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Third public workshop for south Puget Sound state parks

OLYMPIA – October 19, 2010 – The Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission today announced its third and final workshop in a process that will lead to land-use plans for Several parks and boat access points. Sites include Kopachuck, Penrose Point, Joemma Beach, Jarrell Cove and Harstine Island state parks, as well as several boat-access parks, including Stretch Point (on Stretch Island), McMicken Island, Hope Island and Eagle Island state parks. The public is invited to attend one of three workshops:

- **Oct. 26**, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Kopachuck Middle School Cafeteria, 10414 56th Street N.W., Gig Harbor.
- **Oct. 27**, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Harstine Island Community Hall, 3371 E Harstine Island Road North, Harstine Island
- **Oct. 28**, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at Olympia Timberland Library, 313 8th Avenue SE, Olympia

In the first and second workshops, the team gathered information and presented alternatives. The purpose of this third workshop is to present preliminary recommendations. “At the last workshop we explored alternatives that could meet the needs of our customers and the community. We appreciate the comments received and are now ready to make preliminary recommendations,” said Nikki Fields, parks planner.

Project information and a link to the south Puget Sound State Parks is available online at <http://www.parks.wa.gov/plans/>. The public is invited to check the site regularly for updates and

workshop notices. Those who would like to be added to the mailing list, to receive copies of the alternatives report mailed, or require special accommodations in order to attend the workshop, contact Nikki Fields at (360) 902-8658 or Washington Telecommunications Relay Service (800) 833-6388.

The Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission is committed to creating land-use plans for all 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, 70 parks have complete plans in place.

The commitment to land-use plans for parks is part of the Commission'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 the Centennial 2013 Plan is available online at www.parks.wa.gov/Centennial2013.

The Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission thanks the public for supporting state parks. Donations made to State Parks through the vehicle license tab renewal program will keep state parks open in the 2009-2011 budget cycle, provided adequate revenues are collected. The Commission manages a diverse system of more than 100 state parks and recreation programs, including long-distance trails, boating safety and winter recreation. The 97-year-old park system will celebrate its 100th anniversary in 2013.

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