Chapter 352-68 WAC
WATER TRAIL PROGRAMS

WAC 352-68-010 Purpose. (1) This chapter:
(a) Establishes procedures by which the Washington state parks and recreation commission will administer grants supported by water trail program funds; and
(b) Provides for issuance and use of water trail permits; and
(c) Provides for distribution of trail use guidelines.
(2) The commission retains the authority pursuant to RCW 43.51.442 and 43.51.444 to enter into nongrant contracts with any public agency, tribal government, entity, or person to develop and implement water trail programs. Such contracts are not subject to this chapter.

WAC 352-68-020 Definitions. When used in this chapter the following words and phrases shall have the meanings designated in this section:
"Commission" means the Washington state parks and recreation commission.
"Director" means the director of the Washington state parks and recreation commission or the director's designee.
"Site" means a designated area and the fixtures and improvements thereon or nearby provided to people traveling the water trail for their overnight stays ashore.
"Water trail program funds" means the funds deposited in the water trail program account administered by the Washington state parks and recreation commission pursuant to this chapter and chapter 43.51 RCW.
"Water trail system" means a network of designated water trail sites strategically located for the convenience, and use of holders of water trail permits when traveling from site to site.

WAC 352-68-030 Water trail program funds. Water trail program funds may be used by the commission solely for water trail program purposes, including, but not limited to, grants for planning, acquisition, development, maintenance, operation and administration of a water trail program and a water trail system of sites and water trail access and launch-
funds, or unspent grant funds if a program is not completed in a timely manner or is canceled;  
(c) Execute a grant contract with the commission for the program to be funded; and  
(d) Fulfill all obligations of the grant contract.  
(5) Certify to the commission that any facility for which funds are received will be open to all holders of a water trail permit for, at minimum, the period of time specified in the grant contract.


WAC 352-68-070 Grant selection. The selection process which will be used by the commission in the review and disbursement of water trail grant funds is as follows:  
(1) Applications will be reviewed by state parks staff to determine eligibility and consistency with the requirements of this chapter.  
(2) The director will receive and consider the recommendations of the water trails advisory committee and will present final recommendations to the commission.  
(3) The commission retains the authority and responsibility to make the final decision concerning the grant of funds.


WAC 352-68-080 Disbursement of funds. The commission may disburse funds for approved water trail programs either:  
(1) After submittal of a billing indicating satisfactory compliance with contractual obligations; or  
(2) In the case of municipal corporations or other public agencies, in advance payment upon written request to and approval by the director.


WAC 352-68-090 Accountability. Recipients of water trail program funds shall maintain accurate accounting records on the expenditure of funds, provide the commission with these records upon request, and permit the commission to audit the use of the funds.


WAC 352-68-100 Water trail permit—Issuance. Permits will be issued on a calendar year basis by the commission or its designee upon payment of the permit fee as published by state parks. A valid permit entitles the holder to the use of all designated water trail sites that are open for public use.


WAC 352-68-110 Water trail permit—Inspection. Any person using a designated water trail site shall carry the water trail permit and make it available for inspection when requested by an authorized agent. A violation of this section shall constitute a civil infraction as provided in RCW 43.51.-454.


WAC 352-68-120 Water trail use regulations. Guidelines for use of water trails shall be distributed with the water trail permit. Use of commission owned or commission administered sites shall be subject to all applicable public use regulations of the commission.


WAC 352-68-130 Severability. Should any section of the foregoing regulations be found invalid, the remainder of the regulations shall remain in full force and effect.