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CRUISING BOAT OREGON ADVISORY TEAM

Minutes from April 25, 2018

In Attendance:

Andy Meyer
Brad Howton
Karen Jacobson
Ken Tennefoss
Larry Brandt
Melissa Bearns (teleconference)

Agency Staff:

Larry Warren
Ashley Massey
Janine Belleque
Kristin Nopp

Board Member:

Vacant

SUMMARY:

The meeting began at 9 am with introductions and agency updates. Staff reviewed the updates to the Operating Principles originally agreed to by members from 2014. Members were also given an opportunity to rotate off and all members in attendance elected to stay on the team. Staff reviewed the 2017-2022 strategic plan projects and objectives, and asked members to participate in any project(s) they wish. A meeting will be planned in the fall to develop the scope of each project further. Staff also shared the agency's legislative bills for the 2019 session and asked for feedback. Legislative concept one-pagers will be refined further and posted on the agency website in the near future. Timelines for concepts were discussed as well as how to stay informed on legislation. Director Warren also provided information on wake bills presented during the 2018 legislative session and potential implications for motorboats in the future.

Strategic Plan:

Staff reviewed the six-project strategic plan and members discussed items they were interested in being involved in for development during the fall meeting. A summit will be scheduled and members from each advisory team will break out to develop an implementation framework for each project that incorporates already-outlined action items.

Members Interest in Strategic Plan Projects:

Name	Strategic Plan Project #
Andy Myer	1, 2, 6
Brad Howton	2
Karen Jacobson	2
Ken Tennefoss	1, 3, 6
Larry Brandt	4
Melissa Bearn	6

Legislation:

Eight legislative concepts were submitted for the Governor's Office to approve and discussed in detail by members:

- **LC 25000-001** - Waterway Access Account: replaces the AIS permit with a Waterway Access permit. The permit would need to be carried on all boats 10' and over except motorboats with valid registration decals. Permits would be transferrable to other non-motorized boats and children 14 and under would not need a permit. Revenue generated would be used to support boating facility grants to public bodies for acquisition of property, leases, or easements in order for the public to access waterways and construction and maintenance of boating facilities. Funds would also be available for public and non-profit entities to develop safety education courses and to purchase boating equipment to reduce barriers for underserved communities who wish to recreate on Oregon's waterways. Proposed fees: \$5 one-week permit, \$17 annual, \$30 biennial. Permit continues to fund Aquatic Invasive Species program and would continue discount for registered liveries renting non-motorized boats.
- **LC 25000-002** -Floating Properties: Creates a definition for floating property which includes structures such as floating home, recreational cabin, floating restaurants, floating combination property and allows the OSMB to title the newly-defined floating properties.
- **LC 25000-003** –Aquatic Invasive Species: Gives law enforcement authority to direct a driver back to an inspection station for inspection/decontamination of their boat if they bypass the station and are within five miles. Also requires a person to drain standing water from their boat after the boat is removed from the water and before the boat is transported away from the launch/retrieval area. Failure to “pull the plug” is a Class D violation with a presumptive fine of \$30 for a person transporting a non-motorized boat and \$50 for a person transporting a motorized boat.
- **LC 25000-004** –Boat Rental Businesses (Liveries): Creates a free, simplified process to register as a livery (boat rental business) for purposes of sharing education and boating safety information. Registered liveries would be eligible for discounts for motorboat registration and aquatic invasive species permits.
- **LC 25000-005** –Outfitter/Guide and Charter Boats: Requires the operator of a charter boat to register individually as a guide. Would also create an employee assistant program for deck hands to register at a reduced rate (\$25 annually vs. \$150). Assistant would need to have current first aid and CPR training and have a valid fishing license. Establishes a \$10,000 bond vs. \$5,000 bond for hunting guides. There is no increased cost to hunting guides for the higher bond. Moves outfitter/guide and charter boat registration cycle from a one year to a two year,

to eliminate registration backlog. Fees to register will go from \$150 a year to \$300 every two years.

- **LC 25000-006** –Boater Education Card: Removes the 60 day exemption for new boat owners and out-of-state boaters to have their state's boater education card. Removes the exemption for commercial fishermen when they operate recreationally.
- **LC 25000-007** –Boating Safety Laws: Enable courts to suspend boater education card for 1-3 years for convictions of BUI or reckless boat operation. Update definition of reckless boating to match motor vehicle code. Reduce fine for not carrying a properly fitting life jacket from a Class B violation (\$265) to a Class D violation (\$115).
- **LC 25000-008** –Agency Budget: Proposing \$5.95 per foot (\$1.45 or 33%) from \$4.50. Would go into effect in 2020 making it 5 years from last fee increase. Also proposes increases for boat title from \$50 to \$75 and boater education card from \$10 to \$20, and replacement boater education card, \$8 to \$16.

Director Warren discussed the problems and proposed solutions with each concept, including timelines for concepts to become bills.

Cruising Specific Topics:

- **Wing Dams** – Above 42nd street ramp. The light is gone and it is invisible to boaters. Many letters have been sent, but nothing has been done by the Army Corps of Engineers. They have no information on their website for wing dam maintenance. Wing dams do help control sediment and keep boat ramps in place. Andy Meyer and Melissa Bearns will coordinate efforts.
- **Marine Sanitation Device Rules** – Marine Board has no statewide rules on sanitation devices and would like them to mirror federal regulations. Public comment begins June 1st for 30 days. Nothing will change for Type III devices.
- **Columbia River Cruising Guide** – Marine Board has the federal funds to go forward with the guide, but will need \$13,000 in matching funds/donations. This would allow for print and an online version of the guide. Need commitments from the boating clubs for grant match (in kind or cash contributions). Ken Tennefoss volunteered to provide content and editing for the Columbia River up to Arlington, which could be counted for in-kind match toward the project. Janine will work with staff and Mr. Tennefoss on developing the scope of work in the coming months.
- **Mooring Buoys** –No progress has been made. Many facility owners do not want to take it on because of maintenance and monitoring issues.
- **Gilbert River Dock Repairs** – Short term fix is around \$35,000. The Marine Board is waiting for federal approval on a grant amendment. The county is hoping to have work done in Aug, Sept, or October. During our July Board meeting our Marine Board will consider this grant for approval.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 am.