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Boating Facilities Section -Your Access to the Water



New Ichwhit Park access site on the Siletz River

Highlights of finished projects:

In the current biennium, the Marine Board awarded 60 grants to improve boating access statewide. Many of the improvements are complete and being enjoyed by boaters. Some are still underway and scheduled for completion before the boating season gets into full swing. Funding for these improvements comes from a mix of marine fuel taxes, registration fees, and federal grants. Altogether, over \$10 million will be expended to enhance boating access throughout Oregon, this biennium alone.



Indian Mary Park boat launch on the Rogue River



Floating restroom at Lake Billy Chinook

Waterbody	Owner	Boating Site	Improvements
Siletz River	Lincoln County	Ichwhit Park	Brand new access site. This new access on the lower river at RM 7 provides a single-lane concrete ramp, boarding floats, paved parking, and restroom.
Rogue River	Josephine County	Indian Mary Park	New concrete boat ramp. The new ramp is located in a more protected location giving boaters a safer place to launch and retrieve their boats.
Odell Lake	Klamath County	Princess Creek	The Deschutes National Forest built a new concrete ramp and improved the parking.
Brownlee Reservoir	Baker County	Holcomb Park	Extended the boat ramp to give boaters and anglers access at lower, summer lake levels.
Willamette River	City of Gladstone	Meldrum Bar	Added a prefabricated restroom and improved the parking.
Willamette River	City of Portland	Cathedral Park	Repaired the toe of the ramp and removed submerged hazards to improve access.
Detroit Lake	Willamette National Forest	Piety Island	Installed two new prefabricated toilets. The island is only accessible by boat during the prime boating season.
Columbia River	City of Warrenton	Hammond Ramp	Improved the overflow parking area at this popular ramp. The overflow area, which was grass and mud, now has a gravel surface with wheel stops.
Coquille River	City of Coquille	Sturdivant Park	Renovated the parking facilities at the launch ramp.
Henry Hagg Lake (Scoggins Valley Reservoir)	Washington County	"A" and "C" Ramps	Installed new boarding floats at both "A" and "C" ramps.
Ochoco Reservoir	Crook Co Park & Rec District	Ochoco Reservoir	The installation of a new floating restroom.

Visit the [Boating Facilities Section](#) for more information on boating facilities, access, closures and more!

Note: *Sportcraft Landing* on the Willamette River in Oregon City will be closed for construction beginning July 1, 2011 for a new two-lane concrete boat ramp and boarding floats. Watch the Marine Board website and Oregon City's website for [closure dates](#) and construction updates.

Statewide Boating Access Improvement Plan

After nearly a year of data collection and public meetings, a draft of the Statewide Boating Access Improvement Plan (2011-2017) is now online. Once a final plan is developed, it will be used to help Marine Board members direct grant funding over the next three biennia based on high priority projects. The draft plan identifies a total of \$175 million in boating access improvements for 817 boating access sites, statewide.

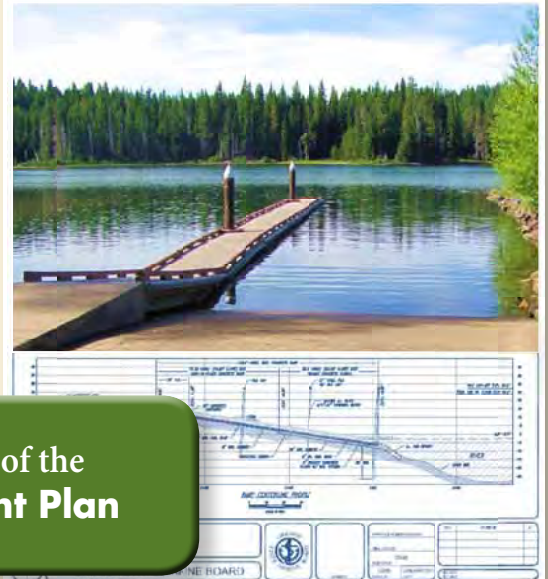
The draft information was compiled from 11 open houses held around the state, from hundreds of on-line surveys, e-mails, and other written comments received since last summer. In addition, many unmet needs identified in the previous 2005-2011 Boating Access Improvement Plan are carried forward into this current plan.

We welcome public comment on the draft, especially boaters' assessment of the priority of proposed improvements. Priorities can be rated as high, medium, or low. Boaters are also encouraged to review all the sites they use and comment on the proposed components of those facilities.

Please submit comments via e-mail to [Jennifer Peterson](mailto:Jennifer.Peterson@osmbe.org) or by letter to the Oregon State Marine Board, Boating Facilities Section, P.O. Box 14145, Salem, OR 97309

Click here for the draft of the **Boating Improvement Plan**

STATEWIDE BOATING ACCESS IMPROVEMENT PLAN (2011-2017)



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HELPFUL LINKS:

[Northwest River Level Forecast](#)

[Reservoir Water Levels](#)

[Tide and Current predictions](#)

[Maiden Voyage Pre-Underway Checklist](#)

[Where's the non-blended gas?
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[Learn more about Marine Board members and Director, Scott Brewen](#)

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Summer Steelhead — Something to Experience!

Summer steelhead are iconic. Though they only weigh between 5 and 12 pounds, they fight like fish in a higher weight class. This year we're expecting about 390,000 summer steelhead to return to the Columbia River and its tributaries. The first fish will arrive in the lower Columbia in May, but the numbers really pick up in late June and July. As summer changes to fall, they will begin moving into tributaries, such as the Deschutes, John Day and Imnaha Rivers.

Fishing for steelhead is easier than you think and it doesn't require specialized gear. If you have an 8.5' rod, a baitcasting reel, 20 lbs. test, some spin-n-glo's and a weight, then you're ready to hit the waters. The fish move in relatively shallow water – 8 to 12 feet deep. The trick is to fish on an outgoing tide.

Many of the Columbia River's islands offer great fishing right off the shore. Just beach your boat and you can spend a day (or just an afternoon) fishing with the sun on your shoulders and a burger on the BBQ ('cause we can't guarantee you'll catch a steelhead for lunch).

If summer steelhead fishing isn't for you, don't forget that Oregon offers plenty of other opportunities to target trout in area lakes and rivers, salmon in coastal rivers, crab in the ocean bays and even bass in numerous ponds and reservoirs.



Throughout the state, ODFW stocks 5 million trout in reservoirs, neighborhood ponds and high mountain lakes. Or, if you like to fish on the wild side, consider native cutthroat trout in coastal streams or hard-fighting redband trout in Central Oregon Rivers. We're expecting another good year for summer steelhead fishing from coastal streams to the

inland rivers. Salmon anglers should be gearing up for another good year of coho fishing in the ocean and at Buoy 10.

Still trying to decide? Check out a variety of resources. To find fishing conditions at your favorite fishing hole, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's Recreation Report at www.dfw.state.or.us/rr includes weekly updates for streams, rivers, lakes and reservoirs throughout the state. You also can purchase your fishing license at the ODFW Web site. Visit www.steelheadsummer.com for more information on where and how to fish for summer steelhead.



Summer Steelhead

**Great Fish. Great Rivers.
Great Fun!**

Keeping Tradition and Going Social—Marine Board's 2011-2013 Media Plan

Are you new to using the Internet and social media? You don't need to have your own Facebook or Twitter account to see what's being posted from the Marine Board on the web! Just go to [twitter](#) or



[Facebook](#) and enter "Marine Board" into the search fields. If you do have your own accounts, you can "follow" the [Marine Board on Twitter](#), or visit our [Facebook fan page](#) and click on the "Like" icon on the top of the page to receive information every time content is posted online! You can also access the Marine Board's social media sites from the [agency website](#).

New Boating Safety Section

Last June, Marine Director, Scott Brewen, merged the **Law Enforcement Program** and **Education Program** (which also included the Clean Marina, Clean Boater, and Aquatic Invasive Species Program) into the Marine Board's new "Boating Safety Section."

"Streamlining the two programs into a single section made sense from an administrative and fiscal standpoint," said Director Brewen. "The U.S. Coast Guard and many other states operate their law enforcement and education functions under one unit because both programs rely on one another for overall boating safety."



New tools for improved safety and enforcement

Detecting boaters impaired by alcohol and other substances is a primary objective of the Marine Board and county law enforcement partners, to make the waterways safer for everyone.

Contract negotiations are underway between the Marine Board and the Oregon State Police Forensic Services Division to maintain and certify breath testing instruments for Boating Under the Influence of Intoxicants (BUII) enforcement. The Marine Board has retired the Draeger AlcoTest 7410 breath testing units and is investing in six Intoxilyzer 8000 instruments.

Infrared breath testing technology has proven accurate and effective over time in identifying and convicting people impaired by alcohol. Since the Intoxilyzer 8000 is located in many police offices and jails around the state and is already used for evidentiary breath testing in Driving Under the Influence (DUI), it makes sense to migrate to the same technology for boating enforcement. Moving to this instrument model will also reduce breath testing operator certification time and provide the dependability and portability many marine patrol deputies need out on the water.



Retiring and investing in our enforcement fleet

"Out with the old, in with the new."

The aging fleet of boats used by county marine programs throughout the state is overdue for an upgrade. Many of the boats are over 20 years old and some have components, literally, duct-taped together.

Nine county programs have been identified to receive OSMB funding for new boats and will be receiving them prior to the 2011 boating season.

1. Yamhill County – 21' Boulton Sea Skiff
2. Curry County – 23' Rogue Jet Fastwater
3. Polk County -Two 2010 Yamaha FX 1800 HO PWCs
4. Linn County – 20' North River Trapper Jet
5. Washington County - 22' Boulton Sea Skiff
6. Deschutes County – 20' Alumaweld Intruder
7. Crook County – 23' Rogue Jet Fastwater
8. Umatilla County – 22' Rogue Jet Fastwater
9. Wasco County -20' Thunder Jet Denali

These boats will enable county law enforcement programs to be safer and more effective on the water. "When you take into account the cost to repair boats and older engines, their poor fuel economy and limitations over where that boat can be safely operated, these costs really add up," says Marty Law, Boating Safety Program Manager. "These new boat platforms will be capable of operating in all types of water, which ultimately maximizes a marine patrol officer's time patrolling the waterways," Law adds.



Boater Education Card Needed in 2011

It's officially the time that all Oregon recreational boaters 12 and older must carry their **boater education card** when operating power boats greater than 10 horsepower.

"Education does make a difference," says MariAnn Koloszar, Marine Board mandatory education coordinator. "When it's beautiful outside, people flock to the waterways. When it's congested, it becomes even more important to know the navigation rules, proper launching techniques and boater etiquette. When boaters play by the same rules, it's safer and more fun on the water for everyone."

The **Mandatory Boater Education Program** was passed by the 1999 Legislature and since 2009, all boaters (12 and older) who operate a powerboat over 10 horse power are required to take a boating safety course and carry a boater education card when out on the water.

But what about those seasoned boaters who never thought they'd need to get a card? The thought of taking a boating safety course brings anxiety and uncertainty about all that's involved. Marine

Board employees routinely hear, "I have to take a test? I haven't taken a test in decades!"

"This is why the Marine Board offers a variety of **education options**. One of the best ways to comply with the education requirement is to take a **classroom course**. The Marine Board has some of the most skilled and passionate volunteer instructors for the classroom," says Koloszar. Volunteer instructors can also tailor their classroom courses to specific learning styles—on the boaters' schedule.

The Marine Board's Volunteer Instructor Program has 77 certified volunteer instructors located throughout Oregon, and that number keeps growing. Boaters interested in becoming a volunteer instructor attend an 8-hour instructor certification course, must have boating and teaching experience, and pass a criminal history check.

For more information about Oregon's Mandatory Boater Education and Volunteer Instructor Programs, contact MariAnn Koloszar at 503-378-5158 or email mariann.koloszar@state.or.us.

Registration & Renewal

a boat registration is good for two calendar years and we put your dollars to work every time you renew your registration. Did you know that 86% of the Marine Board's revenue goes back to boaters in the form of boating access, law enforcement services, education and environmental programs?

Here's an easy way to determine if it's time to renew your boater registration. If your decals read "09" or "10," then it's time to initiate the renewal process.

There are multiple ways you can renew:

- 1. Register Online:** A PIN number is required and sent with your renewal notice. If you've lost your PIN, call or [email](mailto:) our office and we'll help you get started.
- 2. Mail:** If your decals are "08" or older, the fastest and easiest way to renew is by mail. Calculate the fee based on \$3 per foot, rounded up to the highest foot and add \$5 for the Aquatic Invasive Species Permit Program surcharge. Mail to OSMB, P.O. Box 14145, Salem, OR 97309-5065.

(Example: Registration for a 13 feet 3 inches boat = 14 X \$3 +\$5 or \$47).
- 3. Visit the Marine Board office or registration agent:** For a location of an agent nearest to you, visit www.boatoregon.com/OSMB/BoatReg/WhereRegister.shtml. Just bring your old Certificate of Number (registration card) with you. There will be an additional \$3.75 service charge from the registration agent to receive a temporary permit to operate your boat.

The registration team at the Marine Board is ready to give you personalized customer service Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The **Registration Section** can be reached at (503) 378-8587 or by email, marine.board@state.or.us.



Be a Clean Boater!

Oregon is renowned for its majestic, clean and sparkling waterways and we know boaters want to do their part to keep them that way. That's why we've created the **Clean Boater Program**, where we provide boaters the tools they need to prevent pollution and keep our waters clean. An Oregon Clean Boater is one who pledges to:



- Practice proper fueling techniques or ask fuel dock attendants to do so;
- Use oil absorbent materials in bilge areas when needed;
- Use sewage pumpout facilities, floating restrooms, or land based facilities;
- Use phosphate-free, biodegradable, and non-toxic cleaners;
- Recycle when containers are available;
- Dispose of fish waste properly;
- Keep Oregon waters free of trash;
- Prevent the spread of invasive species – “Never Launch a Dirty Boat;”
- Lead by example and encourage fellow boaters to take the pledge.

To say “thank you” to all the boaters who adopt clean boating practices, the Marine Board has developed a recognition program to reward boaters who take that extra step. First, review the Marine Board publication “**A Clean Boater’s Guide—Protecting Oregon’s Marine Resources.**” This booklet highlights all of the important practices boaters need to do to protect the environment when boating. Next, fill out the online **pledge form and questionnaire**. This is your commitment to follow the guidelines outlined in the guidebook. The Marine Board is using the data from the pledge form to gauge the baseline awareness of boaters about environmental topics. The results of the data will help the Marine Board improve education and outreach methods that focus on areas where it’s needed.

Once we receive your pledge and questionnaire, we will send you your **Clean Boater kit**, which consists of: a reusable tote bag; oil spill prevention materials (oil absorbent pillow w/instruction sheet, and Spills aren’t Slick sticker and brochure); supplies to encourage sewage pumpout use (a laminated, statewide pumpout location reference sheet, hand sanitizer, and a pair of non-latex gloves), and education information to help you identify and prevent aquatic invasive species.

Boaters play an important role in ensuring that future generations can enjoy clean waterways. Apply online and join the Clean Boater Program today!

Clean Boaters also support Clean Marinas. If your marina is not a certified **Clean Marina**, ask your marina manager to take the pledge.



Clean Boater kit



Outboard Motors: Clearing the Air

They have a dirty reputation. When people say “outboard motor,” some think of old, smoky and noisy. It’s time to learn about the new and improved modern outboard motors, and give them and their updated, sleek designs the attention they deserve.

The EPA created tough emission standards back in 1998 and gave the marine industry until 2006 to develop new motor technology to reduce emissions and improve air quality. According to the Marine Board’s 2008 Triennial Survey, 62% of Oregon’s registered boats use an outboard motor and the data shows an 18% decline in the last five years in carbureted two-stroke motors. There has also been an increase in the number of low to zero emission outboards.

Newer motors offer many new advantages to boaters and the environment. Direct fuel inject motors emit 75% to 95% less ozone-forming exhaust than conventional marine engines do for the same horsepower. Four-stroke engines emit even less. In addition to being more environmentally friendly, the engines generally provide easier starting, faster acceleration, quicker throttle response, and reduced fumes and noise. Another benefit is improved fuel economy! The hassle of mixing fuel and oil are also gone. Most manufacturers also offer a robust warranty on these newer engines.

The Marine Board encourages boaters to replace their old carbureted two-stroke engines with these new, quieter, cleaner, more fuel-efficient ones. Marine manufacturers no longer produce replacement parts, so consider putting your old motor to rest at your local recycling center.

Marine Board Completes 2011-2016 Strategic Plan



How can OSMB build upon its past accomplishments while responding to current and future changes in recreational boating and emerging environmental issues?

That was the challenge agency Board, staff and interested parties throughout the state considered late last year when they undertook a comprehensive strategic planning process. Cogan Owens Cogan, LLC, with assistance from BergerABAM, was retained as consultants to help design and implement the planning process.

The process involved extensive outreach to identify OSMB's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and challenges and develop goals and strategies to maximize its resources and agree on areas for improvement. Robust engagement efforts involved contacting people through the OSMB website and mailing list, administering an online questionnaire, interviewing stakeholders, and holding four regional meetings, two work sessions with staff, and one workshop each with boating constituencies and law enforcement partners.

The overall consensus among participants is that OSMB is an efficient, responsive and well-run organization. They agree that among the agency's most effective activities are strong educational programs to improve boater safety and reduce the threat of aquatic invasive species and well-designed high quality facilities.

The most widely noted challenge to the agency is how it relates to non-motorized boaters.

Each focus area is supported by a range of strategies. The strategic plan concludes with a recommended implementation process that involves Action Planning Teams and a methodology for measuring performance and evaluating how well the goals and strategies are being realized.

Visit the Marine Board's website for more information about the [strategic planning process](#).

After considering all the input during the process, the Board adopted the following focus areas and goals for the next one to two years:

Organizational Purpose and Identity:

Assure that the agency's work scope includes all recreational boaters in the state.

Education, Engagement and Outreach:

Be the primary source for boating resources and issues in the state.

Funding and Financing:

Ensure an equitable and sustainable financial base to support all agency operations and programs.

These additional focus areas will be addressed in the future:

Operations and Staffing:

Maintain excellent and efficient operations while identifying areas for improvement.

Law Enforcement and Safety:

Provide adequate and appropriate law enforcement.

Environment:

Continue to be a leader in protecting the waterways of the state.

Click here to view the
**Oregon State Marine Board's
Strategic Plan
2011-2016 Final Draft**

Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Program Update



EURASIAN WATERMILFOIL
(*Myriophyllum spicatum*)

The **Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Program** (AISPP) focuses on protecting Oregon's waterways from aquatic invasive species. During its first year, the program took critical first steps on the road to building a robust program.

The Marine Board and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife implement the program, using AISPP fees to pay for regional inspection teams, education/outreach materials, boat inspections and decontamination of infested boats. The fees also pay for training, decontamination equipment and the infrastructure needed to produce the permits.

The 2010 accomplishments have been compiled in an **annual report** submitted to the Oregon Legislature. Some of the highlights include:

- 2,852 watercraft inspections at eight roadside locations and 48 boat ramps;
- purchasing decontamination equipment for mobile inspection teams;
- distributing 92,000 education rack cards, 40,000 brochures and 800 posters to waterway managers, retailers, and field offices.

"There's a lot of work to be done," says Glenn Dolphin, Aquatic Invasive Species Program Coordinator for the Marine Board. "Our agencies are just getting started and will work to inspect more boats and have more people trained to be inspectors. Boaters also need to be vigilant about cleaning, draining and drying their boats after every use to make sure aquatic invasive species don't get transported to another waterbody," Dolphin adds.

The Marine Board also used the first year of the program to gather input from non-motorized boaters. Based on their feedback, the Marine Board now offers the option of a one-year and two-year Tyvek tag, in addition to the paper permits, for non-motorized boats. The Tyvek tags can be purchased from the Marine Board office in Salem or by submitting a

downloadable application. Owners of registered boats pay an additional \$5 surcharge on their boat registration fee which is dedicated to the **Invasive Species Prevention Program**. A current registration decal is proof of payment into the program.

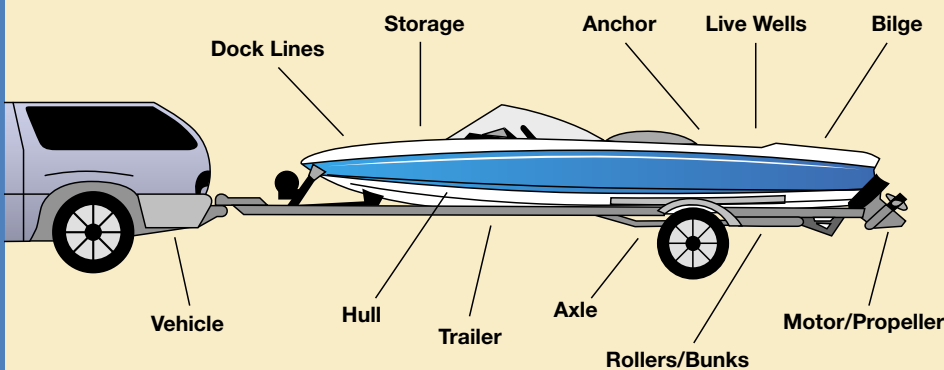
"The key is for all boaters to do their part. Combined with roadside inspections and inspections along our borders, we can protect our fisheries, irrigation systems, and our waterways from infestation," says Dolphin.



NEW ZEALAND MUDSNAILS
(*Potamopyrgus antipodarum*)

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your boat.
Clean boats protect clean waterways.

Always Inspect and Clean these Areas



CLEAN all aquatic plants, animals and mud from your vehicle, boat, motor or trailer and discard in the trash. Rinse, scrub or pressure wash, as appropriate away from storm drains, ditches or waterways.

DRAIN livewell, bilge and all internal compartments.

DRY your boat between uses if possible. Leave compartments open and sponge out standing water.

Clean Boats Protect Clean Waterways