

## Analysis

### Item 26: Marine Board

#### Marine Debris Removal Grant

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**Analyst:** Tim Walker

**Request:** Increase Federal Funds expenditure limitation by \$50,000 for a grant awarded by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) for the removal of marine debris.

**Analysis:** The grant is for the removal of abandoned and derelict vessels (ADVs) in the lower Columbia River Basin and along the Oregon coast. Funding will be used to satisfy invoices for contracted services related to the removal of abandoned vessels from certified Clean Marinas.

ADVs negatively impact the environment, navigability, human health and safety, and the economy. Many of the ADVs that become hazards in public waterways were once legally moored in marinas. However, as the boats deteriorated, they were given away or sold at a low price by the marinas to buyers unable to maintain or restore them. To minimize the hazards and high costs associated with responding to future ADVs, the Oregon State Marine Board (OSMB) proposes to remove unwanted abandoned vessels directly from marinas while the vessels are still securely moored and afloat.

The grant requires a 1:1 ratio of non-federal matching contributions. The \$50,000 match will come from OSMB's Salvaged Vessel Subaccount within the Boating Safety, Law Enforcement, and Facility Account. These funds are dedicated, by statute to the removal and disposal of ADV's. OSMB will encourage implementation of marina management practices to prevent future ADV's by requiring current registrations on all vessels.

The agency provided timely notification to the Legislature during the November 2019 legislative days. NOAA awarded the grant to OSMB in July of 2020 and the grant will not require any additional positions. It is anticipated the additional funding will be leveraged to remove 50 to 60 ADV's.

**Legislative Fiscal Office Recommendation:** The Legislative Fiscal Office recommends that the Emergency Board increase the Federal Funds limitation for the Marine Board by \$50,000 to allow expenditure of grant funds received for the Marine Debris Removal Program.

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**Request:** Increase Federal Funds expenditure limitation by \$50,000 for the Marine Debris Removal Grant awarded by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

**Recommendation:** Approve the request.

**Discussion:** The Oregon State Marine Board (OSMB) received a grant in the amount of \$50,000 from NOAA, under the Marine Debris Program. This one-time grant requires a 1:1 ratio of non-federal matching contributions to federal funding. The \$50,000 in OSMB matching funds comes from the Salvaged Vessel Subaccount within the Boating Safety, Law Enforcement, and Facility Account. The Subaccount funds are already dedicated by statute to the removal and disposal of Abandoned and Derelict Vessels (ADV).

OSMB's project will create a Clean Marina Abandoned Vessel Removal Assistance Initiative to reduce the number of future abandoned and derelict vessels in the lower Columbia River Basin and the Oregon Coast by removing abandoned, low-value vessels currently occupying Clean Marina facilities in those regions. Per the Marine Debris Removal Notice of Federal Funding for fiscal year 2020, project duration is not to exceed two years. OSMB anticipates the existing state funds for ADVs and the Federal Funds to be enough to remove and dispose of approximately 50 to 60 abandoned vessels. The Board will continue to seek funding to address the complex causes and impacts of ADVs in Oregon for more long-term solutions.

**Legal Reference:** Increase the Federal Funds expenditure limitation established by chapter 830, section 9, Oregon Laws 2019, for the Oregon State Marine Board by \$50,000 for the 2019-21 biennium.



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The Honorable Senator Peter Courtney, Co-Chair  
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Re: Increase in Federal limitation for Oregon State Marine Board due to award of FY2020 Marine Debris Removal Grant from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Marine Debris Program

Dear Co-Chairpersons:

### **Nature of Request**

The Oregon State Marine Board (OSMB) is requesting an increase in federal funds expenditure limitation in the Administration allotment. OSMB was awarded \$50,000 from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Marine Debris Program through Award #NA20NOS9990026. OSMB's project will reduce the number of future abandoned and derelict vessels (ADV) in the lower Columbia River Basin and the Oregon coast.

### **Agency Action**

The agency became aware of the grant in August of 2019 and submitted a Letter of Intent to the program prior to September 4, 2019. On October 8, 2019, the agency received an invitation from NOAA to submit a full application. OSMB received approval to apply for the grant during the 2019 legislative days and submitted the grant application in December 2019. NOAA awarded the grant to OSMB on July 17, 2020, with a start date of September 1, 2020.

OSMB's approved project creates a Clean Marina Abandoned Vessel Removal Assistance Initiative to reduce the number of future abandoned and derelict vessels (ADV) in the lower Columbia River Basin and along the Oregon coast by removing abandoned, low-value vessels currently occupying Clean Marina facilities in those regions. Funding will be used to satisfy invoices for contracted services related to the removal and disposal of abandoned vessels from certified Clean Marinas.

ADV negatively impact the environment, navigability, human health and safety, and the economy. Many of the ADVs that become hazards in public waterways were once legally moored in marinas. However, as the boats deteriorated, they were given away or sold at a low price by the marinas to buyers unable to maintain or restore them. To minimize the hazards and high costs associated with responding to future ADVs, OSMB proposes to remove unwanted abandoned vessels directly from marinas while the vessels are still securely moored and afloat.

The vessels will be removed and properly disposed of at no cost to the marinas. Vessels eligible for removal are those which are of little value and have been abandoned within certified Clean Marina

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facilities, and for which reasonable attempts to contact the owner and hold the owner accountable have been unsuccessful. Certified Clean Marinas will be invited to apply to OSMB to have eligible vessels removed from their facilities and properly disposed of by a contractor selected by the agency.

The program will also encourage implementation of marina management practices to prevent future ADVs, such as requiring current registration on all vessels.

The award is active from September 1, 2020 until August 31, 2022; however, the anticipated duration of the Clean Marina Abandoned Vessel Removal Assistance Initiative is 4-9 months.

The Marine Debris Grant requires a 1:1 ratio of non-federal matching contributions to federal funding. The \$50,000 in OSMB matching funds comes from the Salvaged Vessel Subaccount within the Boating Safety, Law Enforcement and Facility Account. The Subaccount funds are already dedicated by statute to the removal and disposal of abandoned and derelict vessels.

The agency anticipates that the existing state funds for ADVs and the federal funds that will be leveraged through this grant will be enough to remove and dispose of approximately 50 to 60 abandoned vessels from Clean Marinas in the project area. The agency will continue to seek funding to address the complex causes and impacts of ADVs in Oregon for more long-term solutions.

**Action Requested**

OSMB is requesting a \$50,000 increase in federal funds expenditure limitation in the Administration allotment as a result of receiving Marine Debris Program Award #NA20NOS9990026.

**Legislation Affected**

None.

Sincerely,



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