Capital Project Request

2009-11 Biennium

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Project Number: 20081015
Project Title: Marine Station

Description

Starting Fiscal Year: 2008
Project Class: Preservation
Agency Priority: 17

Project Summary
Reappropriation of funds is requested to continue work on converting the Marine Station at Gull Harbor to a multi-agency workcenter and shoreline public access site.

Project Description
This project description was copied from the 2007-2009 biennium agency request.

The Department of Natural Resources' (DNR) commitment to environmental protection and education, as well as public access, is exemplified by the project to convert the Marine Station at Gull Harbor from its current unused status to a shoreline public access site. It would also be used as a site where multiple state agencies can operate their marine oriented support activities.

This proposal would continue and complete the main uplands build out work at the Marine Station by installing boatsheds, a septic system and a water system.

The proposal would also address potential contaminated soil as a requirement prior to construction. DNR is requesting a reappropriation of $75,000 of 2005-07 funds that will allow installation of boathouses on the upper level of the site. DNR was not able to use these funds in 2005-07 until a master plan was submitted to the appropriate committees of the legislature. The report is due to the legislature by December 1, 2006.

Additional funds are needed to install a connected water and septic system; the site could then be occupied by 8-12 personnel on a permanent basis. The capacity of this system will allow for up to 8-12 workstations to be utilized by DNR Geoduck Program staff and other agencies either on a permanent basis or available for drop-in use.

DNR also needs to address potential soil contamination on the lower level where a building used to be located until it was demolished in 2001. There had been a heating fuel tank failure under the building, resulting in contaminated soil that would need to be resolved before further site development could occur.

Long-term plans for the site include regrading the shoreline and installing a boat ramp and some public access. As required by the 2005-07 biennium budget, DNR is currently working with Legislators to submit a final site use report that would propose a site plan supporting vessel storage and water access for several state and likely local agencies. A number of entities have expressed interest in co-locating operations at the Marine Station, and the Department of Fish and Wildlife has already taken advantage of this. The following have expressed interest in co-locating some of their equipment and vessels at the Marine Station if the site could accommodate them: Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission, Department of Health, Department of Fish and Wildlife, Department of Transportation, North Olympia Fire District #7, and Thurston County Sheriff. The site plan also includes a public use and access component. This site offers unique attributes unavailable in the geographic area.

This project supports the following Priorities of Government:
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Improve cultural and recreational opportunities throughout the state. There is a long-term goal to allow public access at the site—a small watercraft launch ramp for kayaks and canoes. This proposal will set the stage for a second proposal in future biennia (09-11) that will remove the old, unsafe pier system and regrade the shoreline to allow installation of a new dock system and launch ramps. The sediment clean up work must be completed before this can be achieved.

Improve the safety of people and property.
The sediment clean up will achieve this.

Improve the ability of state government to achieve its results efficiently and effectively.
This proposal would build out the site so it can be used as a co-location facility for a number of state and local entities with marine operations/dive needs. Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) already uses the facility to a limited degree and is in the process of increasing their enforcement presence at the site.

This project also supports the DNR strategic plan as follows:

Aquatic Resources are managed to optimize the full range of public benefits.
Future plans for public access at the site depend on work that would be completed under this proposal if funded.

DNR’s workforce is skilled, knowledgeable, motivated and effective.
Effective use of resources at this facility—fully utilizing the site for DNR’s marine operations needs and future co-location of other state and local entities at the site.

This project supports the following DNR activities:

Aquatic Lands Business Management
Provides a useful, fully functional facility for program operations’ needs.

Shellfish Program
Supports the Shellfish Program by providing a fully functional operations base for its dive team and equipment.

Location
City: Olympia
County: Thurston
Legislative District: 022

Project Type
Infrastructure Preservation (Minor Works)

Growth Management impacts
None

Funding

Expenditures
2009-11 Fiscal Period
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### Operating Impacts

No Operating Impact