



# Abandoned and Derelict Vessels (ADV) Overview

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# ADV Response in Oregon

## ❖ Local Response

- ❖ County Sheriff's Office Marine Patrol Units
- ❖ City, County, and State Parks
- ❖ Ports, other landowners/managers

## ❖ State Level

- ❖ Department of State Lands
- ❖ Department of Environmental Quality
- ❖ Oregon State Marine Board

# OSMB Role and Funding

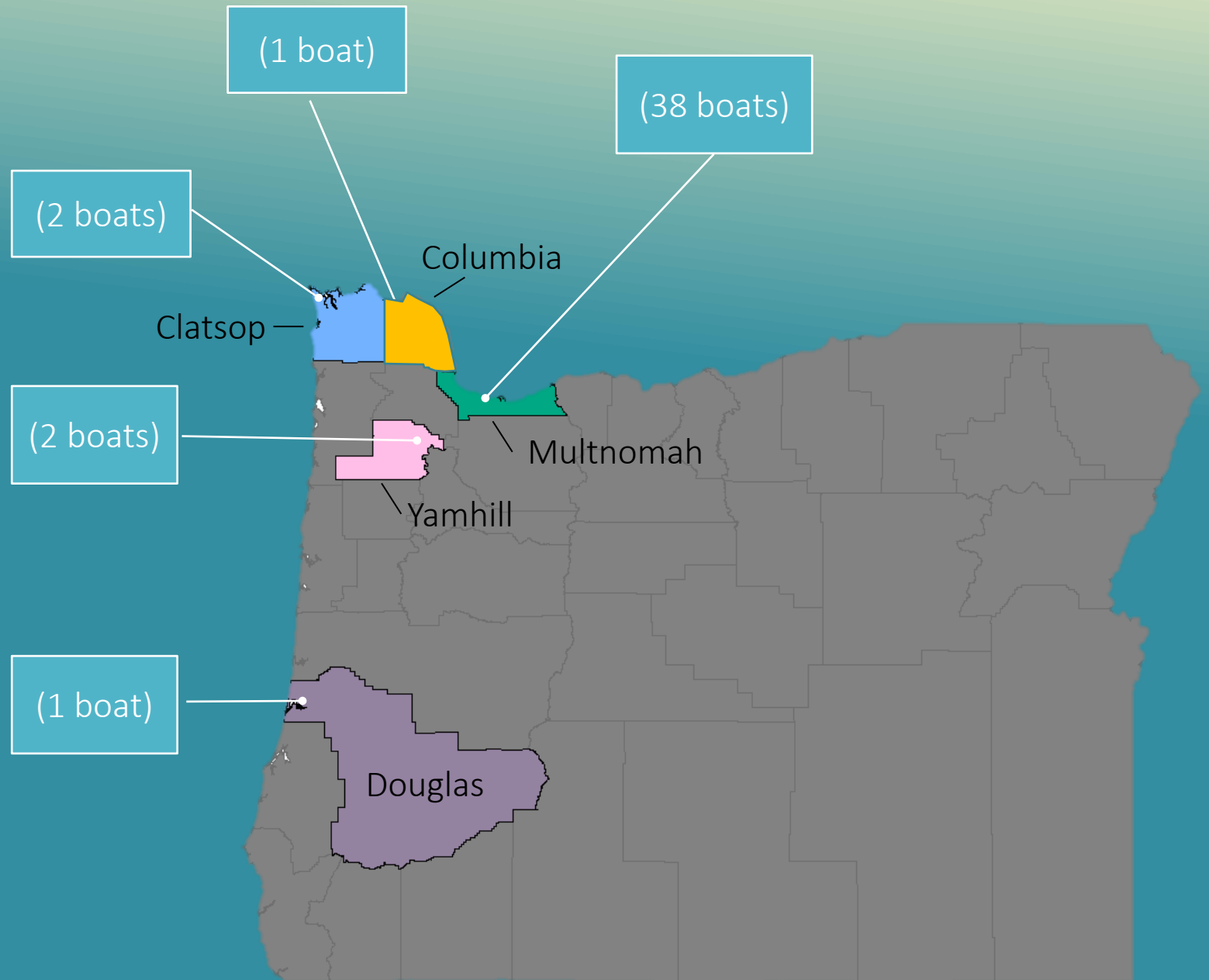
- ❖ ORS 830.948: Salvaged Vessel Subaccount
  - ❖ The Board may deposit up to \$150,000 per biennium into subaccount
  - ❖ Not a per-boater fee, but on average is ~\$1 per biennial registration
- ❖ Reimbursement to Marine Patrol, other public agencies
- ❖ Collaborative clean-ups, cost-shares

# ADV Removals: 19/21 Biennium

The OSMB was financially involved in the removal and disposal of 44 boats.

All of the vessels were classified as recreational and generally fell between 20' and 30' in length. Most were fiberglass, and the tags had been expired for an average of 5 years.

Staff received reports of many other ADVs which the OSMB was not able to get involved with financially due to cost and prioritization of vessels.



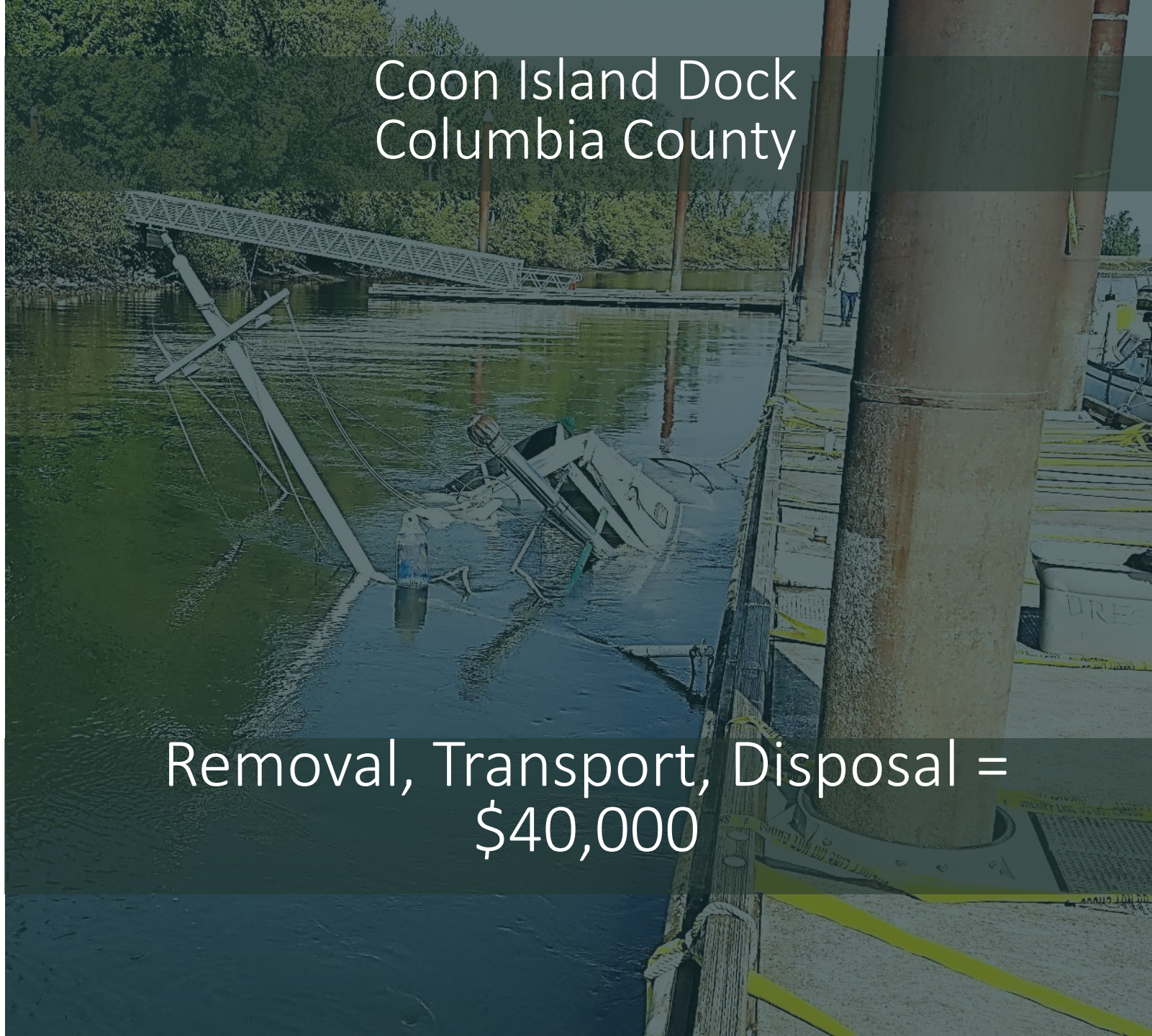
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# The Cost of ADVs

Some of the costs of ADVs are obvious and measurable, such as the price paid to a contractor to remove the vessel. Other costs are not as well-defined and include a decrease in sense of safety and waterway enjoyment for responsible boaters. In many areas, the impacts of ADVs are intertwined with complex social issues such as homelessness, trespassing, mental health, addiction, and crime.

The reported dollar amounts (right) do not include OMSB staff time, LE staff time, or other similar indirect costs.





Coon Island Dock  
Columbia County

Removal, Transport, Disposal =  
\$40,000

# Ongoing Challenges to ADV Response

- ❖ Procedural timelines and logistical considerations
  - ❖ Boats are titled property; owner notification process and storage required
- ❖ Social and socio-economic factors
  - ❖ Boats are used as shelter and transportation by people without traditional housing
- ❖ Reoccurrence and supply
  - ❖ Limited disposal options are costly to boat owners
- ❖ Budget Considerations and Prioritization
  - ❖ OSMB cannot assist financially in every case





## Abandoned Vessel Removal Assistance Program (AVRAP) for Clean Marinas

Marinas propose vessels for removal, OSMB uses Federal and State funds; Marina adopts improved management techniques to reduce vessel abandonment

\$100,000 available in Year 1

Applications currently being evaluated as of March 2021. Approximately 22 vessels were proposed.