

**Lessard Outdoor Heritage Council**  
**Process for Developing FY 2010 Appropriation Recommendations From the Outdoor Heritage Fund**

**February 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> LOHC Meetings**

**February 9<sup>th</sup>**

- Members execute and file conflict of interest form with executive director for the day's hearings
- Presentation/review of Prairie system funding priority reports
- Presentation/review of Wetland system funding priority reports

**February 23<sup>rd</sup>**

- Members execute and file conflict of interest form with executive director for the day's hearings.
- Presentation/review of Forest system funding priority reports
- Presentation/review of Fish and Wildlife Habitat funding priority reports

**LOHC Actions at Each Meeting:**

1. Hear and review funding priority reports.
2. Decide (by majority vote of the Council) which funding priorities shouldn't be further considered for funding from the Outdoor Heritage Fund because they:
  - Don't meet the Constitutionally-specified uses of the Outdoor Heritage Account.
  - Don't meet the LOHC's minimum request criteria.
  - Are more appropriately funded from other Heritage Funds (e.g., Clean Water Fund) or other non-Heritage Funds.

**Between the February 23<sup>rd</sup> Meeting and March 4<sup>th</sup>**

1. LOHC members will be given a worksheet to complete and return to Bill Becker no later than March 4th. This worksheet will list all proposals presented at the February 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> LOHC meetings and members feel should be considered for funding. It will also identify each proposal's request for funding from the Outdoor Heritage Fund (see sample worksheet handout).
2. LOHC members will develop their individual recommendations for allocating Outdoor Heritage Fund dollars available in FY 2010 (\$70 – \$80 million) among the proposals listed on the worksheet.
3. Bill Becker will tabulate all of the worksheets completed by individual LOHC member and prepare a spreadsheet indicating the average allocation LOHC members make to each project. This spreadsheet will be focus of LOHC discussion at its March 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Ground Rule:**

If a proposal fails to receive an allocation from at least 7 LOHC members (a majority of the LOHC), the proposal will not show up on the spreadsheet as having an initial allocation.

**March 9<sup>th</sup> LOHC Meeting**

1. The LOHC will discuss the proposed Outdoor Heritage Fund appropriations listed on the spreadsheet. The goal of this meeting will be to reach general agreement on the proposal allocations and any specific conditions that need to be placed in law accompanying the recommended allocation.
2. Changes in the proposed allocations can be made with majority support from the LOHC. Additionally, with majority support from the LOHC, individual proposals that were not included on the spreadsheet can be added to the spreadsheet.

**March 23<sup>rd</sup> LOHC Meeting**

1. Bill Becker will prepare a draft appropriations bill that includes the draft LOHC allocations from the worksheet discussed on March 9<sup>th</sup>.
2. The LOHC will vote on the recommendations package. This requires nine votes for passage.