



Memorandum

TO: Senator Bishop, Co-Chair, Senate Finance Committee

FROM: Ricky Gease, Division Director Parks and Outdoor Recreation

DATE: February 11, 2022

RE: DPOR memo relating to request for information from SFIN

The Department of Natural Resource, Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation (DPOR), was asked multiple questions during the SFIN hearing on the FY 23 capital budget. Please find information relating to these information requests below. Additionally, a supplemental spreadsheet document contains the data on DPOR program receipt revenue generated at statewide DPOR park units.

Fee stations:

23 existing fee stations
20 just delivered, being installed spring 2020
CIP would purchase 50 new fee stations

Trash cans:

Where staff and funding exist trash cans are provided inside latrine stalls. Trash cans are not located outside bathrooms due to wildlife issues unless it is a campground where a bear proof dumpster is provided.

Status of Southeast Pavilions and Totem Bight State Historical Park:

Settler's Cove State Recreation Site:

Pavilion shoreline erosion undermined the shelter and post foundations. Shelter was dismantled and staff has plans to build it further away from the active shoreline.

Halibut Point State Recreation Site:

Smaller pavilion was destroyed by a tree falling through it. No funds to rebuild.

Main shelter was burned by vandalism. Park Rangers are working with identified suspects who are willing to assist in rebuilding and providing financial means for repair.

Totem Bight State Historical Park:

Only minor beach erosion reported.

Starrigavin Boat Launch:

DPOR has an agreement with Sitka that the City of Sitka's boat launch decals are valid at DPOR's boat launch, in return DPOR receives 40% of the boat launch decal sales revenue. If people pay the on-site day boat launch fee at Starrigavin, DPOR keeps all of the revenue, and the city retains any day launch fees generated at their own two city launch sites.

DPOR also has an MOU to manage an additional parking lot across the street to accommodate more vehicles with trailers and our Ben Grossendorff (Forest Muskeg) Trailhead.

Request to reach out to Girdwood to provide RTP info for potential bridge: COMPLETED

Request to reach out Sitka Church for info on HPF grant program: COMPLETED

Revenue info for day use parking, parking annual pass, boat launch, and annual boat launch pass.

FY20: \$1,925,968

FY21: \$2,217,347

Specific breakdown of revenue generated at the region level will follow for FY 20 and FY 21.

DPOR would still collect money at PUC's campgrounds, and other revenue generating areas. The existing electronic fee stations would be moved to campgrounds to continue to improve efficiencies in money handling and collection.

Respectfully,

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