

The Interplay of Leisure, Research, and Public Resource Management: The State of the Dance and the Art of Developing New Styles and Steps

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INTRODUCTION

This presentation addresses two subjects: an evaluative assessment of present relations between leisure research and natural and cultural resources in North America, and recommendations for future activities and improvements. The presentation starts with an examination of the foundations for, and current state of, leisure research relating to the natural and cultural resource agencies in North America. This is done from the unique perspective of a social science research and information systems manager who has worked more than a decade at the fulcrum point of this activity in Canada and the United States.

From this point of view, the presentation then goes on to examine the relative strengths and weaknesses of the way leisure research and public resource agency activities are integrated in the two countries. It also comments on what has been tried, and appears to have worked; and what has been tried, but has not yet worked in the two different national contexts. It presents personal examples and anecdotes as illustrations of these situations and events.

Finally, the presentation concludes with a discussion of opportunities, challenges, and recommendations for further improvements in cooperation and integration between the resource management and leisure research communities in North America.

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