

Columbia River Yachting Association President – Doug Romjue

Thank you, Chair Wagner and members of this committee, for the opportunity to testify in support of SB 859.

Representing the boating community we have thousands of members/family that are happy to see work moving forward the Abandoned and Derelict Vessel problem on our waterways. We fully support the move to increase the cap on the OSMB fund, and the future implementation of a longer term solution for funding in boater registration as a possible option. We are not in favor of expecting the Marine Board to make needless cuts in other areas of its budget while this program becomes self-funded. Let's find the money to get the program enhanced to remove more problem vessels and now rather than later.

Regards, Doug Romjue

President