

## **Oregon State Marine Board 2023 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 42.5 staff and a biannual budget of approximately \$39.2million. 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, and train bonded agents
- Boating Safety: contract with Oregon State Police and 31 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 and register boat rental businesses.
- 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 grant applicants. Provides technical assistance for facility or waterway planning and permitting.

## **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 meetings with Janine Belleque. This allows the alternate, if necessary, to represent OSMB in a consistent manner. The alternate is Shawn Priddle, Environmental Permitting Coordinator.

## **Agency Coordination Activities:**

### *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.

Local governments, state and federal agencies and Oregon's federal recognized Tribal Governments are eligible to apply for grant funding to develop, renovate, and repair motorized and nonmotorized boating access sites. OSMB has observed that many grant applicants are unaware or inconsistently consult with Tribal Governments or consult with only one Tribal Government. 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. The grant agreements also condition the funding that the applicant has an inadvertent discovery plan for all ground disturbing activities.

### *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.

OSMB is a member of the Oregon Invasive Species Council(OISC). OISC is working with Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs representative about management of Eurasian Watermilfoil an invasive aquatic plant that is present at locations within Lake Billy Chinook. The Tribal representative is interested in managing this invasive species so that it doesn't increase its footprint around the lake and try to suppress or perhaps eliminate it from the Lake.

### *Rulemaking*

OSMB worked with Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde on a temporary special exemption to access the area below Willamette Falls by boat to take an artist to aid in writing a children's book.

### *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 plans and 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.

### **Agency Training Activities:**

- OSMB Director and Tribal Liaison attended the December 2022 Government to Government Summit and were registered to attend the 2023 Summit prior to cancellation.
- OSMB Tribal Liaison, Business Services Manager and all Facilities Program staff attended the LCIS Spring Celebration on May 18<sup>th</sup>.
- OSMB Tribal Liaison attends LCIS Commission meetings remotely
- OSMB Tribal Liaison provided agency training during an all staff meeting about the role of the Tribal Liaison, agency policy on government-to-government consultation and how we communicate with Tribal Governments.
- OSMB Tribal Liaison and Boating Facility Engineer attended Archaeology Awareness training hosted by Oregon State Parks.