



Snohomish County Council

Committee: Committee of the Whole

Analyst: Deb Evison Bell

ECAF: 2023-0847

Proposal: Motion 23-307

Date: August 8, 2023

Consideration:

The proposed Motion would approve the Aquatic Lands Lease between the State of Washington, acting through the Department of Natural Resources, and Snohomish County for a period of 30 years to commence July 1, 2023, and end June 30, 2053, and authorizes the Director of Facilities and Fleet to execute on behalf of Snohomish County the Aquatic Lands Lease and any other documents necessary to facilitate the Aquatic Lands Lease and to carry out the terms and conditions of said Lease, under Snohomish County Charter 2.20(7).

Background:

Snohomish County Division of Parks and Recreation owns the property known as Kayak Point Regional Park, which has access to bedlands of Port Susan. Kayak Point Regional Park supports day use and overnight recreation activities including picnicking, camping, boating, swimming, and fishing on shorelands and bedlands owned by the County, as well as a fishing pier which extends out into a portion of the aquatic lands of Port Susan, which are owned by the State of Washington.

This Lease will allow the County to construct improvements on state-owned aquatic lands that include renovation of the existing fishing pier for safety, improved ADA accessibility, current habitat stewardship requirements, and ongoing public access to the water. The Lease also allows the County to use the portion of the state-owned aquatic lands around the fishing pier for a 30-year period. There is no cost to the County associated with the Lease as the land is available to the public for use and access to aquatic lands for boating, fishing, and swimming in accordance with WAC 332-30-131.

Current Proposal:

Scope: Approval of the draft Aquatic Lands Lease between the State of Washington, acting through the Department of Natural Resources and Snohomish County is sought, including the authorization of the Director of Facilities and Fleet to execute the final Lease and any other documents necessary to facilitate the Aquatic Lands Lease and to carry out the terms and conditions of the said Lease. The state requires this draft lease to be approved before the Director of Facilities and Fleet can sign the document at a future date with a notary present.

Duration: The proposed Lease would start July 1, 2023 and end June 30, 2053.

Fiscal Implications: NA

2023 Budget: there is no cost to the County associated with the Lease as the land is available to the public for use and access to aquatic lands for boating, fishing, and swimming in accordance with WAC 332-30-131.

Handling: Urgent

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Approved-as-to-form: No

Risk Management: APPROVE

Executive Recommendation: APPROVE

Requests: The requested action is for Council to consider the motion.