

August 23, 2001
Re: IO-01-127

You inquired whether the Department of Public Works may hold a 50-50 raffle to help defray the costs of the annual "Snow Show" that will be held at Sandy Point State Park in October. Whether the 50-50 raffle tickets are purchased for admission to the event, or whether the 50-50 tickets are offered during the otherwise free event, there are no ethics issues raised by your inquiry. As long as there are no coercive means used to solicit the purchase of a ticket, and as long as the raffle procedure ensures that the winner is chosen fairly, there should be no problems.

Thank you for your inquiry.

Sincerely,

Betsy K. Dawson
Executive Director