



Your State Boating Agency

Mission: Serving Oregon's recreational boating public through education, enforcement, access, and environmental stewardship for a safe and enjoyable experience. Established by the Oregon Legislature in 1959.

Board Members & Location

Laura Jackson, (Chair) Portland
Steve Lambert, (Co-Chair), Medford
Dax Messett, Medford
Fiona Wylde, Hood River
Jeffrey Cunningham, Bend



The Marine Board is staffed by Director Larry Warren with 43.5 budgeted employees and an office located in Salem

The Marine Board is funded entirely by user fees, federal grants and fuel tax dollars. No state general fund or lottery dollars are received.

Budget Expenditures 25-27 Biennium

Law Enforcement	\$18.0 million	41.06%
Admin/Education/Registration	\$9.4 million	24.94%
Boating Facilities	\$13.1 million	29.90%
Aquatic Invasive Species Pgm	\$1.8 million	4.10%

Legislatively Adopted Budget \$43.9 million

Revenues (State Sources)

Boat registrations, titles, educ.	\$15.6 million	45.34%
Motorboat fuel tax	\$11.8 million	34.20%
*Waterway Access permits	\$3.6 million	10.31%
Outfitter Guides	\$1.2 million	3.55%
AIS Motorized boat fee	\$1.1 million	3.09%
Miscellaneous	\$1.2 million	3.52%

Total State \$34.5 million

*Waterway Access Program Forecast

Waterway Access Grants	\$2.2 million	60.70%
Boat Inspection Stations/ODFW	\$1.4 million	39.30%

Revenues (Federal Sources)

US Coast Guard Grants	\$4.8 million	68.67%
US Fish & Wildlife Grants	\$2.2 million	31.33%

Total Federal \$7 million

Motorboat Registration Facts

All watercraft equipped with a motor (regardless of size) and sailboats 12 feet or longer that are in use on the water must be currently registered.

Registration is issued on a two-year calendar basis, with all decals expiring Dec. 31 of the year indicated. There is no retroactive payment penalty for years the boat was not registered and no late fee for registration.

Waterway Access Permit

Waterway Access Permits went into effect in 2020 and replaced the Aquatic Invasive Species Permit implemented in 2010.

Fees help fund ODFW aquatic invasive species boat inspection stations.

Funding from permits ALSO funds nonmotorized boating access improvements and on-water education grants in underserved communities.

Permit revenue will pay for expanding boat inspection stations, keeping stations open longer, and hiring inspectors to clean contaminated boats.

[Complete List of Agency Fees](#)

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Agency Sections & Programs



Director's Office -Administration/Business Services

- Develops/ modifies Oregon Administrative Rules related to boating safety, enforcement, access, and environmental protections in alignment with agency statutes
- Manages the agency's operating budget and fiscal administration
- Reports to the Marine Board and the Governor's Office
- Informs via social media, agency website, partnerships, initiatives, and public awareness campaigns
- Works with partners, local governments, and the media on policy or safety-related communications



Registration Section

- Issues biennial certificates of number and titles for approximately 150,000 boats. Boat Oregon Online Store
- for eCommerce services, including Waterway Access Permit sales.
- Titles 4580 floating homes, houseboats, and boathouses
- Trains and works with approximately 47 bonded agents, where boaters can register their boats and receive temporary permits
- Registers Boat Rental Businesses



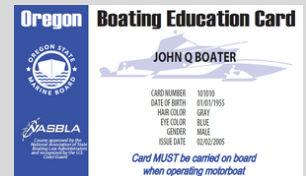
Boating Safety Section

- Contracts with state police and 30 county sheriff's offices for marine law enforcement services, including on-water patrol and emergency response
- Provides marine law enforcement training for deputies, troopers, and other boating safety partners
- Funds patrol boats and associated equipment to support law enforcement partners and the boating safety mission
- Contracted partners conduct safety inspections, enforce boating under the influence laws, assist boaters, instruct safety programs in schools, and investigate accidents



Education/Information Program:

- Facilitates low-cost, high-quality classroom and online education programs for boaters
- Approves and provides course materials for boating, paddling, and towed watersports education
- Distributes brochures, signs, and other information that encourages safe boating
- Provides materials and training for school education programs and boating safety advocates
- Participates in boat and sportsman shows to promote agency outreach and education



Outfitter/Guide Program:

- Currently, credentialing 1,500 to 1,600 outfitter guides and 70 ocean charter boats through a registration process that includes background checks, licensing requirements, and compliance investigations
- Policy development and programmatic review through the Guide Advisory Committee to ensure all registered guides meet Oregon law, are insured, carry bonds, and have current first aid certifications



Policy & Environmental Section

- Administers the Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention which develops outreach and education materials and contracts with ODFW to support border inspection stations, inspectors, and decontamination efforts
- Implements the Abandoned/Derelict Vessel Removal Program
- Certifies marinas with the "Clean Marina" designation for facilities adopting best management practices
- Offers voluntary enrollment into the Clean Boater program which provides tips, tools, and supplies for boaters so they can become better stewards of the environment
- Oversees the agency's rulemaking processes



Boating Facilities Section

- Administers state and federal grant funding programs for motorized and nonmotorized recreational boating facility development, renovation, and repair for boat ramps, boarding and short-term tie-up docks, parking, sanitation, pumpout stations, kayak launching docks, and carry-down trails
- Provides technical assistance services of survey, design, engineering, permitting, and some planning for motorized and nonmotorized boating facilities
- Administers the Waterway Access Grant program to increase opportunities for underserved communities to experience kayaking, canoeing, rafting, stand up paddleboarding -safely

