

**Oregon State Marine Board
2020 Government to Government Report**

Agency Overview, Mission and Structure

OSMB was created in 1959 in response to the growing popularity of recreational boating and the federal Boating Safety Act of 1958. OSMB has one office, located in Salem and no satellite, regional, or district offices. OSMB does not own or operate any boating facilities or real property. The agency has 39 staff and a biannual budget of approximately \$34.6million. OSMB does not receive any general fund revenue.

OSMB is dedicated to making the state's waterways safe and enjoyable for all boaters and it's our mission to: Serve Oregon's recreational boating public through education, enforcement, access and environmental stewardship for a safe and enjoyable experience.

OSMB's five member volunteer policy board (Board) is appointed by the Governor. The Director is appointed by the Board. OSMB sections include the following:

- Director's office: reports to Board and Governor's office, administration, business services, public information, information technology
- Registration: issue certificates of number and titles for recreational boats, register floating homes, houseboats and boat houses, register boat rental businesses, train bonded agents
- Boating Safety: contract with Oregon State Police and 32 counties for on-water patrol, marine enforcement, investigations, waterway markers, boating safety education. Provide training for marine patrol officers. Implement mandatory boater education program, train instructors and provide educational materials. Operate the outfitter/guide program and license ocean charter boats.
- Policy and Environment: develop and modify rules related to boating safety, enforcement, access and recreational environment. Administer aquatic invasive species prevention program, fund border inspection stations, inspectors, and decontamination equipment. Implement the abandoned/derelect vessel program and vessel turn in program. Certify marinas with "Clean Marina Designation".
- Facilities: administers grants programs to fund recreational boating facility improvements such as boat ramps, docks, parking, sanitation, pumpout and dump stations for motorized and non-motorized boating access. Implements Maintenance Assistance grant program and Small Grant program for recreational boating facilities. Provides survey, design and engineering services to applicants. Provides technical assistance for facility or waterway planning.

Agency Statement and Policy

OSMB's policy promotes government to government relations between OSMB and Oregon's federally recognized Tribes. The policy directs OSMB to include consideration of Tribal interests in the development and implementation of agency programs that may affect Tribes. OSMB recognizes and respects the sovereign status of Oregon's federally recognized Tribes and their respective authorities on Tribal lands.

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Agency's Designated Representative:

Janine Belleque, Boating Facility Program Manager is OSMB's liaison to tribal nations and the designated tribal cultural items liaison. She participates on the Cultural Resources Cluster and the Natural Resources Work Group.

OSMB determined for continuity to have an alternate attend meetings with Janine Belleque. This allows the alternate if necessary, to represent OSMB in a consistent manner. The alternate Joe Severson, Planner and GIS Coordinator works in the Facilities Program and reports to Janine.

Agency Coordination Activities:

Boating Safety and On-water Training

OSMB conducts a variety of boating safety and on-water training in support of contracted Marine Patrol programs. In 2018 we began inviting Oregon Tribes to participate. Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR), Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde (CTGR) and a representative from the Columbia River Inter Tribal Fish Commission were planning to participate in the 2020 Marine Law Enforcement Academy and Jet Boat training unfortunately COVID-19 restricted participation.

On-water Marine Patrol training was conducted in May at Lake Billy Chinook, consultation with the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs (CTWS) occurred to avoid using a portion of the Metolious Arm of Lake Billy Chinook to prevent COVID-19 risk from impacting Tribal resources.

During the next year pending COVID-19 restrictions we intend to expand opportunities for Tribal Governments to participate in boating safety and on-water training opportunities but also participation

in the boating safety education instructor certification. This year Larry Risley with the Columbia River Inter Tribal Fish Commission became an instructor.

Boating Facilities and Grants

As previously mentioned OSMB does not own or operate any boating facilities but we often provide grant funding and technical assistance to facility owners for the development, replacement and repair of boating facilities.

The 2019 Legislature approved the Waterway Access Grant (WAG) program creating a nonmotorized boating program for access, boating safety, education and to increase opportunities for underserved communities. OSMB shared advanced draft rules with the Natural Resources and Cultural Resources Clusters and sent information individually to each Tribal Government. OSMB is receiving interest from many new potential applicants who are often unaware to consult with Tribal governments and unfamiliar with the DSL/Corps permitting process. We have expanded the grant application to include an appendix that references Cultural Resources Protection Laws and specifically asks about Tribal Government consultation. We are continuing to work with grant applicants to incorporate consultation with Oregon's Tribes prior to the grant applicant submitting the DSL/Corps permit. Some grant applicants are very excited about boating improvements and submit permit applications prior to Tribal consultation. In the future we would like to explore developing a training opportunity for grant applicants on Tribal Government consultation. WAG is the first OSMB grant program that Tribal governments are eligible applicants. OSMB accepted grant applications for the first-time summer 2020 and the Board awarded grants in August.

Consultation with the Coquille Indian Tribe, Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw (CTLUSI), and Confederated Tribes of the Siletz Indians (CTSI) for Empire Boating Facility geotechnical coring for the future replacement of the debris deflection boom. The City of Coos Bay requested technical assistance from OSMB for this work. The geotechnical coring is anticipated to occur in early February 2021. Advanced notice will be given to the Tribal Governments to inspect coring samples.

Consultation with Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs (CTWS), Confederated Tribes of the Siletz Indians (CTSI) and Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde (CTGR) for Buena Vista boating improvements has been initiated. OSMB provided a grant to Polk County to complete a cultural resources survey. Polk County intends to apply for grant funding to construct the boating facility improvements during the 2021-23 biennium.

Consultation with CTWS, CTSI and CTGR for Meldrum Bar channel dredging has been completed. City of Gladstone has submitted permit applications.

OSMB provided grant funding to Douglas County to complete a cultural resources survey and Tribal consultation with CTGR, CTCLUSI, CTSI and Coquille Indian Tribe for parking improvements at Amacher Park.

OSMB provided a grant to Oregon State Parks and Recreation to complete a cultural resources survey and Tribal consultation with Burns Paiute, CTWS and CTUIR for Starvation Lane on the John Day River to relocate the boat ramp and parking area.

OSMB and ODFW consulted with the Klamath Tribes for the replacement of boating facilities at the Williamson River boat ramp. Consultation continued during onsite monitoring and construction fall 2020.

Abandoned and Derelict Boat

During the Summer we received a call that a small fiberglass boat was abandoned in the Sandy River Delta area southwest of Gary Island on the Columbia River. Removal of abandoned boats is often coordinated with Department of State Lands and Department of Environmental Quality. The CTWS and CTUIR were contacted and the area was confirmed to be sensitive. OSMB went through the legal process for vessel seizure and coordinating with a contractor. The vessel will be removed once an USFS archaeologist is available to be onsite and monitor.

Aquatic Invasive Species

OSMB began facilitating a rapid response training scenario for zebra/quagga mussels at Lake Billy Chinook in 2019. Due to COVID-19 the hands-on training was converted to a virtual tabletop exercise in May 2020. The CTWS participated in the rapid response team.

Lower Willamette River Rulemaking

The CTWS, CTGR and Confederated Tribes of the Siletz were provided advanced information on boating operation rulemaking and staff offered to present information to any interested Tribal parties.

Other Committee and Group Involvement

Lower Deschutes River Management Council, Lower Deschutes Managers Committee and John Day Core Team. The Lower Deschutes groups meet four times a year and the John Day group meets twice a year. OSMB has a permanent seat on these groups. The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs (CTWS) is also on all three groups.

Agency-wide

OSMB's participation in the Cultural Resources Cluster, Natural Resources Working Group, Annual Summit and Tribal consultation has continued to raise our awareness of the sensitivity of working along waterbodies and the high likelihood for cultural resources. Even though OSMB does not own property or boating facilities we are often out in the field surveying, looking at site development feasibility, inspecting active construction sites, inspecting and monitoring previously improved boating facilities, visiting unofficial user made access, inspecting existing access with no previous OSMB grant funding and boating on the water. As a result, OSMB Facilities Program requires staff to have training on inadvertent discovery protocols and carry a laminated quick reference card that includes phone numbers. Staff were also required to watch the new Department of Forestry video *Preserving Cultural Resources While Fighting Fire* although not directly related to what OSMB does, the video contained powerful messages.

OSMB continues to participate in the Cultural Resources Cluster and Natural Resources Working Group providing updates on agency rulemaking, policy issues, projects and specific issues raised by Tribal representatives attending the meetings.