

Developing an Alcohol Ban – A Flow Chart

A Process Used by the Portland District, Willamette Projects (NWP)

Identification Phase – Monthly Team Meetings

November 2008

Lake/Project Staff Observes Alcohol is Associated with Park/Recreation Area Problems

Management Recognition

Assembly of Observations

Project/Lake Prepares White Paper Stating Need of Further Examination. Authority is contained in Title 36. This is a management action.

Submission of White Paper to District Office

District Commander has Authority to Create Alcohol Ban at Specific Areas via an assessment

Study Phase – Monthly Team Meetings

Team established to study Impacts of an alcohol ban consisting of Lake Staff, District Office NRM staff, Office of Counsel, and Public Affairs. One page fact sheet developed & shared internally and sought approval to go forward with study

Research occur gathering information from other places who have implemented a ban to identify their processes plus successes and short falls

A Communication Plan developed for Study Phase and included contacting stakeholders such as Sheriff, Commissioners, Chamber, adjacent landowners, Commander and staff, other recreation providers in the area, and Congressional representative. Questions included support or non-support

Data collection occurs, drawing from patrol logs, observations, incident reports, and law enforcement records. The next full recreation season there was a focused effort to better record all alcohol related incidents that would more accurately reflect the situation. Snapshot paper prepared describing most critical alcohol incidents.

Note – County ordinance that allows law enforcement to also enforce a ban aids in the effort to restrict alcohol

Research and data was analyzed, alternatives prepared showing ban and no ban options complete with an examination of impacts and consequences. Team examined final reports and made recommendation to go with an alcohol ban with the exception of restricted special event permits

Fact Sheet Prepared, consultation and concurrence sought from Chief of Operations

Letter prepared for Commander Approval and attached draft Implementation Plan that included a Communication Strategy.

Summary of Stakeholders conferred prepared.

Implementation Phase – Meetings according to schedule or as needed

Finalize Implementation and Communication Strategy Plan contacting local stakeholders, Congressional staff that Ban was decided then send out press release. Outreach and education efforts to inform the public a ban would be implemented to occur during the 2010 recreation season then enforced in 2011. Title 36, 327.12(e) can be applied as an enforcement tool. Training

Monitoring Phase

Develop monitoring plan measuring results, 2011-2016. Report the findings.