

Oregon Parks and Recreation Commission

June 14, 2023

Agenda Item: 9b **Information**

Public Comment Allowed: **Yes**

Topic: **Rulemaking Update**

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While the agenda for the last couple of commission meetings has been light on rulemaking, staff want to share an update on rulemaking activities anticipated in the coming year.

Currently Open for public comment:

- Division 24: Lincoln City ocean shore vehicle access. A Rule Advisory Committee met in May to discuss closure of the ocean shore to vehicles at 34th Street and 15th Street in Lincoln City. Proposed rules will be open for public comment from June 1 through July 15. Staff anticipate bringing this rule to the Commission for adoption in September.

Approved for opening by Commission:

- Division 10: Park Area Rules. This rulemaking was delayed during the legislative session. Recruitment for a Rule Advisory Committee is currently underway. Public comment will likely be opened in the fall/winter of 2023.
- Division 10: Drones. This rulemaking was paused after receiving extensive public comment. The Director appointed a workgroup to develop criteria for the take off and landing of drones. Staff are currently developing draft maps based on the criteria in select parks. Recommendations for action by the workgroup will go to the Director for a decision on next steps.

Upcoming:

- Division 10 and 21: Exclusions to park property. A Rule Advisory Committee will meet over the summer to review and recommend rule changes regarding park visitor exclusions. This RAC will consider development of rules that establish criteria around reasons for issuing exclusions, length and geography of exclusions and an appeal process. Staff anticipate requesting approval to open rulemaking at the September 2023 commission meeting.
- Division 10 and 21: Electric assisted bicycles and other devices. Rules in Division 10 were updated in 2018. Since that time changes in technology and use of electric assisted bicycles and other electric devices including scooters, one-wheels and skateboards

necessitate additional review. Staff are currently researching the issue, with the intent of bringing a request to open rulemaking in fall or winter 2023.

- Division 20: Ocean shore permits. Rules for beach construction and alteration permits have not been updated for over twenty years. Staff will be reviewing rules to recommend updates over the next year.

Prior Action by Commission:

Action Requested: none, information only

Attachments: none

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