

EXECUTIVE ORDER 81-10

ESTABLISHMENT OF A MT. ST. HELENS COORDINATING COUNCIL

WHEREAS, there is a continuing need to coordinate the Mt. St. Helens planning, response, and recovery efforts of state agencies with local and Federal government agencies and the private sector; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to resolve ongoing problems concerning public health, law enforcement, warning, emergency response, agriculture, livestock, soil stabilization, fish and wildlife, tourism, recreation, fire prevention and suppression, reforestation, logging, unemployment, closure zones, land use, flood control, insurance, and other issues as identified;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John Spellman, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby establish the Mt. St. Helens Coordinating Council, which shall address necessary long-term and short-term response, relief, recovery, and reconstruction efforts. The Council shall consist of the Emergency Preparedness and Response Committee and the Long-Range Planning Committee.

The Chair of the Long-Range Planning Committee shall be the Commissioner of Public Lands. The Chair of the Emergency Preparedness and Response Committee shall be the Director of the Department of Emergency Services.

The Committees shall consist of the Executive Heads of the Department of Agriculture, Department of Commerce and Economic Development, Department of Ecology, Department of Emergency Services, Office of Financial Management, Department of Fisheries, Department of Game, Department of Labor and Industries, Military Department, Department of Natural Resources., Parks and Recreation Commission, Planning and Community Affairs Agency, Department of Social and Health Services, Washington State Patrol, Department of Transportation, a representative of the Office of the Governor, and such willing representatives of local, private, and Federal agencies as the Chairs of the Committees may deem necessary.

The Emergency Preparedness and Response Committee is authorized to request all state agencies to provide staff support and other necessary assistance in the enforcement of emergency measures relative to this executive order.

The Chairs of the Coordinating Council Emergency Preparedness and Response and Long-Range Planning Committees shall report to the Governor.

The Committees, through the Chairs, may make recommendations to the Governor, including memoranda of agreement with Federal, local, and private agencies, in order to promote coordination, cooperation, and exchange of information.

All previously existing formal and ad hoc groups which have heretofore been constituted under the auspices of state agencies in order to deal with problems relating to Mt. St. Helens are hereby consolidated, as appropriate, within either of the Mt. St. Helens Coordinating Council's Committees.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the State of Washington to be affixed at Olympia this 16th day of April A.D., Nineteen hundred and eighty-one.

John Spellman
Governor of Washington

BY THE GOVERNOR:

Secretary of State
