



Commission Meeting Agenda  
Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission

September 17, 2020  
WSPRC HQ, 1111 Israel Rd. SW, Tumwater, WA 98501

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**Commissioners:** Chair Steve Milner, Vice-Chair Michael Latimer, Secretary Mark O. Brown, Cindy Whaley, Sophia Danenberg, Diana Perez and Ken Bounds.

**Director:** Donald Hoch

The Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission has decided to change its regularly scheduled meeting on September 16 and 17 in Pullman, Washington, to a one-day online commission meeting.

This meeting begins promptly at 9:00 a.m. and runs until about 4:30 p.m. on September 17.

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**Time:** Opening session will begin as shown; all other times are approximate.

**Order of Presentation:** In general, each agenda item will include a presentation, followed by Commission discussion, and then a decision. There will be no oral public comment during the meeting.

**Public Comment:**

Written public comment will be accepted for all agenda items until 5 p.m. on September 15, but please note the Commission will not be taking any oral public comments during the meeting. You may also submit written comments to the Commission by email or mail. **All comments must be received by 5 p.m. on September 15.** Any comments received after the cutoff will be given to the commission before its next meeting.

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## COMMISSION MEETING

- 9:00 a.m.      CALL TO ORDER** – Steve Milner, Commission Chair
- Call of the roll
  - Introduction of Staff
  - Changes to the Agenda
    - Approval of the Agenda
  - Logistics
  - Approval of minutes of previous meeting: July 30/August 27, 2020 – Olympia/Web Work Session
- 9:10 a.m.      COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS**
- 9:30 a.m.      REQUESTED ACTION**
- Item E-1: Adjustments Land Classifications and Long-Term Park Boundary – Fort Ebey State Park  
This item asks the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission to approve a minor adjustment to the long-term boundary of Fort Ebey State Park to include an adjacent parcel currently belonging to the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife.
- 10:00 a.m.      REQUESTED ACTION**
- Item E-2: Sale of Excess Timber from Forest Health Treatments  
This item asks the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission to approve the sale of excess timber resulting from a forest health thinning project at Palouse to Cascades State Park Trail. All proceeds in excess of the cost of the sale will go to natural resource stewardship purposes.
- 10:20 a.m.      BREAK**
- 10:30 a.m.      REQUESTED ACTION**
- Item E-3: Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program – State Parks Category – Project Ranking  
This item asks the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission to evaluate mission alignment and rank grant projects proposed for funding in the State Parks category of the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program.
- 11:15 a.m.      REQUESTED ACTION**
- Item E-4: Grayland Beach Ocean Beach Approach State Park Property Acquisition  
This item asks the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission to authorize acquisition of the Wicklund Property adjacent to the Grayland Beach Ocean Beach Approach State Park Property in Grays Harbor County.

**11:35 a.m. BREAK**

**12:00 p.m. REQUESTED ACTION**

- Item E-5: 2021 Supplemental Operating Budget Request  
This item asks the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission to: 1) approve the submittal of a 2021 Supplemental Operating Budget request to the Office of Financial Management (OFM) and 2) authorize the Director to make changes to the dollars and items requested as needed to finalize the request for submittal.

**12:45 p.m. COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

**1:20 p.m. DIRECTOR REPORT**

**1:30 p.m. 2020 SUMMER SEASON OPERATIONS REPORT**

- This item will be a verbal report led by Operations staff to update the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission on the 2020 summer season.

**3:00 p.m. STAFF REPORTS**

**3:45 p.m. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**4:30 p.m. ADJOURN**

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September 17, 2020

**Item E-1: Adjustments Land Classifications and Long-Term Park  
Boundary – Fort Ebey State Park – Requested Action**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:** This item asks the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission to approve a minor adjustment to the long-term boundary of Fort Ebey State Park to include an adjacent parcel currently belonging to the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife. This item advances the Commission’s strategic goal: “Resource Protection - Protect and preserve park system resources for the future”.

**SIGNIFICANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** In February 2020, the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) contacted staff to gauge interest in transferring 1.2 acres of land under WDFW ownership abutting Fort Ebey State Park (Appendix 1). The parcel at one time may have been intended to be a water access site to Lake Pondilla on its south end, but it remains undeveloped. Considering the property’s small size and its contiguity with the neighboring state park, WDFW believes that transferring the property will achieve management efficiencies among state agencies and is therefore in the public interest.

While not adding significant recreational value to the park, accepting transfer of the Lake Pondilla property would also not affect public use of the site nor result in any significant operational burden or costs to the agency. The primary benefit to State Parks of accepting transfer would be to consolidate park boundaries and avoid any confusion or conflict in the administration of the neighboring properties. State Parks considers similar transfers of property to other public agencies when we believe such a transfer would better achieve the property’s intended purpose or otherwise better advance the Commission’s recreation or conservation mission.

**Previous Commission Action**

Staff completed a Classification and Management Planning process for Fort Ebey in 2008. The long-term boundary adopted by the Commission at that time did not include the Lake Pondilla property.

**Commission Real Estate Policy**

In 2015, the Commission updated its Real Estate Policy to stipulate that “Approval of all new leases, transfers, and cancellations of leases granted by or to the agency, other than those that are routine and minor, will remain with the Commission.” So, while the Director has delegated authority to accept donated properties that are adjacent to existing parks, there is no such

delegation for transfers from other agencies. Thus, the decision on whether to accept this transfer from WDFW lies with the Commission.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the Commission approve adjustment of the long-term boundary of Fort Ebey to include WDFW's Lake Pondilla property. Staff further recommends that the property be classified Natural and Resource Recreation, as shown in Appendix 2. These classifications simply extend the park's existing classification scheme onto the Lake Pondilla property, with the beach and the lake classified as Natural Areas and the uplands classified as Resource Recreation Areas. Finally, staff recommends that the Commission authorize the Director to accept transfer of the 1.2-acre Lake Pondilla property from WDFW at no fee and under terms advantageous to the Commission.

**LEGAL AUTHORITY:**

RCW 79A.05.030 Powers and duties - Mandatory  
WAC 352-16-020 Land Classification System

**SUPPORTING INFORMATION:**

Appendix 1: Lake Pondilla Property Location  
Appendix 2: Staff Recommended Adjustments to Land Classifications and the Long-term Park Boundary for Fort Ebey State Park

**REQUESTED ACTION FROM COMMISSION:**

*That the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission:*

1. Adjust land classifications and the long-term boundary for Fort Ebey State Park as shown in Appendix 2.
2. Authorize the Director to accept transfer of the 1.2-acre Lake Pondilla property from the State Department of Fish and Wildlife at no fee and under terms advantageous to the Commission.

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**Reviewer(s):**

**Jessica Logan, SEPA Review:** Following review, staff has determined that the action proposed for the Commission by staff is exempt from the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) pursuant to WAC 197-11-800(5)(b) "The sale, transfer or exchange of any publicly owned real property, but only if the property is not subject to a specifically designated and authorized public use established by the public landowner and used by the public for that purpose."

**Van Church, Fiscal Review:** Action requested has immaterial fiscal impact. Potential long-term nominal fiscal impact due to increased staff and maintenance activity needed to support the expanded property.

**Andy Woo, Assistant Attorney General:** August 27, 2020

**Peter Herzog, Assistant Director**

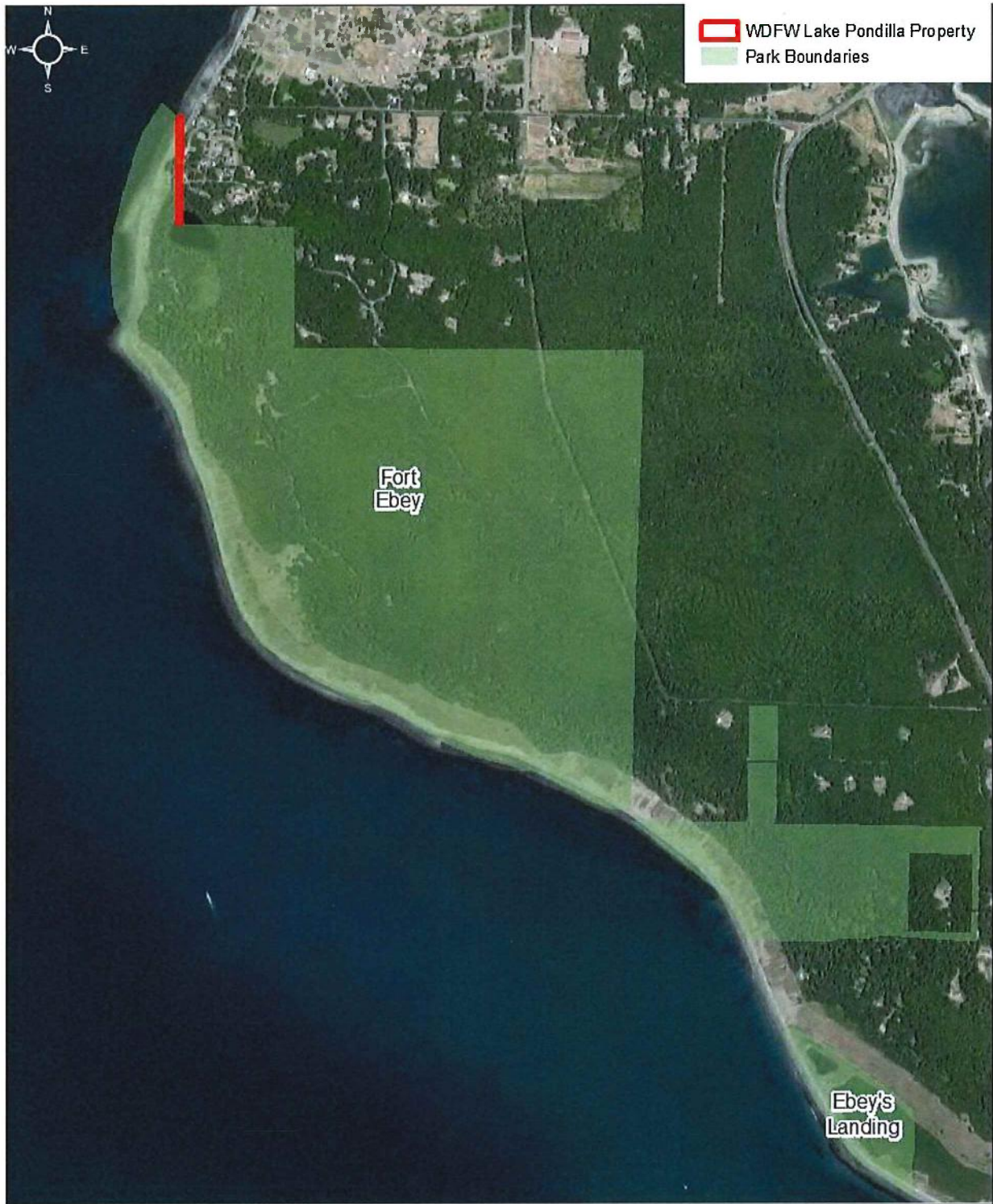
**Approved for Transmittal to Commission**



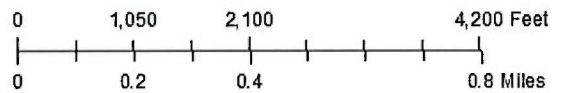
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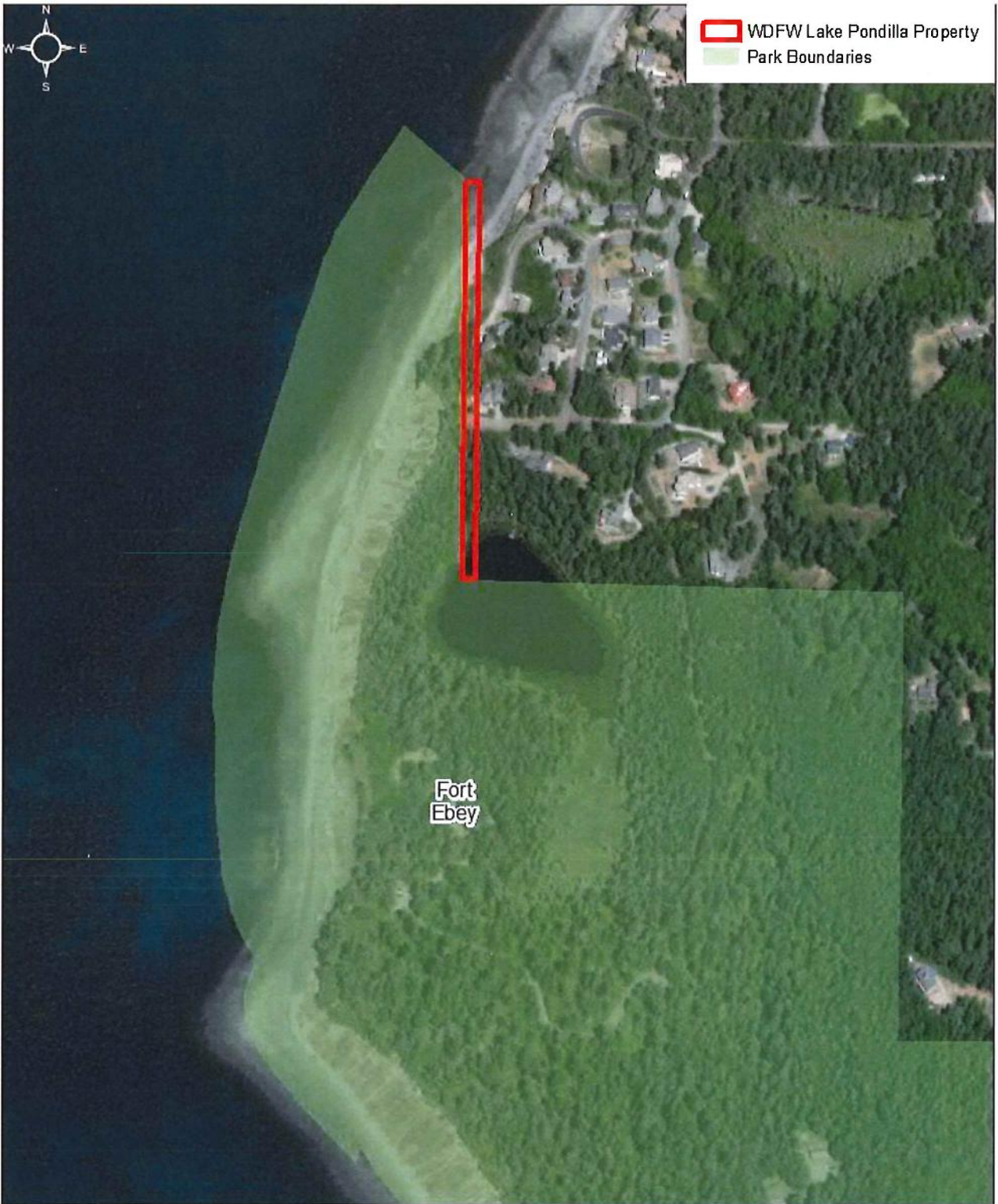


**APPENDIX 1**  
**Lake Pondilla Property Location**



Fort Ebey State Park  
Lake Pondilla Property





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