

## **Second planning workshop for the North Beach area state parks**

### **Local News**

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OLYMPIA &dash; May 12, 2009 &dash; The Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission today announced its second workshop in a process that will lead to land use plans for [Ocean City](#), [Pacific Beach](#), [Griffiths-Priday](#) and [Damon Point](#) state parks and the Seashore Conservation Area in Grays Harbor County. The public is invited to a workshop from 7 to 9 p.m., May 27 at the Shiloh Inn, 707 Ocean Shores Blvd. NW, Ocean Shores. The purpose of the workshop is to follow up on comments from park visitors and community members made during stage one of the process. &ldquo;An alternative report will be presented,&rdquo; said Brian Hovis, parks planner. &ldquo;Now that we know Ocean City State Park is out of immediate risk for mothballing, we want to continue the process and look towards the future.&rdquo; The budget that was adopted by the Legislature states that all parks, including Ocean City State Park will remain open in 2009-11, unless sufficient revenues from a new donation program are not collected to keep them open. The Commission and Legislature will be monitoring the success of the program as we move forward. The program includes a \$5 donation to state parks when motorists renew their vehicle license tabs each year.

Project information and a link to the North Beach area state parks are available online at <http://www.parks.wa.gov/plans/>. Please check the site regularly for updates and workshop notices. If you would like to be added to the mailing list, have copies of the alternatives report mailed to you or require special accommodations in order to attend the workshop, please contact Brian Hovis at (360) 902-8635 or Wash. Telecommunications Relay Service (800) 833-6388. The Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission is committed to creating land-use plans in all 121 state parks in the system. Land-use plans will help State Parks preserve and protect lands while offering appropriate recreation opportunities for the public. So far, 62 parks have complete plans in place. The commitment to land-use plans for parks is part of the Commission&rsquo;s Centennial 2013 Plan, an initiative to prepare the park system for its 100th birthday and a second century of service to citizens. Information about park plans in development is available online at [www.parks.wa.gov/plans](http://www.parks.wa.gov/plans). The Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission manages a diverse system of more than 121 parks and several recreation programs, including trails, boating safety, cross-country skiing and snowmobiling. The 96-year-old park system will celebrate its 100th anniversary in 2013.