

Oregon State Marine Board				
	2011-13 Actuals	2013-15 Leg. Approved*	2015-17 CSL LFO	2015-17 Governor's
Other Funds	22,664,349	26,214,465	26,244,249	26,211,590
Federal Funds	5,351,936	7,450,387	6,964,524	7,464,524
Total Funds	28,016,285	33,664,852	33,208,773	33,676,114
Positions	40	40	40	38
FTE	39.50	39.50	39.50	38.00
* includes Emergency Board and administrative actions through December 2014				

Program Description

The Board is responsible for registering and titling all recreational motorized and sailboats 12 feet and longer in the state, providing boater education, marine law enforcement, facility access and mitigating the effects of invasive species on native waters.

The Board is divided into four major program areas:

- The Administration and Education program contains all of the costs directly associated with the work of the actual Board, as well as performing a variety of administrative and registration functions.
- The Law Enforcement program unit contracts with 32 county sheriffs' offices and the Department of State Police for marine law enforcement services.
- The Facility Grants program offers assistance and awards grants to federal, state, and local governments for the design and construction of marine access facilities across the state.
- The Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention program is to protect against the introduction and spread of aquatic invasive species through education, enforcement, and inspection/decontamination services.

The Board's programs serve the over registered 170,000 users and approximately 190,000 users that are not registered.

CSL Summary and Issues

The Board's budget is less than a one percent increase from the 2013-15 Legislatively Approved Budget and a 7.3 percent increase over the Current Service Level. There are no CSL issues.

Policy Issues

The Board is proposing a fee increase for 2015-17 and has done extensive work with various stakeholder groups across the state. The fee increase will raise the current fee from \$3 to \$5 per foot for licensing of motorized boats. Additionally, the other miscellaneous fees charged by the Board will change to better reflect the actual cost incurred by the Board. Fees were last changed in November of 2003. The Aquatic Invasive Species fee will not be changed, but the Board may return to the Legislature to seek an increase in this fee during the 2017-19 biennium. The fee increase would generate an additional \$5.9 million in revenue. Without the fee increase, the Board will be forced to decrease boating facility grants and grants to law enforcement for new equipment and marine patrols.

The Board is currently investigating the viability of developing a fee for non-motorized boats. This would include rafts, kayaks, standup paddleboards, and canoes. The Board has set up meetings around the state with the various stakeholders, but does not anticipate establishing the fee until the 2017-19 biennium at the earliest. As non-motorized boating increases in popularity this segment of users increasingly use facilities paid for by current licensees of the Board and it is felt that the non-motorized boaters should bear some of the burden of providing for facilities and support of law enforcement.

Other Issues

None

Co-Chair Working Budget Assumptions

LFO recommends approval of the fee increase proposed by the Board.