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### **Public invited to fourth workshop for the Nisqually-Mashel property**

OLYMPIA – Sept. 16, 2008 – The Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission today announced its fourth workshop in a process that will lead to a master plan for the Nisqually-Mashel property.

The public is invited to a workshop from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 30, at the Eatonville Community Center multi-purpose room, 305 Center Street West, in Eatonville.

The purpose of the workshop is to present preliminary recommendations. “We appreciate the role the community has played in providing feedback on our planning alternatives in the last public workshop. “We will be seeking feedback on our preliminary recommendation at this workshop,” said Nikki Fields, State Parks planner.

More information about the planning process and a link to the Nisqually-Mashel planning Web page are available online at [www.parks.wa.gov/plans](http://www.parks.wa.gov/plans). Please check regularly for updates and workshop notices. If you would like a copy of the meeting materials mailed to you or if you require special accommodations in order to attend the workshop, please contact Nikki Fields at (253) 288-3000 or Washington Telecommunications Relay Service at (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, 42 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](http://www.parks.wa.gov/Centennial2013).

The Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission manages a diverse system of more than 120 parks and several recreation programs, including long-distance trails, boating safety, cross-country skiing and snowmobiling. The 95-year-old park system will celebrate its 100th anniversary in 2013.