

## **EXECUTIVE ORDER 83-04**

### **Establishing the Governor's Recreation Resource Advisory Committee**

The economy of the state of Washington has long been dependent upon the quality and variety of its citizens and of its natural resources. The recent Governor's Conference on "Recreation and the Economy" stressed the value of recreational resources as one of the essential elements of the economic well-being of our citizens. Park and recreation programs have proved their worth in addressing social problems and have contributed significantly to the health, economy, productivity, and quality of life of the citizens of Washington State.

In order to assist in building a stronger economy and to accomplish the mission of the Washington State outdoor recreation program, which is to ensure "optimum outdoor recreation opportunities for the citizens of Washington," it is essential that the recreational resource potential of this state be developed further.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, John Spellman, Governor of the state of Washington, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby order that a Governor's Recreation Resource Advisory Committee be established.

I shall appoint to this citizens' committee individuals who exhibit interest in and concern for parks, recreation, and conservation, who are residents of the state, and who come from geographic and recreational areas that will afford the committee a broad and balanced representation. In addition, the majority and minority leaders of the state Senate and the majority and minority leaders of the state House of Representatives shall each be invited to appoint a member to the committee from their respective caucuses. I shall designate the chair from among those citizens who shall have been appointed.

The Recreation Resource Advisory Committee shall be charged with the following responsibilities:

#### Short-range Tasks:

1. Examine the implications of changing state/Federal/local roles and funding patterns.
2. Evaluate ways of increasing cooperation and eliminating overlaps in programs.
3. Develop recommendations regarding current legislative proposals in order to increase local ability to fund recreation programs.
4. Develop recommendations to encourage greater private participation in meeting recreation needs.

#### Longer-range Tasks:

1. Evaluate conclusions and findings of the 1982 Governor's Conference on Recreation and the Economy.
2. Examine and formulate information for inclusion in the National Recreation Assessment.
3. Evaluate ten-year trends and outline options for state actions.
4. Review alternative private and public funding options based upon projected growth of regions.
5. Evaluate alternative organizational and management options that might better address future needs.

An interim report on the investigations of the Committee shall be provided to the Governor by July 1, 1983; a final report, with recommendations, shall be due by December 1, 1983. The Committee shall expire on December 31, 1983.

The Committee shall receive administrative support as necessary from the Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation. State agencies are directed to cooperate with the Committee and provide appropriate assistance. Expenses of Committee members will be reimbursed to the extent that funds are available for that purpose.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the State of Washington to be affixed at Olympia this 21st day of March A.D., Nineteen hundred and eighty-three.

John Spellman  
Governor of Washington

**BY THE GOVERNOR:**

Secretary of State

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