

Oregon State Marine Board 2022 Government to Government Report

Agency Overview, Mission and Structure

Oregon State Marine Board (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, and information technology
- Registration: issue certificates of number and titles for recreational boats, register floating homes, houseboats and boat houses, register boat rental businesses and 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/derelict vessel program and vessel turn in program. Certify marinas with "Clean Marina Designation".
- Facilities: administers several grant programs to fund recreational boating facility improvements, renovations and maintenance such as boat ramps, docks, parking, sanitation, pumpout and dump stations for motorized and nonmotorized boating access. Additionally administers a grant program for paddling safety, education and increased opportunities for underserved communities to experience kayaking, canoeing, rafting and standup paddle boarding. 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 Government interests in the development and implementation of agency programs that may affect Oregon's nine federally recognized Tribal Governments. OSMB recognizes and respects the sovereign status of Oregon's federally recognized Tribal Governments 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. She participates on the Cultural Resources Cluster and the Natural Resources Work Group.

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

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. We invite tribal government participation to our annual marine academy (April 25-29 and May 3-6 in Madras), drift boat training (June 21-25 in Medford/White City) and jet boat operation training (July 18-22 in Gold Beach). This year no tribal government or CRITFE participated in the training opportunities. We intend to continue offering this opportunity for Tribal Government participation. These training opportunities with county sheriff office marine patrols and Oregon State Police help improve communication and cooperation on waterways.

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 recreational boating access sites.

We provide grant funding to local governments, state and federal agencies for the development, renovation, and repair of motorized and nonmotorized boating access sites. OSMB has noticed over the last few years that many grant applicants are unaware or inconsistently consult with Tribal Governments or only consult with one or two Tribal Governments. As a result, we expanded the grant application process to include information about cultural resources laws and questions about tribal government consultation. We consulted with Tribal Government Cultural and Natural Resources staff prior to making staff recommendations for funding on grant applications. Comments are incorporated into grant agreement conditions if OSMB awards a grant to the applicant.

Mini-jet Boat Operation

We consulted with all nine federally recognized Oregon Tribal Governments and Cultural and Natural Resources staff on boat operations of mini-jet boats. Information was presented to the OSMB Board at their January and April meeting. The Board closed the statewide rulemaking process, citing progress on the topic with nonregulatory efforts, but they would be willing to look at impacts of these watercraft in local areas if management entities or tribal governments believed it necessary.

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 key contacts and phone numbers.

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 Government representatives attending the meetings.