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RECOMMENDATIONS FROM INDUSTRY TRAINING INITIATIVE

With the support of the Department of Sport and Recreation Outdoors WA engaged consultants to review a range of training issues within the outdoor sector.

This was an independent review conducted by Shorea Training & Consultancy and Bridging the Gap, as such the views expressed by the consultant in the attached report do not necessarily reflect those of the Outdoors WA board. The opinions contained within the report are those of the authors.

Outdoors WA has responded to the consultant's recommendations (page 5) summarized below by prioritizing the top four areas that need consideration in order of urgency. Opportunity exists for further development of the outdoor sector building on the consultation.

1. Recommendation C. Establish a multiple pathway competency recognition scheme.

The report strongly identifies that there is a need to have a range of ways to recognise an outdoor leaders skills. It is recommended that a targeted review be conducted on leader competency.

2. Recommendation B. Review of the 16 Adventure Activity Standards

Outdoors WA has supported the Industry Standards Panel in putting forward a scoping project to develop and cost the process to guide the complete review of the AAS.

3. Recommendation G. Urgent need to work with the tourism sector.

Further engagement is needed by the nature/adventure tourism sector in the implementation of safe practices for outdoor adventure activities. Outdoors WA sees this as an opportunity to build communication networks and educate on value of the standards in place.

4. Recommendation M. Consideration of an organizational accreditation scheme.

Organisations are the key employers and providers of outdoor recreation activities. An accreditation programme could provide additional support to identify high quality operators within the outdoor sector. Further research is needed to identify the most appropriate system for WA.

The remainder of the recommendations will be considered in the future.