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A Master Plan for Nehalem Bay State Park And a New Park on the Nehalem River January 2007 Newsletter

Beginning a Master Planning Process

The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) is preparing to begin work on a master plan for Nehalem Bay State Park, and a new park located along Lost Creek on the Nehalem River. In the planning process OPRD will take a comprehensive look at current information on recreational use patterns, resource management needs, related plans of other agencies, and issues and ideas identified through public input to formulate a 20-year plan for these two parks.

A Chance to Participate

Opportunities to participate in the park master planning process will begin early and extend throughout the process. OPRD will hold meetings followed by written comment opportunities at key times to ask for input on planning issues, goals, use and development concepts, and management strategies. Some discussions will be held with an Advisory Committee. The Advisory Committee will include representatives of a broad spectrum of interests related to the state park properties and the recreational activities and resources that they support. Other discussions will occur at general public meetings. Our first opportunities to ask for input will be at the following meetings:

<u>Advisory Committee Meeting</u>	February 7 2:00-4:00 PM	Pine Grove Community Center 225 Laneda Ave. Manzanita, OR
<u>Local General Public Meeting</u>	February 7 6:00 to 8:00 PM	Same location as above.
<u>Regional General Public Meeting</u>	February 8 6:00 to 8:00 PM	Wilsonville Public Library 8200 S.W. Wilsonville Road Wilsonville, OR

What Will Happen At These Meetings?

The purpose of these first meetings is to ask for input on any issues or other information that should be considered in formulating a draft master plan. Members of the general public may attend the afternoon Advisory Committee meeting, however; only comments from the Advisory Committee will be taken at this meeting. The two evening meetings will provide opportunities for the general public to comment. OPRD staff will provide an overview of the planning process and schedule at each meeting.

What Will Happen After These Meetings?

OPRD staff will prepare the first draft of the park master plan based on the input gathered at these first meetings and during the 30-day written comment period that will follow the meetings. Shortly after the first draft is produced, a second round of public and Advisory Committee meetings will be scheduled to introduce the draft and accept comments. Another 30-day written comment period will follow the second round of meetings. At key times during the process, staff will also meet with local government officials as needed to discuss issues and the draft master plan, and to identify the steps needed to assure that the park master plan complies with local comprehensive land use plans. After making any needed changes based on public comments, OPRD will present the draft master plan to the State Parks and Recreation Commission for their comments. All of these steps will occur before OPRD begins the more formal public process that will lead to the eventual adoption of the master plan by OPRD and approval by Tillamook County.

What Is a State Park Master Plan?

A state park master plan is an adopted plan that guides the development and use of park facilities and the protection and management of important natural, cultural and scenic resources within the park boundaries. The plan is a written and illustrated reference that describes the planning purpose and process, existing park facilities, expected future recreation demand, the suitability of the land for resource protection or recreational development, issues related to public use and management, the goals, objectives and development concepts for future uses and development in the park, and guidelines for managing the park resources. The useful life of a park master plan is generally no longer than 20 years before it needs to be updated.

Where Can I Review The Draft Plan?

OPRD website. As materials produced during the planning process become available, including the draft plan, any addendums to the draft, the final plan, newsletters, etc., they may be reviewed at OPRD's website at http://egov.oregon.gov/OPRD/PLANS/planning_nehalem.shtml.

Local libraries. Copies of the draft plan, any addendums to the draft, and the final plan will be provided to the following libraries:

- Tillamook County Library, 1716 Third Street, Tillamook OR
- Manzanita Branch Library, 571 Laneda Ave., Manzanita OR

OPRD offices. Copies of the draft plan, any addendums to the draft, and the final plan can also be viewed at the OPRD headquarters office in Salem (see address below) and the Nehalem Bay State Park office at 9500 Sandpiper Lane in Nehalem.

If you need your own copies of the plan materials, you may request copies by contacting OPRD. See the contact information below.

Questions or Comments?

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