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July 7, 1999

Columbia Slough Watershed Council  
7040 NE 47th Ave.  
Portland, OR 97218-1212

Dear Watershed Council:

Thank you for your invitation to the 5th annual Columbia Slough Regatta. I regret that I will be out of town on July 25th and unable to attend.

I am pleased to be Metro's representative to the Watershed Council and look forward to being able to attend the 6th annual regatta to celebrate the recreational opportunities the slough provides to the region as well as the chance to see the many different species of wildlife at home in the slough.

Thank you again for your invitation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rod Park".

Rod Park  
Metro Councilor  
District 1

RDP:cg

from the desk of  
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Cheryl,

Please send a letter  
saying I can't  
attend as I will be  
out of town. That  
I appreciated the  
invitation, maybe  
next time etc.

Rod

Hope you can join us!

**The Columbia Slough Watershed Council**  
Portland, Oregon

Dear *Mr. Park*

**You are invited to the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Columbia Slough Regatta.** Be our guest at the annual celebration of a waterway with unique history, abundant wildlife and many recreation opportunities. Join us to paddle along some of the Slough's 16 miles of revegetated banks- as well as a portion of its prettiest cottonwood, alder and ash riparian areas.

The Regatta attracts hundreds of canoeists and kayakers each year. In the past we have hosted more than 110 boats and 200+ participants. The Slough's flat water is perfect for novice and experienced boaters alike- so feel free to bring family and friends. Bring your canoe, kayak or row boat- or call R.E.I. or Alder Creek ( soon!!!) to reserve a canoe or kayak for use. The Watershed Council has 2 canoes for general use and we will be happy to loan them (first come-first served) to people needing a craft. Or, perhaps you can hitch a ride with canoeists that have extra space.

Regatta sponsors provide free paddling and wildlife guides, maps of the watershed, information about the waterway and its communities and businesses. Plan to spend some time enjoying our snacks, looking at materials and meeting your neighbors. You will come away with clear ideas of what you can do to help revive the Slough!

This year's route in the Lower Slough launches at the closed St. John's Landfill Road. From there you can paddle both upstream to the levee portions of the Lower Slough- or down to Kelley Point Park and the Slough's junction with the Willamette River. Dress for the weather, bring your 'personal flotation device'- (i.e....life preserver), favorite snacks and water, binocular, and sunscreen. Each craft receives a free regatta T-shirt.

**What to Do:**

1. Schedule the regatta on your calendar ( Sunday, July 25 9:00 a.m.-1:00p.m.)
2. Reserve a canoe/kayak, if necessary. (Alder Creek = 285-0464, R.E. I.= 293-1300)
3. Solicit friends and family to join you
4. Call us (if you like) to let us know that you are coming.
5. Come enjoy the Columbia Slough!

Sincerely yours,

**The Columbia Slough Regatta Sponsors**

Columbia Sportswear, Columbia Slough Watershed Council,  
Environmental Services, City of Portland, Kenton Action Plan, Metro,  
Multnomah County Drainage District #1, Port of Portland

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To Rivergate

Launch: 9363 N Columbia

Burgard

City Archives

N. Columbia Blvd

I-5 (approx. 4.5 mi.)

Lombard Ave.

I-5

### St. John's Neighborhood

This North Portland launch site is located at the entrance road to the closed St. John's landfill. The City Archives Building is located directly across Columbia Boulevard. Access from the west is via Lombard and Burgard- from the east via I-5, Denver Avenue or other local streets connecting to Columbia. Parking, registration, information and restroom facilities are all located at the launch site.

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November 15, 1999

SENT VIA FAX AND MAIL

Mary Martin, Chair  
Gresham Neighborhood Coalition  
c/o Gresham City Hall  
1333 NW Eastman Parkway  
Gresham, Oregon 97030

RE: Appointment of members of the Water Resources Advisory Committee (WRPAC)

Dear Ms. Martin:

Presiding Officer Monroe requested that I answer the letter from your committee, as Gresham is within my district. I appreciate your concern over what may appear to be an undemocratic process, but is, in fact, the exercise of the highest principles of democracy.

Metro, like any other elected body, exercises the ability to form advisory committees to advise us on technical information and/or input into policy decisions. These committees serve at the pleasure of the elected Council and may be formed or disbanded as needed. As such, the membership of these advisory committees, such as the Water Resources Policy Advisory Committee (WRPAC), is subject to confirmation by the Metro Council. An organization that participates in a committee has the right to place its candidate into nomination.

The Council, however, has the ultimate responsibility and right to approve those members by virtue of the elected power of the offices we hold. We are elected by the people, and we are ultimately responsible to not just one organization or constituency, but to the entire public. We exercise our best judgement for those appointments in order to balance and protect the citizens participating on our advisory committees.

I hope this answers any questions you may have. Thank you for taking the time to write about your concerns and bring them to our attention. It is much better to voice those concerns than to risk clouding the issues with possible misunderstandings or misinformation. Please feel free to contact me any time in the future. I would be happy to come and discuss this or other issues before the Coalition.

Sincerely,



Rod Park  
Metro Councilor, District One