

Easy Current News

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The Washington Water Trails Association Quarterly Newsletter



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State Park Camping Fees Change in 2007

Twenty years of restricted budgets and intermittent budget cuts at Washington State Parks have resulted in deferred operations and maintenance at parks state-wide. After January 1, 2007, water trail travelers will encounter new fees at campsites managed by Washington State Parks. The current \$10 water trail campsite fee will increase to \$12 per night and certain parks will incur an additional "Year Round Variable Fee" of \$2.

The following State Park sites on the Cascadia Marine Trail will cost \$14 per night: Belfair, Deception Pass, Fay Bainbridge, Fort Ebey, Fort Flagler, Fort Worden, Kopachuck, Manchester, Penrose Point, Spencer Spit, and Twanoh. The \$14 fee will also apply at these parks on the Northwest Discovery Water Trail and the Lower Columbia Water Trail: Beacon Rock, Columbia Hills, Cape Disappointment, and Maryhill.

You are Invited!

Who: *WWTA Volunteers*

What: *Annual Volunteer
Appreciation Party*

When: *January 17th, 2007
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.*

Where: *WWTA Office*

Why: *We Love Volunteers!*

Please R.S.V.P.

Email volunteer@wwta.org
or call 206.545.9161

Time for Please and Thank You

As the boating season winds down and days get shorter, there's time to look at accomplishments and to look forward to important work needing attention. It's time to say thank you for your help making 2006 a year to be proud of and time to ask your financial assistance for 2007 to help make a better future.

This year WWTA expanded education efforts. WWTA hosted a Leave No Trace Master Educator Course to compliment its annual Trainer Course. Board Members Jim Emery, Judy Moyer, and Fran Troje spearheaded the first Sea Kayak Spring Seminar. Board members Diane Leavy and Michael Silence and volunteer Judy Moyer offered three Rendezvous paddles. The SEA Kayaker Team reached hundreds of people with low-impact recreation techniques for the second year in a row.

Washington Water Trails has many friends who contributed in many ways. Tim Walsh taught navigation courses at Seattle REI and split proceeds between Seattle Audubon and WWTA. Board Vice President Miles Ohlrich kayaked Vancouver Island, raising \$1,400 for the Center for Environmental Policy (CELP) and WWTA. Two Meridian School students raised \$22.62 in a day. Pro-bono legal counsel Heller



REI presents a stewardship grant to WWTA

Ehrman helps us with occasional legal advice and donated \$500. More than 150 new members joined WWTA in a less-than-8-month member drive. Supporters donate via their workplace giving programs. And many more people helped WWTA meet its Cross State Initiative goal in 18 months, matching a \$12,500 challenge to raise over \$25,000 to fund Snake and Columbia River water trail planning.

Later this month WWTA members will receive a letter asking for donations to the Annual Fund Drive. Membership fees cover just over a third of organization's expenses. Help WWTA do more by making a charitable gift and investing in improved public access for all.

Volunteer Appreciation Party

Whether you are a veteran volunteer or interested in getting involved, WWTA invites you to the annual Volunteer Appreciation Party on January 17th. Enjoy food, drinks, and door prizes to celebrate volunteering.

Reunite with work party buddies, meet other active members, celebrate the accomplishments of 2006, and learn how to get more involved in 2007. The festivities will occur at the WWTA office in the historic Good Shepherd Center in Seattle's Wallingford neighborhood.



Normally, you'd be reading a message from WWTa Board President Bruce Farrar here. Bruce wanted to let you meet and hear from other committed board members. The first to accept this challenge was Board Vice President Miles Ohlrich, sharing something he learned while kayaking around Vancouver Island this summer.

From Board Vice President Miles Ohlrich

What does "punk" mean to you? You might think of young ruffians when you hear this word, but it can also mean "dry decomposed wood used as tinder." Tom Sewid, a former Guardian at the native village site of Mamalilaculla in British Columbia, referred to this latter definition when he told me of backwoods "punk culture."

Out in the bush, Tom described a typical scenario: a backwoods cabin owner leaves a tin coffee can filled with punk and dry wood shavings above the stove, sealed with wax to keep it dry. When he or she leaves, knife is left in the door to let others know that they are invited in. A traveler, upon finding such a place, uses the punk to start a fire, and the knife to make wood shavings to replace what's been used. After staying the night, the guest writes a note thanking the absent owner and leaves a gift behind such as a small can of food or whatever he or she can afford.

Wouldn't it be great if we could all embrace the backwoods punk culture? What if all land owners would let kayak travelers camp on their beach for the night and kayakers would treat the beach with respect, making it a better place when they left than when they found it? This is the essence of the water trails movement. Be a punk.



From Executive Director Reed Waite

News that the U.S. population surpassed 300 million comes as no surprise to us in Washington State. The number of people living in central Puget Sound increased by 63,300 or 1.8% this past year – the largest one-year gain in 15 years. The research center Sightline Institute predicts the state's population could double in less than 50 years from the current 6 million to 12 million people. That's enough new residents to fill a city the size of Spokane or Tacoma each year!



Population growth and development were driving forces that created Washington Water Trails Association 15 years ago. The pressures on the state's riverbanks and shorelands have not diminished since then, only heightened and accelerated. That's why WWTa board members, staff, and volunteers are hard at work to protect and increase public water access for the future.

How do you say "water trail" in Italian? Luckily I didn't have to know on my vacation this fall. The first people I met, arriving at a Sicilian bed and breakfast on the island of Ortigia, were from Indianola, Washington! Our rooftop conversation, the Mediterranean spread below us, sun above, and 33-degree temperature (91 dF), ranged from Palermo to Dyes Inlet and Liberty Bay. After giving my wife and I a tip where to have dinner, they invited us to paddle over when we were back home. If you see two paddlers with a bottle of Sicilian red on the water, give us a wave.

The WWTa board of directors met on the Hood Canal for its annual offsite meeting in October. Before getting down to work there was a paddle to clear our minds and focus on our mission. I brought a mesh bag to collect waterborne trash, something many paddlers do, for our Dabob Bay outing.

We launched at Point Whitney Shellfish Lab, autumn coloring the trees above. On our way, Pulali Point to Jackson Cove, around Wawa Point to Right Smart Cove, and back we met our usual companions: otter, seal, eagle, kingfisher, heron, fisher, picnicker, and beachcomber. My mesh bag was empty. The waters were free from debris; the public beaches we stopped at were clean. What a wonderful way to begin thinking about the future of Washington's waters.

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REI Funds '07 Stewardship

REI continues to support Washington Water Trails Association's work with a grant of \$4,378. The grant will be used to fund work parties during 2007, allowing the organization to increase the number, scope, and quality of volunteer-based stewardship on the Cascadia Marine Trail.

One such party will be held at Blake Island State Park, where last year REI employees joined WWTa members in planting native dune grass and surveying creosote logs. On March 10th, 2007, WWTa will continue the on-going grass restoration. Another work party on May 5th will be on Blind Island in the San Juan Islands where volunteers will continue to remove invasive species, a multi-year effort. The restoration will assist Washington State Parks efforts to interpret the historic plantings and rock cisterns remaining on Blind Island. A portion of the grant funding will go toward ferry fees necessary to get our volunteers to and from work party sites. WWTa was first nominated by several REI employees at the Seattle Flagship store and then invited to submit a grant application, which was successful.

Join WWTa for a work party in 2007. If you haven't already, sign up to receive volunteer opportunity notices via email by contacting volunteer@wwta.org. Grant funding and dedicated volunteers are vital to the organization's success and appreciated by all!



The REI grant will fund on-going efforts to restore dune grass on Blake Island

On Board!

News from the WWTa Board of Directors

In November the WWTa Board of Directors will complete a board assessment. This was an action from its 2006 annual retreat. The board will discuss results from the web-based assessment at its November 27th meeting. If you are interested in helping the board grow, consider committing to a 2-year term of board service.

The board meets 10 times a year, the fourth Monday of the month, with a weekend retreat in October. Members also work with on committee of their choosing: Trails, Membership, Finance, or Fundraising. The rewards of serving on the Board are many. Directors benefit from new friendships and the satisfaction of working on sites and issues that directly affect boaters on Washington's waters.

Interested in helping make the future better? Attend the next board meeting or contact Board President Bruce Farrar by email: nominations@wwta.org.

Save the Date!

March 23rd, 2007

WWTa Annual Auction & Dinner

The Community Center at
Mercer View

Mid-State Water Trail Initiative

The Port of Chelan County and National Park Service announced in October the awarding of NPS Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance (RTCA) Program technical assistance to the "Upper Columbia Water Trail Initiative" for 2006/2007. The proposed water trail will start at Washington's Canadian border on the Similkameen, Okanogan, and Columbia Rivers, pass through 11 counties and the Hanford National Monument, and join the Northwest Discovery Water Trail in the Tri-Cities. Trail distance totals about 500 miles.

Michael Linde, Leader Partnership Programs/NPS, noted, "This grant will build on related efforts elsewhere in Washington State to create one of the finest regional water trail systems in the United States. The Columbia River is a river of national and international significance." Sue Abbott will be the RTCA planner for the project. Sue helped plan the Lakes-To-Locks, Lower Columbia, and Northwest Discovery Water Trails.

Hearing the news Ron Johnston-Rodriguez, the Port's Economic Development Director, was almost speechless, "Great...GREAT! There are a lot of people and interest up and down the rivers who are looking forward to completing the vision we have." He caught his breath and went on, "It's important to many communities as the water trail will encourage healthy lifestyles, increase cultural and environmental education, improve public access to the water, and stimulate economic development in north central Washington."

Since May the Port of Chelan County has been holding monthly meetings. The September meeting in Grand Coulee drew mayors from 3 cities and representatives from the Lake Roosevelt National Recreation Area. Meetings are the first Thursday of the month. The next meeting will be Thursday December 7th. For information about the water trail effort contact Aimee Pope at 509.663.5159 or aimee@ccpd.com.

Board Goals for 2007

Senior board members Miles Ohlrich and Bruce Farrar will write the draft 2007 organizational workplan. Media and public relations, which the board found to be strong, will be focused more effectively. A survey, designed by member Gerry Hodge, will glean input on current needs and future work directions for WWTa.



New Belfair Site Opens

How long does it take to grub a new trail and campsite out of a patch of salal-crowded forest? Give 10 WWTa volunteers and staff some loppers, Pulaskis, shovels, and fire rakes and come back in a few hours. That's what Ranger Joel Pillers did on Thursday, August 17th when WWTa created a new Cascadia Marine Trail Site at Belfair State Park, near the tip of the Hood Canal. The water trail site was knocked out in record time, thanks to the sweat and enthusiasm of a handful of hard workers.

The new Cascadia Marine Trail Site is located adjacent to the public shellfish beach, just west of Little Mission Creek. Kayakers can park their boats among the drift logs and hike the gravel and dirt trail back to a clearing in the forest, complete with a picnic table and fire ring.

Planning an autumn or winter paddling trip? The Belfair State Park Cascadia Marine Trail site is a quiet and sheltered campsite. Come prepared with your shellfish license and your shucking knife to enjoy the convenience of the nearby shellfish beach (as always, check for beach closures and restrictions before harvesting any shellfish).

Left: Paul, Art, Gerry, and Jerry haul a picnic table to the new campsite

Board Looks to Future

By Carmelita Logerwell, Treasurer

At its annual offsite meeting, the WWTa board looked to the future and established priorities for 2007. We evaluated a comprehensive array of activities: programs, public communication, governance, fundraising, human resources, and financial management. The overall rating for the organization was 2.1 on a scale of 0 to 3.

We identified specific areas to improve the organization. One stood out as the key to improvement in many of the other areas – FUND-RAISING. More financial resources will bolster our effectiveness: improving programs, doing better planning and evaluations, and supporting our wonderful volunteers. We also agreed to create a cash reserve for emergencies. These objectives fit very nicely into WWTa's Strategic Plan. Two of the Plan's goals are:

- Be a model non-profit financial performer
- Diversify, modify, and monitor revenue generation activities

To meet these goals, we are forming a Futures Task Force to make

WWTa stronger financially. A task force is a temporary grouping of individuals and resources for the accomplishment of a specific objective.

The task force is charged with the following objectives:

- To recruit fundraising expertise to the organization
- To write a fundraising plan with realistic goals, funding sources and tasks, assign responsibility and outline a fundraising calendar/timeline

Join the Futures Task Force

Would you like to join us and help us meet this charge? Do you know someone or of someone who would be an effective participant in this process?

Please contact the WWTa office if you'd like to help by calling 206.545.9161 or email futures@wwta.org. Carmelita Logerwell, who is heading the task force, will contact you.

Thank you.

Nisqually Delta Rendezvous

Fascination with the Nisqually Delta, one of Puget Sound's protected estuaries, drew 31 paddlers to Luhr Beach for WWTa's Rendezvous Paddle on August 26th. The afternoon began with an orientation by naturalist David Hull of the Nisqually Reach Nature Center. David's presentation set the tone for a day of exploration as he explained the ecological context of the Nisqually River and hinted at the wonders awaiting paddlers in the delta.

To show that WWTa values the work and mission of the Nisqually Reach Nature Center, board member Michael Silence presented David Hull with a \$150.00 check to support the Nature Center's educational programs.

On the water, the paddlers negotiated tide flats and floated with the flood into the mouth of the Nisqually River. The delta buzzed with activity - below, sand dollars and crab, above, an array of waterfowl, and ashore, a chorus line of nearly 200 sunbathing seals. By day's end, the Rendezvous proved a valuable tool for connecting WWTa members to one another as well as the estuarine environment.



Board Member Michael Silence presents a check to Naturalist David Hull

Tracing the Trail

September 22nd was a restless evening for WWTa staff at the Hat Rock Campground. Partly to blame were the partying car campers a few sites down, but the main culprit was anxiety about the notorious winds that blow on the Columbia River. The following morning, WWTa would host "Trace the Trail II," a 10-mile paddle upriver from Plymouth Park, Washington to Hat Rock State Park near Umatilla, Oregon on the Northwest Discovery Water Trail. Conditions allowing, the flotilla would rise 75 feet in McNary Dam's shipping lock, a special privilege granted to the group by the Army Corps of Engineers. During last year's "Trace the Trail," paddlers were unable to lock-through McNary Dam due to high winds. This year, dozens of eager participants registered from points across Washington and Oregon; one couple even flew in from Colorado to join the flotilla. Everyone wanted to paddle through McNary Dam. Would the winds cooperate?

In the morning, as cars topped with kayaks and canoes pulled into Plymouth Park, the glassy Columbia reflected a clear sky. The VHF radio reported winds around 4 miles per hour, just barely a breeze. Boats launched and the flotilla paddled two miles against a mild current before reaching McNary Dam. Two Coast Guard Auxiliary escorts motored into the lock and tied up to mooring bits on opposite sides. One kayaker went ahead to string a rope between the two boats and then the flotilla filed in to take places along the nylon rope. The row of small boaters held loosely to the rope as the water level slowly brought them to the top of the shipping lock. After the gates opened, the flotilla exited the lock, paused for a passing barge, and proceeded to sandy McNary Beach for lunch.



Paddlers in the McNary Dam shipping lock

For the last five miles, the paddlers skirted the wetlands and basalt bluffs of the Oregon shore. Participants spied two young great horned owls in an olive tree, chatted with fishermen, observed cliff swallow nests, and admired the muted pastels of desert flora. Some kayakers charged ahead, while others switched between paddles and binoculars. Everyone enjoyed the day at their own pace and arrived happily at Hat Rock State Park. Thank you to the City of Umatilla, Army Corps of Engineers, Coast Guard Auxiliary, McNary Yacht Club, citizen volunteers, and the gracious weather gods for making the paddle a safe and one-of-a-kind event on the Northwest Discovery Water Trail.

REDUCE YOUR PADDLE PRINT



Why Leave No Trace? Limited public shoreline + growing kayaker population = impacted environment. Luckily, there are ways we as individual boaters can help lower this impact. Help keep these spaces healthy for years to come! When planning an outing on the water, learn and practice the seven Leave No Trace principles. For more information, visit www.lnt.org or www.wwta.org/lnt/principles.asp.



Planning Ahead for Access

WWTa is a small organization with a big mission – to preserve access to Washington's shorelines for future generations. Increasing recreational access means coordination, partnership, and, most of all, planning. WWTa volunteers and staff get involved, when possible, with community initiatives to plan for shoreline access.

Jefferson County's Department of Community Development invited WWTa to sit on their Shoreline Policy Advisory Committee (SPAC). The SPAC recommends policy updates for Jefferson County's Shoreline Master Program, which includes public access.

The Shoreline Master Program is a comprehensive vision of

how shoreline areas will be used and developed over time. All 39 counties and more than 200 cities have Shoreline Master Programs, as required under the Shoreline Management Act. Passed by the Legislature in 1971 and adopted by the public in a 1972 referendum, the Act attempts to prevent the inherent harm in an uncoordinated and piecemeal development of the state's shorelines. It gives preference to uses that: protect water quality and the natural environment, support water-dependent uses, preserve public access and enhance recreational opportunities along the shore.

As Shoreline Master Programs and other agency plans across the state are updated, WWTa expects numerous opportunities for non-motorized boaters to participate in the future of shoreline access.

SEA Kayaker Field Notes

This summer, the Sound Education and Action (SEA) Kayaker team spent nine weekends educating paddlers along the Cascadia Marine Trail about ways we can lower our impact on shoreline environments. Using the seven Leave No Trace principles as a model, the team contacted a total of 738 paddlers. Outreach ranged from brief, early morning encounters on the water to long evening conversations around the picnic table. The team talked with youth camps, outfitters, guides, and individual paddlers. Paddlers were happy to learn new ways to take responsibility and lower their impact, recognizing that an increasing number of paddlers puts pressure on the limited public shorelines they love to visit. The team looks forward to heading back to the Cascadia Marine Trail in 2007 for the program's third summer season. Here are field notes of the last five weekends from the 2006 season:

Week 5 – Fort Flagler and Fort Worden

After an excursion to Kinney Point to replace a missing sign, the team went to Fort Flagler and Fort Worden where they were unable to locate paddlers under stormy clouds. The team headed indoors for some outreach at Port Townsend's paddling shops. A dire weather forecast sent the team back to Seattle early, where they located urban paddlers on Lake Union and spent an evening doing outreach at the REI Flagship store.

Week 6 – San Juan and Posey Islands

So that's where all the paddlers are! The team had an extremely active weekend, contacting over 150 paddlers. Beautiful weather brought out the masses and provided a perfect platform for discussing low-impact recreation and why it's vital to the health of our shorelines. Even Posey Island, with its new reservation system, saw dozens of day-use visitors.

Week 7 – Cypress and Strawberry Islands

The team spent a night at Strawberry Island and two more at Pelican Beach. On Strawberry, they had the opportunity to do an impromptu presentation with Outward Bound youth. It was the most global of all weekends, as the team met paddlers from India, Italy, California, New York, and Canada!



SEA Kayakers and Leave No Trace Traveling Trainers at Spencer Spit

Week 8 – Hood Canal and Hope Island

The team kicked off the weekend early with a Thursday work party at Belfair State Park's new Cascadia Marine Trail site on the Hood Canal. Friday was spent talking with paddlers in the Skokomish Delta and at Potlatch State Park. The team headed for South Sound on Saturday, reaching the many kayakers at popular Hope Island State Park.

Week 9 – Hope Island and Nisqually Delta

After a night of outreach on Hope Island, the SEA Kayaker team joined the WWTa Rendezvous Paddle for a sunny Saturday paddle on the Nisqually Delta. They returned to Hope Island where they visited with dozens of kayakers who were sneaking in one last August trip. A busy and productive weekend!

There is always something new and innovative to learn regarding low-impact recreation. Check out the WWTa website for more information about Leave No Trace and workshop opportunities. If we all discover and practice new ways to lower our impact on the environment, we'll be far more likely to succeed in preserving such spaces for generations to come! Thank you.

23rd Annual West Coast Sea Kayak Symposium



Symposium sea kayakers take over Fort Worden State Park

Much to everyone's surprise, the sun shone bright at Fort Worden on September 15th and 16th - just one factor contributing to the annual West Coast Sea Kayak Symposium's success this year. This year, WWTa's table at the Symposium was situated next to the Leave No Trace Traveling Trainers. Volunteers and board members helped

the Washington Water Trails staff greet hundreds of participants who visited the table bedecked in brochures, maps, books, and other goodies. Many participants helped showed their support for WWTa by becoming members, renewing previous membership, or purchasing merchandise. A big thanks to all the WWTa volunteers, board members, and supporters. An additional thank you goes out to all the Member Potluck attendees who proved that WWTa members have excellent taste!

Terrific lectures and on-water instruction, dozens of vendors, great organization, fun activities, delicious food, and hundreds of participants were other factors that made this a truly worthwhile event for any kayaker to attend.

Volunteers

Stewardship Reports

Lisa Aniballi & Craig Isenberg	Kinney Point
Jimbo Buickerood	Kinney Point
Connie Campbell	Shaw Island
Doug Garland	James Island
Wis & Susan Macomson	Anderson Island
Dave & Helaine Mottershead	Penrose Point
Pete Weiner	Point Robinson
Gail Wilcox	Kopachuck

Newsletter Mailing Party 8/2

Bruce Farrar
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 Carmelita Logerwell
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Belfair State Park Work Party 8/17

Paul Grant
 Nora Hadley-Meenk
 Gerald Hodge
 Jerry Meenk
 Robert Taylor
 Art Thomas

West Coast Sea Kayak Symposium 8/15-17

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 Fran Reheman
 Michael Silence
 Fran Troje
 Jay Van Allen
 Kelly Van Allen
 Cindy Walsh
 Gerry Walsh

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It's simple to help WWTa every day, year round. Pledge a small portion of your paycheck through your workplace giving campaign this fall. Your taxable income is reduced, WWTa receives donations as an Earth Share of Washington member, and together we'll be working, improving water access in Washington State.

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Calendar

For updates and more info, visit www.wwta.org/news/calendar



November

14: Evening in the Wild. Fundraiser for Washington Wildlife and Recreation Coalition, 6-8pm at the Burke Museum in Seattle. Contact amelia@wildliferecreation.org or call 206.748.0082

23-24: WWTA office closed. Thanksgiving

27: **WWTA Auction Meeting.** Help plan the 2007 auction! 6-7pm at World Wrapps on the 2nd floor of the Seattle Flagship REI store (222 Yale Ave N)

27: **WWTA Board Meeting.** 7pm at Seattle Flagship REI (222 Yale Ave N)

29: Northwest Discovery Water Trail Meeting. 10am-3pm at the Army Corps of Engineers Office in Portland, OR. RSVP to sarah@wwta.org

December

25-26: WWTA office closed. Christmas

29: WWTA office closed. New Year

January

1: WWTA office closed. New Year

15: WWTA office closed. Martin Luther King Day

17: **WWTA Volunteer Appreciation Party.** Join the fun 6-8pm at WWTA (4649 Sunnyside Ave N #305) RSVP to volunteer@wwta.org

22: **WWTA Auction Meeting.** 6-7pm at World Wrapps on the 2nd floor of the Seattle Flagship REI store (222 Yale Ave N)

22: **WWTA Board Meeting.** 7pm at Seattle Flagship REI (222 Yale Ave N)

26: **Easy Currents News deadline.** Submit your articles & photos to editor@wwta.org

February

7: **Easy Currents News mailing party,** 6-8pm at the WWTA office

26: **WWTA Auction Meeting.** 6-7pm at World Wrapps on the 2nd floor of the Seattle Flagship REI store (222 Yale Ave N)

26: **WWTA Board Meeting.** 7pm at Seattle Flagship REI (222 Yale Ave N)

March

10: **Blake Island Work Party.** Restore native dune grasses to the Cascadia Marine Trail site on Blake Island. Contact WWTA at 206.545.9161 or email volunteer@wwta.org

23: **WWTA Annual Auction & Dinner.** Community Center at Mercer View

Have some room on your calendar for WWTA?

Consider volunteering for our ongoing fundraising & stewardship efforts or joining the Board of Directors.

Interested? Email volunteer@wwta.org or call 206.545.9161



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