

November 29, 2011

Statement re: Recission of Letter supporting Wild Olympics Campaign and Suggestions for Increasing Revenue to the County while creating Jobs.

To the Clallam County Board of County Commissioners:

I stand in support of the Resolution as presented to you today.

At a time when our jobless rate is over 9% nationwide, and our county is in a recession to the point where the county is having to lay off people, instead of writing letters of support for taking even more land out of private property ownership and removing land from productive use into so-called "wilderness", you might consider taking the opposite action.

Urge Rep. Dicks to open up the current national park for free enterprise - possibly even selling off some of the properties that were lost from private ownership over the years - to help reduce the national debt, and at the same time, create much-needed revenue for the county.

As you already know, the "parks" already include OVER ONE MILLION ACRES of land. At a time when the Congress and President are saying at every turn they need to reduce the national debt, this could be one small step in that direction, while helping the citizens of our own county at the same time.

Rescind your request to Congressman Dicks favoring the Wild Olympics Campaign. That alone will serve to help save jobs and revenues to the County.

Instead, urge our elected representatives in Congress to stand up for the people across the North Olympic Peninsula. The parks should include people, not exclude them. How about opening up areas of the park to private enterprise, like lodges and cafes - guides for white water rafting, and other private enterprises that allow the people to truly "enjoy" the parks we already have. This, too, would create jobs for folks on the Peninsula, in addition to more tax revenues.

Respectfully submitted,

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