the portion of the Milwaukee Road corridor 13 under its control:
- 14 (1) Enter into agreements to allow the realignment or modification 15 of public roads, farm crossings, water conveyance facilities, and other 16 utility crossings;
 - (2) Regulate activities and restrict uses, including, but not limited to, closing portions of the corridor to reduce fire danger or protect public safety;
 - (3) Place hazard warning signs and close hazardous structures;
- 21 (4) Renegotiate deed restrictions upon agreement with affected 22 parties; and
 - (5) Approve and process the sale or exchange of lands or easements if such a sale or exchange will not adversely affect the recreational potential of the corridor; and
 - (6) Manage the portion of the Milwaukee Road corridor lying between the eastern corporate limits of the city of Kittitas and the eastern end of the corridor under ((commission)) department control for recreational access limited to holders of permits issued by the ((commission)) department. The ((commission)) department shall, for the purpose of issuing permits for corridor use, adopt rules necessary for the orderly and safe use of the corridor and the protection of adjoining landowners, which may include restrictions on the total numbers of permits issued, numbers in a permitted group, and periods during which the corridor is available for permitted users. The ((commission)) department may increase recreational management of this

- 1 portion of the corridor and eliminate the permit system as it
- 2 determines in its discretion based upon available funding and other
- 3 resources.
- 4 **Sec. 76.** RCW 79A.05.330 and 1984 c 174 s 5 are each amended to read as follows:
- 6 The ((state parks and recreation commission)) department shall
- 7 identify opportunities and encourage volunteer work, private
- 8 contributions, and support from tax-exempt foundations to develop,
- 9 operate, and maintain the recreation trail on the portion of the
- 10 Milwaukee Road under its control.
- 11 Sec. 77. RCW 79A.05.335 and 1991 c 107 s 1 are each amended to
- 12 read as follows:
- 13 The legislature finds that the lands owned and managed by the
- 14 ((state parks and recreation commission)) department are a significant
- 15 collection of valuable natural, historical, and cultural resources for
- 16 the citizens of Washington state. The legislature further finds that
- 17 if citizens understand and appreciate the state park ecological
- 18 resources, they will come to appreciate and understand the ecosystems
- 19 and natural resources throughout the state. Therefore, the ((state
- 20 parks and recreation commission)) department may increase the use of
- 21 its facilities and resources to provide environmental interpretation
- 22 throughout the state parks system.
- 23 Sec. 78. RCW 79A.05.340 and 1991 c 107 s 2 are each amended to
- 24 read as follows:
- 25 The ((state parks and recreation commission)) <u>department</u> may
- 26 provide environmental interpretative activities for visitors to state
- 27 parks that:
- 28 (1) Explain the functions, history, and cultural aspects of
- 29 ecosystems;
- 30 (2) Explain the relationship between human needs, human behaviors
- 31 and attitudes, and the environment; and
- 32 (3) Offer experiences and information to increase citizen
- 33 appreciation and stewardship of the environment and its multiple uses.

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1 **Sec. 79.** RCW 79A.05.345 and 1991 c 107 s 3 are each amended to read as follows:

3 The ((state parks and recreation commission)) department may 4 consult and enter into agreements with and solicit assistance from private sector organizations and other governmental agencies that are 5 interested in conserving and interpreting Washington's environment. 6 The ((commission)) department shall not permit commercial advertising 7 in state park lands or interpretive centers as a condition of such 8 agreements. Logos or credit lines for sponsoring organizations may be 9 10 permitted. The ((commission)) department shall maintain an accounting of all monetary gifts provided, and expenditures of monetary gifts 11 12 shall not be used to increase personnel.

- 13 **Sec. 80.** RCW 79A.05.351 and 2007 c 176 s 2 are each amended to 14 read as follows:
 - (1) The outdoor education and recreation grant program is hereby created, subject to the availability of funds in the outdoor education and recreation account. The ((commission)) department shall establish and implement the program by rule to provide opportunities for public agencies, private nonprofit organizations, formal school programs, nonformal after-school programs, and community-based programs to receive grants from the account. Programs that provide outdoor education opportunities to schools shall be fully aligned with the state's essential academic learning requirements.
 - (2) The program shall be phased in beginning with the schools and students with the greatest needs in suburban, rural, and urban areas of the state. The program shall focus on students who qualify for free and reduced-price lunch, who are most likely to fail academically, or who have the greatest potential to drop out of school.
 - (3) The director shall set priorities and develop criteria for the awarding of grants to outdoor environmental, ecological, agricultural, or other natural resource-based education and recreation programs considering at least the following:
- 33 (a) Programs that contribute to the reduction of academic failure 34 and dropout rates;
- 35 (b) Programs that make use of research-based, effective 36 environmental, ecological, agricultural, or other natural resource-37 based education curriculum;

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- (d) Various Washington state parks as venues and use of the ((commission's)) department's personnel as a resource;
- (e) Programs that maximize the number of participants that can be served;
 - (f) Programs that will commit matching and in-kind resources;
- (g) Programs that create partnerships with public and private entities;
- (h) Programs that provide students with opportunities to directly experience and understand nature and the natural world; and
- (i) Programs that include ongoing program evaluation, assessment, and reporting of their effectiveness.
- (4) The director shall create an advisory committee to assist and ((commission)) <u>director</u> in the development the and administration of the outdoor education and recreation program. The director should solicit representation on the committee from the office of the superintendent of public instruction, the department of fish and wildlife, the business community, outdoor organizations with interest in education, and any others the ((commission)) department deems sufficient to ensure a cross section of stakeholders. When the director creates such an advisory committee, its members shall be reimbursed from the outdoor education and recreation program account for travel expenses as provided in RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.
- (5) The outdoor education and recreation program account is created in the custody of the state treasurer. Funds deposited in the outdoor education and recreation program account shall be transferred only to the ((commission)) <u>department</u> to be used solely for the ((commission's)) department's outdoor education and recreation program purposes identified in this section including the administration of the The director may accept gifts, grants, donations, or moneys from any source for deposit in the outdoor education and recreation program account. Any public agency in this state may develop and implement outdoor education and recreation programs. The director may make grants to public agencies and contract with any public or private agency or person to develop and implement outdoor education and recreation programs. The outdoor education and recreation program

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- 1 account is subject to allotment procedures under chapter 43.88 RCW, but 2 an appropriation is not required for expenditures.
- 3 Sec. 81. RCW 79A.05.355 and 1993 c 267 s 1 are each amended to read as follows: 4
- The ((state parks and recreation commission)) department shall act 6 as the lead agency for the establishment of underwater parks in state 7 waters and for environmental reviews of projects necessary to establish underwater parks. The ((commission)) department may enter into 9 interagency agreements to facilitate timely receipt of necessary permits from other state agencies and local governments. 10
- 11 Sec. 82. RCW 79A.05.360 and 1999 c 249 s 1301 are each amended to 12 read as follows:
 - The ((commission)) department may establish a system of underwater parks to provide for diverse recreational diving opportunities and to conserve and protect unique marine resources of the Washington. In establishing and maintaining an underwater park system, the ((commission)) department may:
- (1) Plan, construct, and maintain underwater parks; 18

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- 19 (2) Acquire property and enter management agreements with other 20 units of state government for the management of lands, tidelands, and 21 bedlands as underwater parks;
 - (3) Construct artificial reefs and other underwater features to enhance marine life and recreational uses of an underwater park;
 - (4) Accept gifts and donations for the benefit of underwater parks;
- 25 (5) Facilitate private efforts to construct artificial reefs and 26 underwater parks;
 - (6) Work with the federal government, local governments and other appropriate agencies of state government, including but not limited to: The department of natural resources, the department of fish and wildlife and the natural heritage council to carry out the purposes of this chapter; and
- 32 (7) Contract with other state agencies or local governments for the 33 management of an underwater park unit.
- 34 Sec. 83. RCW 79A.05.370 and 1993 c 267 s 4 are each amended to 35 read as follows:

In establishing an underwater park system, the ((commission))

department shall seek to create diverse recreational opportunities in

areas throughout Washington state. The ((commission)) department shall

place a high priority upon creating units that possess unique or

diverse marine life or underwater natural or artificial features such

as shipwrecks.

7 **Sec. 84.** RCW 79A.05.375 and 1993 c 267 s 5 are each amended to 8 read as follows:

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The ((commission)) department is not liable for unintentional injuries to users of underwater parks, whether the facilities are administered by the ((commission)) department or by another entity or person. However, nothing in this section prevents the liability of the ((commission)) department for injuries sustained by a user by reason of a known dangerous artificial latent condition for which warning signs have not been conspicuously posted.

Sec. 85. RCW 79A.05.380 and 2003 c 338 s 1 are each amended to read as follows:

increase water-oriented The legislature recognizes the in recreation by users of human and wind-powered, beachable vessels such as kayaks, canoes, or day sailors on Washington's waters. recreationists frequently require overnight camping facilities along the shores of public or private beaches. The legislature now creates water trail recreation program, to be administered by the ((Washington state parks and recreation commission)) department. The legislature recognizes that the effort to develop water trail sites is a continuing need and that the ((commission)) department provides beneficial expertise and consultation to water trail user groups, agencies, and private landowners for the existing Cascadia marine trail and Willapa Bay water trail.

- 30 **Sec. 86.** RCW 79A.05.385 and 2003 c 338 s 2 and 2003 c 126 s 601 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:
- In addition to its other powers, duties, and functions, the ((commission)) department may:
- 34 (1) Plan, construct, and maintain suitable facilities for water

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trail activities on lands administered or acquired by the ((commission)) department or as authorized on lands administered by tribes or other public agencies or private landowners by agreement.

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- (2) Compile, publish, distribute, and charge a fee for maps or other forms of public information indicating areas and facilities suitable for water trail activities.
- 7 (3) Contract with a public agency, private entity, or person for 8 the actual conduct of these duties.
- 9 (4) Work with individuals or organizations who wish to volunteer 10 their time to support the water trail recreation program.
- 11 (5) Provide expertise and consultation to individuals, agencies, 12 and organizations in the continued development of water trail sites in 13 this state.
- 14 **Sec. 87.** RCW 79A.05.390 and 1993 c 182 s 3 are each amended to read as follows:
- The ((commission)) department may make water trail program grants to public agencies or tribal governments and may contract with any public agency, tribal government, entity, or person to develop and implement water trail programs.
- 20 **Sec. 88.** RCW 79A.05.395 and 1993 c 182 s 4 are each amended to 21 read as follows:
- 22 The ((commission)) department is not liable for unintentional 23 injuries to users of facilities administered for water trail purposes 24 under this chapter, whether the facilities are administered by the 25 ((commission)) department or by any other entity or person. However, 26 nothing in this section prevents the liability of the ((commission)) 27 department for injuries sustained by a user by reason of a known 28 dangerous artificial latent condition for which warning signs have not 29 been conspicuously posted.
- 30 **Sec. 89.** RCW 79A.05.410 and 2003 c 338 s 3 are each amended to read as follows:
- 32 The ((commission)) department may adopt rules to administer the 33 water trail program and facilities on areas owned or administered by 34 the ((commission)) department. Where water trail facilities 35 administered by other public or private entities are incorporated into

- 1 the water trail system, the rules adopted by those entities shall
- 2 prevail. The ((commission)) department is not responsible or liable
- 3 for enforcement of these alternative rules.
- 4 **Sec. 90.** RCW 79A.05.415 and 1993 c 182 s 8 are each amended to read as follows:
- Violation of the provisions of the ((commission's)) department's rules governing the use of water trail facilities and property shall
- 8 constitute a civil infraction, punishable as provided under chapter
- 9 7.84 RCW.
- 10 **Sec. 91.** RCW 79A.05.545 and 2011 c 20 s 14 are each amended to
- 11 read as follows:
- The ((commission)) department shall cooperate, when appropriate, as
- 13 a partner in the Washington conservation corps established in chapter
- 14 43.220 RCW.
- 15 **Sec. 92.** RCW 79A.05.610 and 2000 c 11 s 46 are each amended to
- 16 read as follows:
- Except as otherwise provided in RCW 79A.05.600 through 79A.05.630,
- 18 the Washington State Seashore Conservation Area shall be under the
- 19 jurisdiction of the ((Washington state parks and recreation
- 20 commission)) department, which shall administer RCW 79A.05.600 through
- 21 79A.05.630 in accordance with the powers granted it herein and under
- 22 the appropriate provisions of this chapter.
- 23 **Sec. 93.** RCW 79A.05.615 and 2000 c 11 s 47 are each amended to
- 24 read as follows:
- 25 The ((Washington state parks and recreation commission)) department
- 26 shall administer the Washington State Seashore Conservation Area in
- 27 harmony with the broad principles set forth in RCW 79A.05.600. Where
- 28 feasible, the area shall be preserved in its present state; everywhere
- 29 it shall be maintained in the best possible condition for public use.
- 30 All forms of public outdoor recreation shall be permitted and
- 31 encouraged in the area, unless specifically excluded or limited by the
- 32 ((commission)) department. While the primary purpose in the
- 33 establishment of the area is to preserve the coastal beaches for public
- 34 recreation, other uses shall be allowed as provided in RCW 79A.05.600

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- 1 through 79A.05.630, or when found not inconsistent with public
- 2 recreational use by the ((Washington state parks and recreation
- 3 commission)) department.

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Sec. 94. RCW 79A.05.620 and 2000 c 11 s 48 are each amended to read as follows:

6 In administering the Washington State Seashore Conservation Area, 7 the ((Washington state parks and recreation commission)) department shall seek the cooperation and assistance of federal agencies, other 8 9 state agencies, and local political subdivisions. All state agencies, 10 and the governing officials of each local subdivision shall cooperate 11 with the ((commission)) department in carrying out its duties. Except 12 as otherwise provided in RCW 79A.05.600 through 79A.05.630, and 13 notwithstanding any other provision of law, other state agencies and local subdivisions shall perform duties in the Washington State 14 Seashore Conservation Area which are within their normal jurisdiction, 15 16 except when such performance clearly conflicts with the purposes of RCW 17 79A.05.600 through 79A.05.630.

- 18 **Sec. 95.** RCW 79A.05.630 and 2011 c 184 s 1 are each amended to 19 read as follows:
- Lands within the Seashore Conservation Area shall not be sold, leased, or otherwise disposed of, except as provided in this section.
 - (1) The ((commission)) department may, under authority granted in RCW 79A.05.175 and 79A.05.180, exchange state park lands in the Seashore Conservation Area for lands of equal value to be managed by the ((commission)) department consistent with this chapter. Only state park lands lying east of the Seashore Conservation Line, as it is located at the time of exchange, may be so exchanged.
 - (2) The ((commission)) department may, under authority granted in RCW 79A.05.178, directly dispose of up to five contiguous acres of real property, without public auction, to resolve trespass, property ownership disputes, and boundary adjustments with adjacent property owners. Real property to be disposed of under this subsection may be disposed of only after appraisal and for at least fair market value, and only if the transaction is in the best interest of the state. All conveyance documents shall be executed by the governor. All proceeds from the disposal of the property shall be paid into the parkland

acquisition account and proceeds received pursuant to any sale under this subsection shall be reinvested in real property located inside or within one mile of the Seashore Conservation Area.

(3) The department of natural resources may lease the lands within the Washington State Seashore Conservation Area as well as the accreted lands along the ocean in state ownership for the exploration and production of oil and gas except that oil drilling rigs and equipment shall not be placed on the Seashore Conservation Area or state-owned accreted lands.

Sale of sand from accretions shall be made to supply the needs of cranberry growers for cranberry bogs in the vicinity and shall not be prohibited if found by the ((commission)) department to be reasonable, and not generally harmful or destructive to the character of the land. The ((commission)) department may grant leases and permits for the removal of sands for construction purposes from any lands within the Seashore Conservation Area if found by the ((commission)) department to be reasonable and not generally harmful or destructive to the character of the land. Net income from such leases shall be deposited in the state parks renewal and stewardship account.

- **Sec. 96.** RCW 79A.05.650 and 2000 c 11 s 54 are each amended to 21 read as follows:
 - (1) Except as provided in RCW 79A.05.655 and 79A.05.660, a total of forty percent of the length of the beach subject to the recreation management plan shall be reserved for pedestrian use under this section and RCW 79A.05.665. Restrictions on motorized traffic under this section shall be from April 15th to the day following Labor day of each year. Local jurisdictions may adopt provisions within recreation management plans that exceed the requirements of this section. The ((commission)) department shall not require that a plan designate for pedestrian use more than forty percent of the land subject to the plan.
 - (2) In designating areas to be reserved for pedestrian use, the plan shall consider the following:
 - (a) Public safety;

- 34 (b) Statewide interest in recreational use of the ocean beaches;
 - (c) Protection of shorebird and marine mammal habitats;
- 36 (d) Preservation of native beach vegetation;
 - (e) Protection of sand dune topography;

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- 1 (f) Prudent management of clam beds;
- 2 (g) Economic impacts to the local community; and
- 3 (h) Public access and parking availability.

4 **Sec. 97.** RCW 79A.05.665 and 2000 c 11 s 56 are each amended to read as follows:

6 Recreation management plans shall, upon of the request 7 ((commission)) department, reserve on a permanent, seasonal, 8 temporary basis, land adjoining national wildlife refuges and state 9 parks for pedestrian use. After a plan is approved, the ((commission)) department may require local jurisdictions to adopt amendments to the 10 11 plan governing driving on land adjoining wildlife refuges and state 12 Land reserved for pedestrian use under this section for at 13 least the period from April 15th through the day following Labor Day of each year shall be included when determining compliance with the 14 15 requirements of RCW 79A.05.650.

16 **Sec. 98.** RCW 79A.05.670 and 1999 c 249 s 1102 are each amended to read as follows:

In preparing, adopting, or approving a recreation management plan, local jurisdictions and the ((commission)) department shall consult with the department of fish and wildlife and the United States fish and wildlife service.

22 **Sec. 99.** RCW 79A.05.685 and 2000 c 11 s 57 are each amended to 23 read as follows:

Recreation management plans shall be adopted by each participating jurisdiction and submitted to the ((commission)) department by September 1, 1989. The ((commission)) department shall approve the proposed plan if, in the ((commission's)) department's judgment, the plan adequately fulfills the requirements of RCW 79A.05.600 through 79A.05.695.

If the proposed plan is not approved, the ((commission)) department shall suggest modifications to the participating local governments. Local governments shall have ninety days after receiving the suggested modifications to resubmit a recreation management plan. Thereafter, if the ((commission)) department finds that a plan does not adequately

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- fulfill the requirements of RCW 79A.05.600 through 79A.05.695, the ((commission)) department may amend the proposal or adopt an alternative plan.
- If a plan for all or any portion of the Seashore Conservation Area is not submitted in accordance with RCW 79A.05.635 through 79A.05.695, the ((commission)) department shall adopt a recreation management plan for that site.
- Administrative rules adopted by the ((commission)) department under RCW 43.51.680 shall remain in effect for all or any portion of each ocean beach until a recreation management plan for that site is adopted or approved by the ((commission)) department.
- 12 The ((commission)) department shall not adopt a recreation 13 management plan for all or any portion of an ocean beach while appeal 14 of a ((commission)) department decision regarding that site is pending.
- 15 **Sec. 100.** RCW 79A.05.688 and 1999 c 249 s 1103 are each amended to read as follows:
- Any individual, partnership, corporation, association, organization, cooperative, local government, or state agency aggrieved by a decision of the ((commission)) department under this chapter may appeal under chapter 34.05 RCW.
- 21 **Sec. 101.** RCW 79A.05.690 and 1988 c 75 s 13 are each amended to 22 read as follows:
- 23 The ((commission)) department shall cooperate with state and local 24 law enforcement agencies in meeting the need for law enforcement within 25 the Seashore Conservation Area.
- 26 **Sec. 102.** RCW 79A.05.695 and 2000 c 11 s 59 are each amended to read as follows:
- 28 Amendments to the recreation management plan may be adopted jointly 29 by each local government participating in the plan and submitted to the ((commission)) department for approval. The ((commission)) department 30 31 shall approve a proposed amendment if, in the ((commission's)) 32 department's judgment, the amendment adequately fulfills the 33 requirements of RCW 79A.05.600 through 79A.05.695.
- 34 After a plan is approved, the ((commission)) department may require 35 local jurisdictions to adopt amendments to the plan if the

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- 1 ((commission)) department finds that such amendments are necessary to
- 2 protect public health and safety, or to protect significant natural
- 3 resources as determined by the agency having jurisdiction over the
- 4 resource.
- 5 **Sec. 103.** RCW 79A.05.705 and 1969 ex.s. c 162 s 2 are each amended to read as follows:
- 7 There is hereby created a Washington state parks and recreation
- 8 ((commission)) department conservation area to be known as "Green River
- 9 Gorge conservation area."
- 10 **Sec. 104.** RCW 79A.05.710 and 1969 ex.s. c 162 s 3 are each amended 11 to read as follows:
- 12 In addition to all other powers and duties prescribed by law, the
- 13 ((state parks and recreation commission)) department is authorized and
- 14 directed to acquire such real property, easements, or rights in the
- 15 Green River Gorge in King county, together with such real property,
- 16 easements, and rights as is necessary for such park and conservation
- 17 purposes in any manner authorized by law for the acquisition of lands
- 18 for parks and parkway purposes. Except for such real property as is
- 19 necessary and convenient for development of picnicking or camping areas
- 20 and their related facilities, it is the intent of this section that
- 21 such property shall be acquired to preserve, as much as possible, the
- 22 gorge within the canyon rim in its natural pristine state.
- 23 Sec. 105. RCW 79A.05.715 and 1969 ex.s. c 162 s 4 are each amended
- 24 to read as follows:
- Nothing herein shall be construed as authorizing or directing the
- 26 ((state parks and recreation commission)) department to acquire any
- 27 real property, easements, or rights in the Green River Gorge in King
- 28 county which are now held by any state agency for the purposes of
- 29 outdoor recreation, conservation, fish, or wildlife management or
- 30 public hunting or fishing without the approval of such agency.
- 31 **Sec. 106.** RCW 79A.05.735 and 2000 c 11 s 60 are each amended to
- 32 read as follows:
- 33 The state department of natural resources and the ((state parks and
- 34 <u>recreation commission</u>)) <u>department</u> have joined together in excellent

cooperation in the conducting of this study along with the citizen 1 2 advisory subcommittee and have joined together in cooperation with the department of fish and wildlife to accomplish other projects of 3 4 multidisciplinary concern, and because it may be in the best interests of the state to continue such cooperation, the state parks and 5 6 recreation ((commission)) department, the department of resources, and the department of fish and wildlife are hereby directed 7 8 to consider both short and long term objectives, the expertise of each 9 agency's staff, and alternatives such as reasonably may be expected to 10 safeguard the conservation area's values as described in RCW 79A.05.725 11 giving due regard to efficiency and economy of management: 12 That the interests conveyed to or by the state agencies identified in 13 this section shall be managed by the department of natural resources 14 until such time as the ((state parks and recreation commission)) 15 department or other public agency is managing public recreation areas and facilities located in such close proximity to the conservation area 16 described in RCW 79A.05.730 so as to make combined management of those 17 areas and facilities and transfer of management of the conservation 18 19 area more efficient and economical than continued management by the 20 department of natural resources. At that time the department of 21 natural resources is directed to negotiate with the appropriate public 22 agency for the transfer of those management responsibilities for the 23 interests obtained within the conservation area under RCW 79A.05.725 24 through 79A.05.745: PROVIDED FURTHER, That the state agencies identified in this section may, by mutual agreement, undertake 25 26 management of portions of the conservation area as they may from time 27 to time determine in accordance with those rules and regulations established for natural area preserves under chapter 79.70 RCW, for 28 29 natural and conservation areas under present WAC 352-16-020(3) and (6), 30 and under chapter 77.12 RCW.

Sec. 107. RCW 79A.05.780 and 2000 c 11 s 63 are each amended to read as follows:

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The ((Washington state parks and recreation commission)) department is directed to consult with the Yakima county commissioners in the acquisition, development, and operation of the Yakima river conservation area in accordance with the purposes of RCW 79A.05.750

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- 1 through 79A.05.795 and the Yakima river study authorized in section
- 2 170, chapter 269, Laws of 1975, first extraordinary session.
- 3 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 108.** Sections 1 through 9 of this act are each 4 added to chapter 79A.80 RCW.
- 5 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 109.** The following acts or parts of acts are 6 each repealed:
 - (1) RCW 79A.80.010 (Definitions) and 2011 c 320 s 2;
 - (2) RCW 79A.80.020 (Discover pass) and 2011 c 320 s 3;
 - (3) RCW 79A.80.030 (Day-use permit) and 2011 c 320 s 4;
- 10 (4) RCW 79A.80.040 (Vehicle access pass) and 2011 c 320 s 5;
- 11 (5) RCW 79A.80.050 (Valid camper registration/annual natural investment permit--Commission may provide free entry to state parks)
- 13 and 2011 c 320 s 6;

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- 14 (6) RCW 79A.80.060 (Sno-park seasonal permit) and 2011 c 320 s 7;
 - (7) RCW 79A.80.070 (Short-term parking) and 2011 c 320 s 8;
- 16 (8) RCW 79A.80.080 (Pass/permit requirements--Penalty) and 2011 c 17 320 s 9;
- 18 (9) RCW 79A.80.090 (Recreation access pass account) and 2011 c 320 19 s 10;
- 20 (10) RCW 79A.05.015 (Commission created--Composition--Compensation
- 21 and expenses) and 1999 c 249 s 201, 1984 c 287 s 82, 1975-'76 2nd ex.s.
- 22 c 34 s 116, 1969 ex.s. c 31 s 1, 1965 ex.s. c 132 s 1, & 1965 c 8 s 23 43.51.020;
- 24 (11) RCW 79A.05.025 (Chair--Meetings--Quorum) and 1999 c 249 s 202 25 & 1965 c 8 s 43.51.030; and
- 26 (12) RCW 79A.05.075 (Delegation of commission's powers and duties 27 to director) and 1999 c 249 s 306 & 1969 ex.s. c 31 s 2.

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