

| Oregon State Marine Board | | | | | |
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| | 2015-17 Actual | 2017-19 Legislatively Adopted | 2017-19 Legislatively Approved * | 2019-21 Current Service Level | 2019-21 Governor's Budget |
| Other Funds | 25,175,987 | 26,923,945 | 27,142,592 | 27,428,626 | 28,268,239 |
| Federal Funds | 5,420,164 | 6,631,041 | 6,633,131 | 6,260,265 | 6,260,265 |
| Total Funds | 30,596,151 | 33,554,986 | 33,775,723 | 33,688,891 | 34,528,504 |
| Positions | 41 | 39 | 39 | 38 | 39 |
| FTE | 39.37 | 39.00 | 39.00 | 38.00 | 38.75 |
| * Includes Emergency Board and administrative actions through December 2018. | | | | | |

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.

The 2019-21 Governor's Budget is a 2.2% increase from the 2017-19 Legislatively Approved Budget.

Governor's Budget Summary and Issues

The Governor's Budget assumes passage of the boater registration fee increase and passage of the non-motorized boater access fee.

Policy Issues

The 2015 Legislature directed the Board to develop a non-motorized boaters licensing program. The Board returned to the 2017 Legislature with statutory changes to establish the non-motorized boater program. The bill did not make it out of the policy committee due to concerns over the life jacket requirements for all floating devices including inner tubes and air mattresses. The Board has submitted a proposal for a

non-motorized boat waterway access permit program. Currently, non-motorized boaters do not contribute for facilities maintenance or marine law enforcement. Roughly half of Oregon boating fatalities are attributed to non-motorized boaters and non-motorized boaters increasingly require more marine law enforcement resources.

Other Significant Issues and Background

The primary source of operating funds for the Board are boater registration fees and boater registrations have decreased from 177,634 in 2010 to 152,229 in 2017 a 14.3% decrease. As revenues decrease, fewer boating facility grants and marine law enforcement grants will be awarded, resulting in a potential degradation of boating facilities and a decrease in marine safety patrols. In addition, as boater registration decreases the share of Motor Fuel Taxes decreases proportionally. The Board has proposed a fee increase for motorized boats, from \$4.50 per foot to \$5.95 per foot (32% increase); an increase in the cost of a boater's education card from \$10 to \$20 (100%); and an increase for title transfer from \$50 to \$75 (50% increase). These increases are anticipated to raise an additional \$2.1 million over the 2019-21 biennium that will be used primarily for marine law enforcement training, boat repairs, and facility improvements.