



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
- Val Early, (Vice-Chair) Brookings
- Craig Withee, Bend
- Steve Lambert, Medford
- Jorge Guzman, Portland



The Marine Board is staffed by Director Larry Warren with 42 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 dollars are received.

Budget Expenditures 23-25 Biennium

Law Enforcement	\$16.4 million	42%
Admin/Education/Registration	\$9.4 million	24%
Boating Facilities	\$11.7 million	30%
Aquatic Invasive Species Pgm	\$1.7 million	4%

Legislatively Adopted Budget \$39.2 million 100%

Revenues (State Sources)

Boat registrations, titles, fees	\$18.0 million
Motorboat fuel tax	\$11.0 million
Waterway Access permits	\$1.6 million
AIS permits	\$1.5 million
Miscellaneous	\$0.3 million

Total State \$32.4 million

Revenues (Federal Sources)

US Coast Guard Grants	\$4.6 million
US Fish & Wildlife Grants	\$2.3 million
US Dept of Interior Grants	\$0.1 million

Total Federal \$6.9 million

Motorboat Registration Facts

All watercraft equipped with a motor (regardless of size) and sailboats 12 feet or longer that are in use in 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

Paddlers and stand-up paddleboarders with craft 10 feet or longer and sailboats 10 - 11.9 feet are required to purchase and carry a Waterway Access Permit. Permits are available for one or two years. A 7-day permit is also available. Our ODFW partners also sell all three options. Fees help fund the aquatic invasive species prevention program, nonmotorized boating access improvements, and education grants in underserved communities.

[Complete List of Agency Fees](#)



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 160,000 boats
- Registers 2,800 floating homes, houseboats, and boathouses
- Trains and works with approximately 65 bonded agents where boaters can register their boats and receive temporary permits
- Registers boat rental Businesses



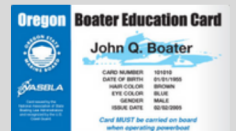
Boating Safety Section

- Contracts with state police and 31 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:

- Credentials over 1,400 registered 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 nonmotorized grant program to increase opportunities for underserved communities to experience kayaking, canoeing, rafting, stand up paddleboarding -safely

