



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
Vacant



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 motorboat 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 actively 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 the years the boat was not registered and no late fee for registration.

Waterway Access Permit

Permits have been required since **2010** for all boats (10' +) used on Oregon's waterways to fund aquatic invasive species prevention efforts.

In **2020**, the permit name changed, and the agency began funding grants to develop/improve non-motorized access.

In **2025**, the Legislature removed the length requirement. Now, ALL boats, regardless of propulsion and length, support both programs to expand boat inspection stations, keep stations open longer, and hire 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



Title & 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 4,580 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

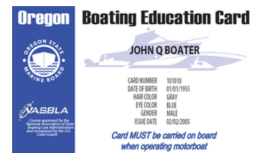
Marine Law Enforcement Program

- Contracts with state police and 30 county sheriff's offices for marine law enforcement services, including on-water patrol, emergency response to boating incidents, waterway obstruction reporting, and maintaining waterway markers
- Provides marine law enforcement training for deputies, troopers, and other specialized training to partners or first responders
- Contracted partners conduct safety inspections, enforce boating under the influence laws, assist boaters, instruct safety programs in schools, and investigate incidents



Waterways Program:

- Coordinates marine law enforcement boat fleet management, regulatory and informational safety signage, obstruction reporting, and associated equipment to support law enforcement partners in furthering the boating safety mission
- Reviews and issues marine event and special use device permits; liaisons with local marine law enforcement for safety events



Education & Outreach Program:

- Coordinates creating low-cost, high-quality, in-person classroom and online education programs for boaters
- Approves and provides course materials for boating, paddling, and towed watersports education
- Distributes brochures and other information that promotes safe boating, including trade shows
- Provides materials and training for youth water safety curricula specifically for K-12 schools

Outfitter Guide Program:

- Credentials 1,500 outfitter guides, in addition to 2,000 guide employees, 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



Boating Safety Advocates:

- Public engagement at organized community events, safety fairs, and pop-up locations around the state, to educate the public about boating and water safety
- Boating Safety Advocates are a resource for beginning boaters on required safety equipment and providing outreach on the inherent risks associated with recreation on Oregon's waterways



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

