

South Whidbey State Park

- SWSP
 - Alternative III. This is the best option to protect this park.
 - Yes add a connection to Trillium.
 - Would not want to keep camping if trees need to come down.
- Camping is fine if it doesn't mean tree cutting
- If tree cutting is necessary and indefinite in the group campsite can there be an emphasis on habitat snags and low impact?
- State needs to survey for other critical areas such as Marlette nest sights, Migratory species act, and other endangered or threatened species. There has been no survey which includes Marbled Marlette nest sights. The entire area around Whidbey is surrounded by such classifications.
- Suggestion. Provide a reservation system for using the group campground as a "day use" picnic area.
- I like the Trillium idea.
- No camping. NO tree removal.
- Want clarification on what cutting would look like by group campsite. If the biologist states that there is a root rot pocket there, won't cutting perpetuate the problem?
- I like alternative 1 best.
- Appreciate preservation of natural forested area and natural shoreline in all alternatives.
- TREES STAY, CAMPING GOES!!!!
- EXPAND LONG TERM BOUNDARY INCREMENTALLY.
 - Work on connecting all park areas with walking trails throughout Whidbey
 - Think of a necklace of beads. Mini-parks connecting to trails connecting to larger PARKS together.
 - There are many no-perk lots available cheap now. (But not after sewers arrive)
- RE: SWSP. Alt 1 is preferred.
- Connecting park areas together with trail corridors gives our endangered bullfrogs and newts places to migrate which increases species diversity and the longevity of the species.
- What is the impact to the trees in this scenario?
- With regards to access to Trillium FYI Whidbey Camano land trust and Island County have purchased land connecting Smugglers Cove Rd to the Trillium land and have plans for an equestrian parking and connecting trail (to Trillium). The location is approximately ¼ mi. south of State Park near Bald Eagle Way.
- SW State Park
 - Close campground
 - Maximize natural forest area

- No bikes
- Would current Group Campground be converted to regular individual camping under Alternative #1?
- IF TREES ARE DANGEROUS fell them and leave them to ROT in PLACE. They become NURSE LOGS for the next generation then our great grandchildren will have trees to appreciate.
- What percent of old growth trees will be left standing under Alternative #1?
- This seems to be the most practical alternative. Use resource rec areas for trails bicycles, bike camping in rec area?
- Max Welton has a large park and parking. Has it been considered as a recreational classified State Park?
- No Tree Removal. No Camping.
- All critical areas should be designated natural and accorded max protection.
- Provide water access and water trail kayak camping at all parks where feasible.
- The whole process is well PLANNED but lacks EDUCATION on BOUNDARIES which people really need on South Whidbey- in and out of the PARKS- We teach Marine Zoology and Marine Botany in the parks, but NOT WHAT ARE
 - UPLANDS
 - TIDELANDS
 - MEANDER LINES
 - MEAN HIGH WATER
 - EXTREME LOW WATER

Is there a place for this? WHO OWNS WHAT?

- NO “recreation” on East side of Smugglers Cove Rd.
- SWSP would be good to have a small interpretive center to include:
 - An audio visual narrative and visual state park ___ that speak to the narrative
 - A huge cement patio for outdoor classroom to educate school districts
 - A taxidermied set of local animals, osprey, bats, eagles-like the Audubon bird exhibit it has to loan.
- Please have biologists present for meetings to help with Q and A.
- Camping – would love to see trees “made safe” and be able to camp.
- South Whidbey State Park Fire Hazard. What are the plans to remove the overabundance of dead wood on the forest floor and dead or dying trees?
- South Whidbey State Park. Restore campgrounds! Trees are always a potential hazard in a campground environment. Camp at your own risk and experience nature.
- If SWSP campground closed, trees felled, will campground area be declared surplus and sold? If not, how will it be used?
- South Whidbey. Have campus sign a legal form protecting the state from fault from certain things. (Trees falling)
- Consider purchase of parcel(s) north or south of SW State Park for development of a new campground.
- Need for more clarification for public pertaining to the science of what is occurring. Specifying you cannot sterilize the forest by deeming trees good or bad. Over simplification facilitates opinions from the uninformed leading to greater impact.
- ___ Land classification. No recreation on East side Smugglers Cove.
- How will this be managed given disease condition of trees in currently designated campground?

- Active recreation in the NE and SE corners doesn't make sense to me. It seems like there would be limited access due to their locations.
- South Whidbey State Park. Re-establish campgrounds.
- Current land class allows for continual habitat degradation and does not go far enough to protect natural and cultural heritage of lowland old growth.
- If the risks of the re-opening the campground are too high, provide alternative camping in the east corners of the park and/or in the proposed land acquisition to connect to trillium forest.
- What is the impact to the trees in this scenario?
- The campsites seem to have a history of heavy seasonal use and one would assume they would continue to be treasured overnight locations if left in place.
- This is already classified as recreational (ok for camping.) People need a place to camp and it's State parks responsibility to provide it for the taxpayers. Make it safe and keep the campground.
- Love the idea of a connected trail to the trillium woods
- SWSP. Study possible purchase of adjacent properties/land to expand park boundaries.
- SWSP is a fantastic resource – needs more community use – events, trail walks, etc.
- Please no signage or numbers on the trails! Distraction from the experience.
- Is it possible to collaborate with Greenbank Farm (part comm.) for a campground there that would be close to park but not a part of it? Possible transfer of maintenance and cost for income to farm?
- Alternative 2 is a non-option because it doesn't offer enough protection for preservation of forest.
- Connector to Trillium land would open up classic U side to horses, trail bikes and motor bikes – NO to this slippery slope!
- Provide addresses of Rec. Commissioners so that those unable to attend this meeting can comment. Email/phone/written addresses.
- Have arborist trim trees to lessen wind loading and remove weak branches. Cut down the diseased small to medium trees. Leave largest trees as is. Re-open campground this summer. Communicate the risks.
- No tree removal. No camping.
- If the trees are damaged or dangerous, they have to come down anyway. It's a natural process of life to death.
- SWSP/RVs? September meeting suggestion.
 - Restrict parking "RV BIG RIG" to street parking lot – to PROTECT surface ROOTS old growth trees. Lot near smugglers Road
 - Allow RV campers to use campsites with tents – camping. Lighter weight equipment.
- Who decides recreational/resource balance. Is this voted on?
- S. There are NO danger trees in bicycle walk in. 4 campsites: P1, P2, P3, P4. Please REOPEN those very nice sites.
- What percent of old growth trees would need to be removed from campground for Alternative 2?
- Resume camping in selected sites. Upgrade trails and connect to Trillium. Leave largest trees (trim dangerous limbs.) Keep large group campsite.
- Upgrade the trail system in SWSP and at Possession with more trails, board-walks and connectors. Keep the campground open for walkers.
- Suggestion. Provide an educational program for children similar to "Maxwelton Outdoor classroom."
- South Whidbey would benefit from a playground area_– Bring more families to the park.

- No “resource recreation” of E. side of Smugglers Cove Rd.
- Suggestion. Provide an interpretive center to help educate the public.
- SWSP Recreational Use. Resume camping and close only sites deemed “dangerous/hazardous.”
- SWSP. Alternative #2- Don’t want this option. What percent of trees would need to come down? Can’t make a decision/recommendation until we know number trees down.
- SWSP. Remove/trim any/all trees posing a “danger”/”hazard.”

Useless Bay State Park Property

- How you stated that your goal is to classify UBSP property as resource recreation – what would be needed to stop the land from being classified as such. There is no parking, narrow road and private ownership of most tide lands on Sunlight Beach.
- Need definitive survey of Useless Bay, including historical record, to quiet title.
- Work toward consolidating Useless Bay tidelands and connecting them to public access at Double Bluff.
- Re: Useless Bay. Alternative 1 is preferred.
- I believe that you map classifying private versus state owned tide lands for Useless Bay is incorrect. The areas in blue are private and the gaps in between are state owned.
- I live on Sunlight Beach. My home has been in my family and I have been on the beach for over 65 years. Most of the tide flats are deeded private property. I am not in favor of park access to the beach.
- No jet skis or motorized craft.
- Who to call when private homeowners block and barricade public access. Sheriff? State Parks?
- The tideland maps in Useless Bay state owned – how does one differentiate between public and private – where is access and parking for Useless Bay?
- Useless Bay. Is the blue shade private or public?
- Protect Deer Lagoon. Public access on Sunlight Beach should have some wildlife protections but include some recreation.
- Useless Bay State Park. No thanks.
- Need much more specific mapping here to be able to make intelligent comments. Is there any property that is above tide? Does any connect to existing county or public property for future water access? Cooperate with other public entities for access.
- UB Tidelands. Retain for future possible upland acquisition.
- Useless Bay Alternative #1. This is the best option but add more natural areas and add better access. Prohibit hunting.
- I'm not familiar with use of the underwater areas south/southeast of Double Bluff Park and would support "natural" classification of all of them. (Not seeing a downside/limitation to this)
- Walkers frequent the beach from Double Bluff Park past Double Bluff. If "natural" classification would limit this access, I would prefer resource recreation.
- . Very concerned about any increase in access.
 - Local road is small, lots of children
 - No place to park a long narrow road and no parking areas.
- How will you possibly define public vs. private tidelines to the future users?
- Don't like jet skis.
- How can you possibly enforce public vs. private tideland on property that is fragmented?

- No motorized boats – jet skis
- 1.) What/Where are the state tidelands at Useless Bay? Low tide? Where does it start? 2.) Concern for critical habitat in Useless Bay – bird life and estuary in areas that have been marked recreational – critical area. NO jet ski.
- Coordinate with Island County to provide upland access to Useless Bay tidelands.
- Keep Double Bluff recreation. Also any that could connect to county or public properties.
- Is there a plan to make the Useless Bay property accessible over land?
- Encourage more kayaking and public access. ↑ parking access for kayaking. Create bird/wildlife sanctuary. This location is on Pacific Flyway. Protect the birds. No hunting.
- Parking is not posted on Useless Bay – Sunlight Beach area. People don't have a place to park to use the access to the bay.
- Are there any plans to protect Deer Lagoon? Many years ago it was designated a highly sensitive area by the state. Everyone seems to have forgotten this classification. It is nesting area for many bird species that would be disturbed by boat and other activity.
- Eagles, king fishers, herons = need protection.
- We have a cabin and anchor a small boat in front. We would not want any change in your ability to use our boat.
- Useless Bay. Bald Eagle habitat.
- It seems like once something has an official designation given, unintended consequences seem to emerge later and then it's a "had we known" we wouldn't have chosen that had we known." How can we mitigate that? How can we monitor creep on designation parameters.
- I'm skeptical that this process will take into consideration the concern of property owners regarding parking, bird habitat, etc.
- NO Boat Ramp.
- Road to Useless Bay areas are residential and busy with children on bikes and skateboards especially in the summer. No existing or potential for off-road parking. We don't want impermeable parking pavement areas! In this sensitive bird and wildlife, and H₂O runoff habitat.
- Has the Commission considered the option of swapping Useless Bay property for Island County property with more recreational value?
- Inadequate publicity that these parks would be included in the camp process. Strongly consider 2nd – 1st stage public comment meeting to obtain representative community comments on this particular park.
- Can we teach MAPPING in Shoreline Parks? Mapping of who owns WHAT. Where are the BOUNDARIES? Who are the owners? How do we find out? WHERE CAN WE WALK AT LOW TIDE?
- Many people from Oregon, Seattle, Canada, etc. enjoy kite surfing in Useless Bay. The kite surfing community participates in beach cleanups, is respectful to adjacent land owners. We would like kite boarding to remain at Useless Bay and particular at the launch site at the southern opening beach area of Deer Lagoon.
- Where will the parking be for Useless Bay Park property?
- Sunlight Beach Road cannot handle additional traffic.
- What's the motivation behind this process now.
- Useless Bay recreation – Fix the boat ramp at Maxwellton!
- Why not shift recreation uses to Maxwellton with better access and parking opportunities, especially if boat ramp is restored. Useless Bay – in vicinity of Deer Lagoon is a sensitive bird habitat.

Possession Point State Park

- Kayak – launch and camping. Hiking trails.
- Install single group use campsite.
- Add public dock for fishing, crabbing and boating.
- Marine trail usage does not warrant parks owning and maintain this property. Sell the area currently being considered for recreational classification and give rest to WDFW as eagle habitat.
- No need for launch. South Whidbey Port has launch and adequate parking approximately 1/3 mile north.
- Designating the area as recreation opens up potential for far too many non-marine trail activities. Need a more restrictive designation/classification. Again – NO MISSION CREEP!!
- Better trail system at Possession – maybe a birding trail?
- Expanded recreational classification, added boat ramp for year round access.
- Would like improvements at the water trails site.
- PPSP uplands are very valuable habitat and must not be sold.
- Trails to the bluff lookout at the park. There are two existing trails. One was constructed with volunteers and state park employees. The other starts at the parking lot and ascends, then connects to other. State park employees have communicated that this was what master plan envisioned.
- As a mountain biker, I like this alternative (#1) for Possession Point.
- Possession Point #2. This would limit popularity and prevent fishing.
- This is preferred of the two. Note concerns about trespass on adjoining tidelands.
- Again – this was justified as a water trails park – Not General Use!
- Possession alternative 2 is preferred.
- Boundary. I support preserving the upland forest, feed bluffs and shoreline outside of the developed area. I'm not sure state parks need to be the owners for this and understand the RCO grant limitations help to ensure future possible landowners would be committed to this preservation.
- Concern that 'natural' here would limit clamming and fishing.
- Alternative #2. Like this best. Adds natural area, keeps marine use.
- For possession point, I believe the optimizing of preserved natural space is the best option since so much of Whidbey is already modified and/or occupied.