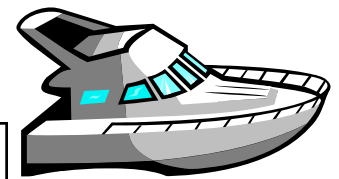




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A Word From

Wayne Shuyler, Boating Facilities Program Manager

The election and the holidays are over and 2008 is behind us. Unfortunately, the economic woes of last year still linger. The Marine Board is not immune to the effects of an economy in recession and our revenues continue to lag behind projections. Since Boating Facility Grants are largely discretionary, the funds we had anticipated using for Round Three grants will be needed to help cover agency operations and maintain our required ending balance.

Therefore, there will not be a Round Three grant cycle this biennium. Small grants may still be considered on a case by case basis, but unless the need is dire, the director may not want to commit funds even to a small grant.

For applicants who had anticipated submitting a grant application for Round Three consideration, I encourage you to submit your request for Round One funding next biennium. Looking ahead, our budget – approved by the Governor – calls for roughly the same amount of grant funding next biennium as we had in 2007-09. The legislature still needs to approve our budget and who knows what surprises are in store in the upcoming session. Regardless, there will be a Round One grant cycle next biennium. Beyond that, the agency will need to keep close tabs on revenues, which could affect the overall funding for subsequent grants next biennium.

The Board is tentatively scheduled to consider Round One grants at their June 18, 2009 meeting in Astoria. ***The deadline for Round One Boating Facility Grant applications will be 5:00 p.m. Friday April 3, 2009.***

The Legislature and Governor are interested in getting grant funds out to projects that will have immediate impact on the economy. I expect the federal government will also emphasize “shovel-ready” projects in any national economic stimulus package. At their January 6, meeting in Portland, the Board echoed this sentiment, expressing interest in funding projects that are ready to be built or nearly ready. In our review and rating of grant applications, staff will award additional points for this kind of project.

I encourage applicants to keep this in mind. Parking, restrooms, and other upland improvements that can quickly be put out to bid are the kinds of projects we will be looking to fund. Projects with in-water work that already have permits or will have permits by the time in-water work periods are at hand can also be considered. Least likely to get funded will be projects where no preliminary work has been done or applications for in-water work have yet to be submitted.

The Board is also sensitive to the economic woes facing our applicants. Therefore, the matching requirements for grants will be relaxed. We will continue to reward match when rating grants, but applications with low match or in-kind match exclusively will also have a good chance of getting funded, particularly if they are the ready-to-go type of project described above.

Our engineering staff are already working on many projects for potential grant applicants. If you need their assistance to develop a conceptual drawing and cost estimate for a Round One application, I encourage you to contact us immediately. We will do our best to assist you but our plates are pretty full already. If you are hoping for assistance with projects that are not likely to be built next biennium, please be patient and we will schedule our field surveys and design work as best we can.

Finally, I anticipate that Maintenance Assistance Program grants in 2009-11 will be maintained at current levels.

As always, if you have any questions, feel free to contact us.

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Marine Event Permit Applications

June LeTarte, Executive Assistant to the Director

Oregon Administrative Rule 250-010-0095(2) states that a Marine Event Permit is required when an event "will introduce extra or unusual hazards to water safety." A Marine Event Permit does not allow the closure of public facilities.

Marine Event Permit applications are available on-line at www.boatoregon.com. If a group or individual would like to calendar a Marine Event prior to obtaining all authorized endorsements, please forward an advance copy of the permit application to OSMB. Dates and times of marine events are reserved on a first-come first-served basis.

Submit the Marine Event Permit application to the Marine Board after all endorsement signatures have been obtained. The event sponsor is responsible for forwarding the application document through the endorsement process.

Generally speaking, non-motorized events would not constitute "extra or unusual" water safety hazards unless they result in uncommonly large numbers of participants, such as a regional or national meet, triathlon, race or where an activity would be held in an area of normally high boating activity.

Motorized activities such as, jet boat races, **do** require a State Marine Board permit.

It is the sponsor's responsibility to provide safety patrol craft. If Coast Guard Auxiliary coverage is needed, the applicant must apply and complete a "Request for Coast Guard Auxiliary Safety Patrol Services" application and mail to:

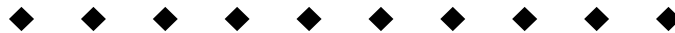
Coast Guard - Sector Portland
ATTN: Auxiliary Office
6767 North Basin Avenue
Portland, OR 97217

Fishing tournaments, where sponsors expect more than 25 boats to participate, require a Marine Event permit. Additionally, these events require a permit from Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW). Contact ODFW at (503) 947-6201 for details.

Other local, state and federal permissions and permits may be required. The U.S. Coast Guard has authority for all navigable U.S. waters; they permit all Marine Events for the Willamette River from the Columbia River to the Willamette Falls.

Contact the U.S. Coast Guard Marine Event Sector at (503) 247-4015 for details. U.S. Coast Guard marine event applications must be submitted no later than 135 days prior to the event. The Coast Guard will forward completed and endorsed applications to the Marine Board.

Questions: please visit Marine Events on our website at www.boatoregon.com or call June LeTarte, Executive Assistant to the Director at (503) 378-2617.



President Signs Order Sustaining Recreational Fishing on Federal Waters

Taken from "American Sportfishing" Official Publication of American Sportfishing Association

On Sept. 26, 2008, President George W. Bush signed an amendment to the 1995 executive order on recreational fishing. This amendment ensures that federal agencies maintain recreational fishing on federal lands and waters, including marine protected areas. The executive order revises Executive Order 12962 signed in 1995 by President Bill Clinton. For more information go to www.asafishing.org

50 YEARS AND STILL GOING STRONG



In 2009 the Oregon State Marine Board celebrates its 50th anniversary. Created by the legislature in 1959, the Marine Board's original mission has remained unchanged: "The Oregon State Marine Board is Oregon's recreational boating agency, dedicated to safety, education and access in an enhanced environment." Oregon is unique because no other state in the nation has an agency entirely dedicated to recreational boating. Boating programs are typically split among two or more agencies or housed within a larger bureaucracy such as a Department of Natural Resources.

The Marine Board is completely self-funded through boater-paid registration fees and motorboat fuel taxes. The funds are returned to boaters in the form of education, law enforcement and facilities programs.

Since 1959 the Marine Board has provided tens of millions of dollars to local governments and agencies for boating facilities projects including launch ramps, parking, restrooms, sewage pumpout stations, boarding floats, transient tie-up docks and the repair or improvement of existing boating facilities. The Marine Board also has a maintenance assistance program to help keep access points clean and maintained for boaters.

Providing first-rate facilities for Oregon boaters is a great source of pride for the agency. The Marine Board would like to take a moment to thank its partners as we look forward to continuing to provide boaters with access to some of the nation's most beautiful waterways.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY OREGON!



In addition to the Marine Board's 50th anniversary, the state of Oregon is celebrating 150 years of state hood. A wide variety of special events are planned to celebrate this special year. If you would like to host or list local special events or if you would just like to know more about Oregon 150, go to <http://www.oregon150.org/> for more details.

Along with the celebration of 50 years of service and 150 years of being Oregon, the Marine Board would like to recognize projects approved and completed in 2009. This will be done through signage that will coordinate with the required credit sign at project sites at no additional cost to the sponsoring agency. If you do not wish to have your project recognized in this way, please let us know.

NEWS FROM DEPARTMENT OF STATE LANDS

On January 5, 2009, Department of State Lands provided notice that revisions of DSL Administrative Rule Divisions 085, 089 & 100 (Removal-Fill Authorizations, General Authorizations, and Scenic Waterway Removal-Fill Permits) will be posted on DSL's website on February 1, 2009. The effective date of the revised removal-fill rules was previously set for January 1, 2009, but the effective date of the revised rules has been changed to March 1, 2009.

A schedule for DSL Administrative Rule Training Workshops for current revised rules in Divisions 085, 089, and 100 for Removal-Fill Authorizations, General Authorizations, and Scenic Waterway Removal-Fill Permits is located on their website. www.oregon.gov/DSL/index.shtml or contact Eric Metz at eric.metz@dsl.state.or.us, 503-986-5266 for more information.

Newsletter for Contractors

We have developed a new newsletter specifically designed for marine contractors. We hope to send this out at the same time our main newsletter goes out. It will also be posted on our website at www.boatoregon.com. It will be located under "Contractor Information". If you get a chance to take a look and would like to see a topic covered, let Jennifer know at 503-378-2727 or Jennifer.peterson@state.or.us



Sunnyside Park,
Foster Reservoir,
Linn County

This site operated by
Linn County Parks

EDITOR'S CORNER

If you have any suggestions, recommendations or insights regarding the newsletter, please contact me, via e-mail, fax or phone: Jennifer Peterson, Facilities Administrative Assistant, 503-378-2727, fax: 503-378-4597 or email: jennifer.peterson@state.or.us.

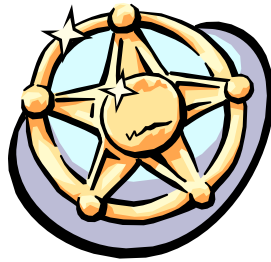
EXPIRED BOATS ON YOUR DOCKS

In our wanderings around the state we have noticed a trend at the boating facilities of Oregon. This is not a new trend but one that can be eliminated with your help. *Expired registration tags on boats.*

According to OAR 250-010-0051, a boat does not have to be underway for the purpose of titling and registration requirements. If a boat is moored at your facility, it needs to have current registration stickers. If it does not have current registration, potential revenue from those boater dollars used for your boating facilities and around Oregon are not available.

The Marine Patrol in your county has Courtesy Notices that they can put on delinquent boats. If the owner does not take care of the expired registration within a certain time then they would receive a ticket.

If you have any question please contact Jennifer at 503-378-2727 or your local Marine Patrol Deputy.



FACILITY GUIDE

Our Education Department just completed the updated version of the Facility Guide. If you would like a hard copy give Jennifer a call 503-378-2727 or take a look at it on line www.boatoregon.com. If you see anything that needs to be corrected, let Jennifer know for the next revision.



Before (left) and after (right) of Miller Island Ramp in Klamath County.

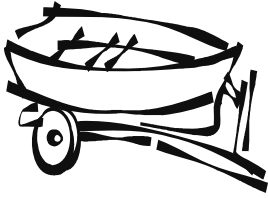
This facility is operated by Oregon Dept of Fish & Wildlife

BY THE NUMBERS

The table below shows the current registration numbers for each of the 36 counties for the 2008-09 season.

Baker	1,274	Lake	459
Benton	2,979	Lane	17,257
Clackamas	18,575	Lincoln	3,537
Clatsop	2,500	Linn	6,831
Columbia	4,709	Malheur	1,324
Coos	5,964	Marion	13,226
Crook	1,647	Morrow	573
Curry	2,130	Multnomah	22,309
Deschutes	12,020	Polk	2,000
Douglas	6,799	Sherman	128
Gilliam	111	Tillamook	2,503
Grant	462	Umatilla	2,995
Harney	383	Union	1,388
Hood River	1,108	Wallowa	527
Jackson	10,692	Wasco	1,322
Jefferson	914	Washington	13,395
Josephine	4,853	Wheeler	55
Klamath	5,514	Yamhill	4,152

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