

# Abandoned & Derelict Vessels

A Global Issue



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\* ORS 830.908 defines an abandoned boat as:

“a vessel that has been left without authorization on public or private land, the waters of this state, or any other water.”

\* ORS 830.908 defines a derelict vessel as:

“(a) Sunk or in imminent danger of sinking;

(b) Obstructing a waterway;

(c) Endangering life or property; or

(d) In such dilapidated condition that it is in danger of becoming a significant environmental hazard as evidenced by repeated and documented instances of leaking fuel, sewage or other pollutants.”

# ADV's: A Complicated Issue

- \* Threat to navigation
- \* Environmental Concerns
- \* Nuisance
- \* Housing Concerns
- \* Disposal and Logistics
- \* Legal Process
- \* Insurance
- \* Funding
- \* Jurisdiction
- \* Agency Coordination



# Agency Roles

- \* Oregon State Marine Board
- \* Department of State Lands
- \* Department of Environmental Quality
- \* United States Coast Guard
- \* Other Local, Federal, and State Agencies



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# Social Components

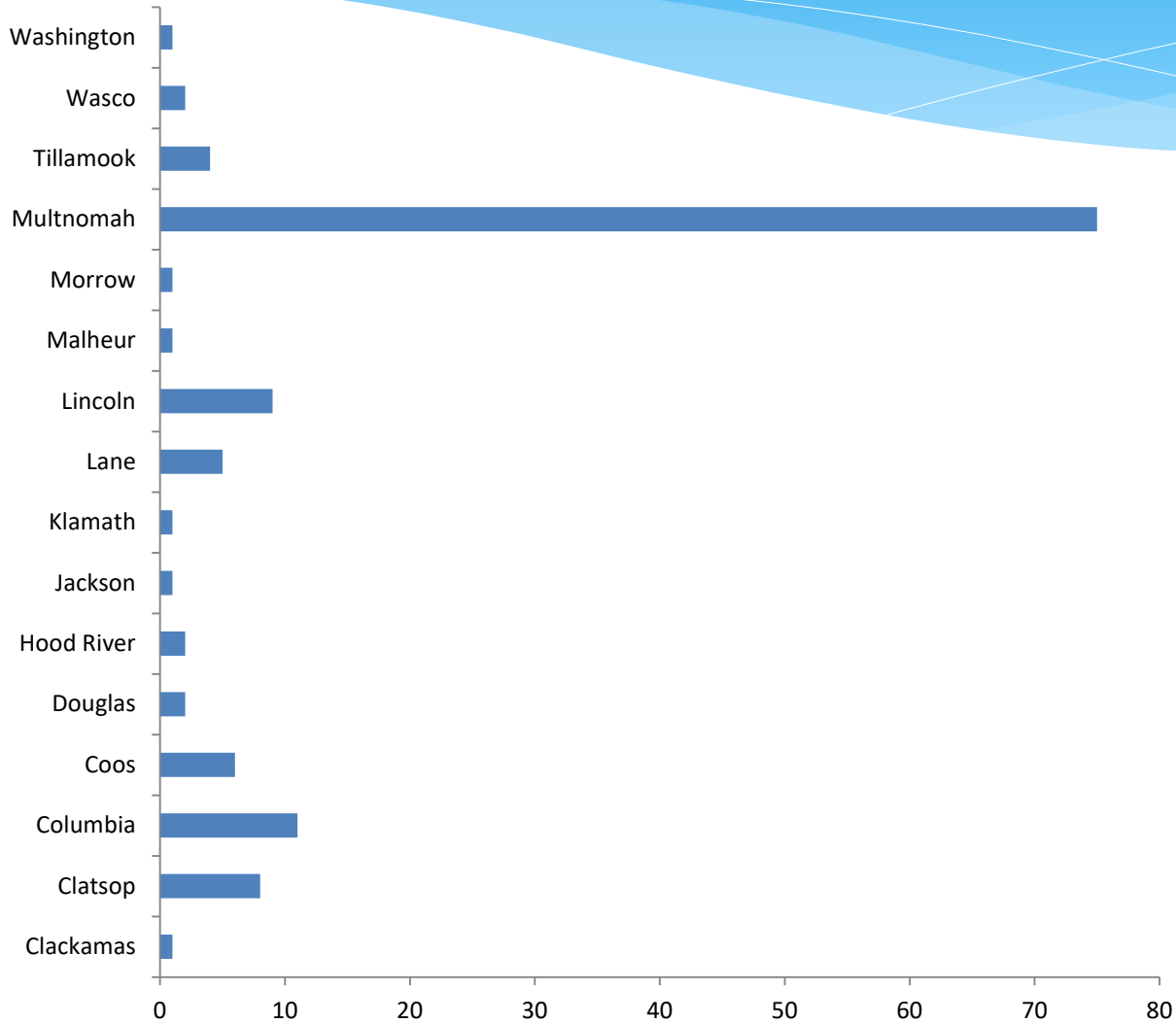




# Upland Issues



# Number of ADVs 2005-2019

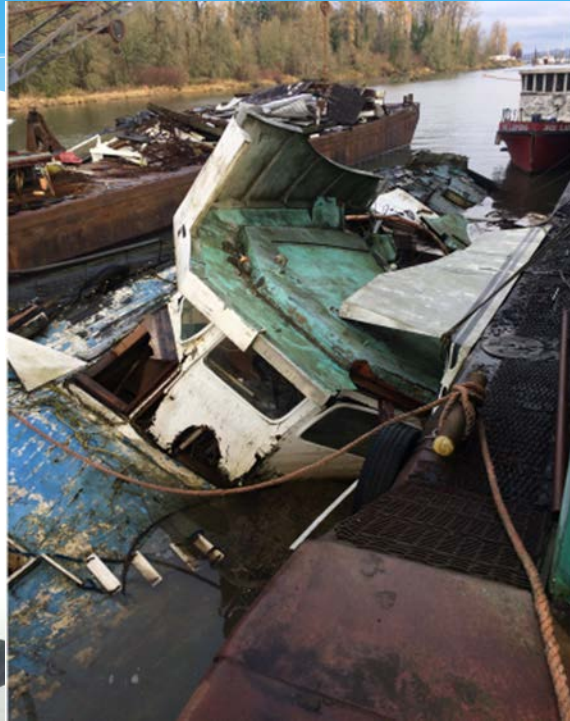


# Recreational ADVs

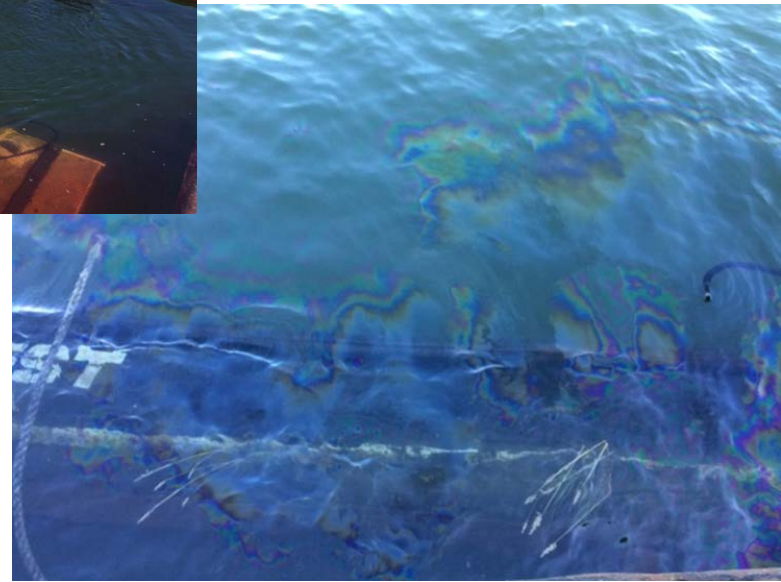




# Commercial ADVs



# Environmental Concerns





# Additional Environmental Concerns





# Cost

Cost varies but increases significantly if vessel sinks:

Average cost afloat recreational ADVs = \$3,200

Average cost sunken recreational ADVs = \$5,000

Commercial vessel costs is too difficult to know, but is significantly higher than recreational

Current Funding:

OSMB: \$150,000 per biennium

DSL: \$35,000 per biennium

Staff time, resources, DOJ fees, Sheriff costs, etc. all add up

# Prevention and Awareness

- \* Key to ADV's to minimize impacts to environment, the public and reduce the financial impact.
- \* Coordination between agencies, states, ports, marina owners, and other private partners
- \* Get the public involved and gather support



# Efforts to Date

- \* Derelict Vessel Task Force
  - \* Tracking and Inventory
  - \* Agency Coordination
- \* Transient Boat Work Group
  - \* Engage/educate boat owners
  - \* Working with non-profit for alternative housing
  - \* Vessel Turn in program
- \* Derelict and Abandoned Commercial Vessel Task Force
  - \* Work with marinas and ports
  - \* Research funding and preventative strategies
- \* Pacific States/B.C. Oil Spill Task Force
  - \* Focus on blue ribbon model program



# Next Steps

- \* Issue is not going away
- \* Issue does not belong to one agency
- \* DEQ, OSMB, and DSL are all on a regional work group to help create a blue ribbon model ADV program
- \* Funding is needed to address this issue
- \* Legislative direction may be necessary in the future