# Oregon State Marine Board 

2019-2021 Budget Presentation Joint Committee on Ways and Means

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## Mission

"Serving recreational boating public through education, enforcement, access and environmental stewardship for a safe and enjoyable experience."


## Historical Perspective

- OSMB created in 1959
- Facility grants started in the 70's
- OSMB receives marine fuel tax revenue in 1985
- Mandatory boating safety education passed in 1999
- Invasive Species Program started in 2009
- Federal grant programs added along the way



## Strategic Plan Goals

- Reduce boater conflict*
- Improve boating access
- Improve collaboration
- Improve boater proficiency
- Partner with rental business

- Facilitate better dialogue with boaters*


## OSMB Board \& Staff

Five member Governor Appointed Board Director's Office- 2 FTE
Business Services- 7 FTE (proposed reduction to 6)
Policy and Environmental- 3 FTE
Registrations- 11 FTE
Boating Safety- 8 FTE
Boating Facilities- 8 FTE

Total 39 FTE (proposed reduction to 38 FTE)

## OSMB Programs

Boater Registration: 166,340 registered boats
-Goal to increase registration renewals electronically
-Goal to increase agent application submissions on behalf of boaters, online

Outfitter and Guides:
-1,453 guides and outfitters -67 charters

Clean Marina Program: 64 certified marinas

## OSMB Programs - Boating Safety

Contracts with 32 County Sheriffs and OSP produced the following in 2018:

31,532 boat inspections 5,419 boats stopped for 8,376 separate violations, including:

1150 adult PFD violations 82 child PFD violations 326 BEC violations
97 BUII, unsafe and reckless operation violations.


Officers responded to 879 incidents including:
$\checkmark 4$ boat fires
77 vessel capsizings
14 collisions with other boats or fixed objects
31 drowning and body recoveries
73 non-emergency tow assists
/ 76 suicide / attempted suicides
/ 107 suicides and drowning recoveries

# SMB Programs 

Mandatory Boater Education - 364,737 issued
Adopt-A-River - Partnership with SOLVE Abandoned and Derelict Vessels

$\$ 114,889.37$ on 32 boats in the 2017-2019 biennium
Additional 13 boats committed to for a total expected cost of \$148,204.87.

- Cost recovery efforts for abandoned and derelict vessels began in 2017 and have recovered $\$ 4,259.87$ to date.


## Aquatic Invasive Species Program

Partner with ODFW to operate the inspection stations 28,186 inspections in 2018

- 365 had contamination issues; 12 had zebra or quagga mussels


## OSMB Programs - Boating Facilities

## 2017-2019 biennium

 Leveraged $\$ 3.2$ million of state boater funds for:$\checkmark \quad$ Property acquisition for one new boating facility

34 renovated facilities with a total cost of $\$ 6.5$ million.

3 boat ramp lanes
8 toilet stalls
77 boarding dock sections
9 short term tie up dock sections
2 pump out and dump stations
2 floating restrooms


## Provided

\$2.2 million in maintenance funds for 315 public boating facilities
Over 10,000 hours for
surveying \& engineering construction and permitting assistance to public agencies for boating facilities.


## Cost Drivers

## Increased construction costs

-Materials
-Labor
-Permit compliance
Increased costs for boating safety enforcement
-Personnel costs
-Equipment and supplies

Boating use has increased

## 2019-21 MARINE BOARD EXPENDITURES BY MAJOR PROGRAM



## Revenue Drivers

OSMB Fuel Tax Revenue by Fiscal Year Dollars in Millions

- Number of registered boats
- Amount of fuel use calculated in quadrennial fuel use survey
- Aquatic Invasive Species Permits Sold
- Federal funds from Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund



## Marine Board-Revenue



## Service Improvements and Efficiencies

- Title and registration section implemented continuous process improvement practices
- Testing electronic renewal notifications
- Implemented video meeting technology
- Boating Safety section integrated process improvement principles


## Key Performance Measures

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|  2018 Key Performance Measures  |

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1. Number of boat patrol hours conducted on the water.

## KPM \#2 - Number of boat operators

 arrested for boating under the influence (BUII)

## KPM \#3 - Number of boating fatalities per 100,000 registered boats (nmemeses nommeoriree)



Deaths involving registered motorboats per 100,000 is 4.0, below the KPM target

KPM \#5 - Number of gallons of boater generated-sewage not deposited in Oregon waters


## KPM \#6 Measure of matching funds from other sources to Marine Board funds



## KPM \#8 Average number of days it takes to process requests for grant reimbursements



## KPM \#9 Customer Satisfaction



Percent of customers rating as "good" or "excellent" their satisfaction with agencies availability of information, timeliness, accuracy, helpfulness and expertise

## Reductions

10\% reduction options (ORS 291.216):

1) Significantly reduce construction, renovation, replacement and maintenance of boat sewage collection system
2) Abolish 3 FTE: in-house IT services eliminated and revenue accounting impacted; eliminate Adopt-ARiver and Clean Marina Program; eliminate OSMB AIS coordination
3) Reduce annual funding to marine law enforcement; LE boat purchases reduced; smaller counties would discontinue marine patrol; eliminate LE contract for outfitter guide enforcement
4) Reduce educational grants and supplies

POP 70 reductions due to revenue shortfall:
\$2.11 Million
Law Enforcement contract cut by by 7.5\%
Unpatrolled waterways
Some county Sheriff's marine programs abolished
Boating facilities grants decreased by 10\%
Fewer facility improvements and maintenance money for local and state agencies
3 FTE eliminated
Boater Education Card program - delays in processing applications

## Policy Option Packages



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## Pkg 101, 201, 301 Fees (HB 2080)

| Fee Category | Current Fee | Proposed New Fee | Last Change |
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| Registration | $\$ 4.50$ | $\$ 5.95$ | 2015 |
| Title | $\$ 50.00$ | $\$ 75.00$ | 2015 |
| Mandatory Boater Education Card | $\$ 10.00$ | $\$ 20.00$ | 2003 |
| Duplicate Boater Education Card | $\$ 8.00$ | $\$ 16.00$ | 2003 |



## HB 2080

## Issue:

- The Marine Board's current fee rates are not sufficient to support agency operations at the current service level.
- Costs for contracted services for marine law enforcement continue to rise.
- Costs for supplies and materials (aluminum, concrete, etc.) continue to rise.



## Direction from the Board

- The Marine Board approved $\$ 1.3$ million in cuts during the 2017-2019 biennium;
- And $\$ 1.6$ million in permanent reductions for the 20192021 biennium to minimize the impact of a fee increase to recreational boaters.



## Stakeholder Engagement

- Open Houses -Held across the state, summer 2018
- Video Series- Online town hall
- Press releases/Pubic Notices early on in the process
- Feedback- Expectation of service for any fee increase



## HB 2080

Following the national trend of decreasing boater registrations while boating activity has increased leads to:

- Decreasing registration revenue, gas tax revenue and lower US Coast Guard grant money
- Increased demand for services and aging infrastructure



## Other States

- Washington and California both have excise taxes along with registration fees
- Cost for average valued 19' boat over 12 years
$\$ 2,830$ in California
\$1,336 in Washington
$\$ 771$ in Oregon under proposed fees
- Money paid by boaters in other states doesn't always go back into boating services

Boat launch and boarding dock in Bellingham, WA.


## HB 2080

- If a fee increase is approved, new rates would be implemented starting with 2021 boat registrations.
- Models show this fee increase sustaining the agency through 2026.
- While registrations are down, boating activity continues to increase. Failure to increase fees will result in program cuts to marine law enforcement and boating facility grants.



## Pkg 102, 302, 402 Waterway Access (SB 47)

 BOAT OREGON
## Waterway Access Account

- Oregon is experiencing exponential growth in nonmotorized boating (kayaks, canoes, catarafts, SUPs, rowing, drift, and other human-powered craft)
- According to the 2017 Oregon Resident Outdoor Recreation Survey, "public access to the waterways" was ranked in the top five "priorities for the future" by Oregonians both in and outside their immediate communities.
- Surveys for the Marine Board's Six-Year Plan (2017) show increased desire for non-motorized boating access, and;
- increase in the number of grant requests to improve/develop non-motorized access.


Wind surfer access and staging area on the Columbia River


## SB 47 Solution

- Create a dedicated account to provide better waterway access to Oregon's waterways.
- The permit that funds this account would be required on all boats 10' and over except motorboats and sailboats with valid registration decals.
- This is identical to the current requirement for nonmotorized boats to carry the Aquatic Invasive Species Permit (AIS permit), and in this concept the Waterway Access Permit would replace the AIS permit for nonmotorized boats.



## SB 47 Solution

- Permits would be transferrable to other non-motorized boats, and;
- Children under 14 would not need a permit.
- Revenue will be used to support boating facility grants for state, local governments, park organizations, and tribal governments for the acquisition of property, leases, or easements in order for the public to access waterways and construction and maintenance of boating access facilities.
- Funds would also be available for public bodies and nonprofit entities to develop safety education courses and to purchase boating equipment to reduce barriers for underserved communities who wish to recreate on Oregon's waterways.



## Flexible Permit Options

- \$5 weekly permit (\$4 for access account, \$1 AIS)
- \$17 annual permit (\$12 for access account, \$5 AIS)
- \$30 biennial permit (\$20 for access account, \$10 AIS)
- Non-motorized users would purchase a Waterway Access Permit that funds both the waterway access account and maintains the current funding for the AIS program.
- Continue permit discounts for registered liveries renting nonmotorized boats. Establishes free use days to coincide with free fishing and camping weekend



## Waterway Access Account

The current fee structures does not fully support nonmotorized boaters in the form of dedicated access, safer and more appropriate launching facilities.


## Hole in the Wall -Clackamas River



## Ojalla Boat Slide-Siletz River



## Port of Arlington -Windsurfing Access

## Cedaroak -Willamette River



## Champoeg Park -Willamette River



No OSMB funding for add-on paddle dock; grant award for tie-up dock

## Policy Issues



## HB 2077 Livery Program

Requires liveries to register with OSMB Increase education and outreach to rentals

## HB 2078 Boater Education Card

- Removes 60-day exemption for new boaters
- Plenty of options for boaters to satisfy requirement


## HB 2079 Boater Safety Laws

- Revocation of boater safety card- BUII
- Change lifejacket violation to Class D \$115 from Class B \$265.


## HB 2076 - Aquatic Invasive Species

- Gives law enforcement ability to requires vehicles that bypass border inspection stations to return
- Requires boaters to remove drain plugs and transport with plugs removed


## Questions



