




OREGON STATE MARINE BOARD

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I. POLICY

The Oregon State Marine Board (OSMB) Government-to-Government Relations Policy applies to all employees, board members and volunteers of OSMB. It is the policy of OSMB, to promote and enhance government-to-government relations between OSMB and Oregon's nine federally-recognized Tribes during the development and implementation of OSMB programs and other activities that may affect tribal lands, resources, or interests.

II. PURPOSE

OSMB recognizes and respects the sovereign status of the federally-recognized Tribes in Oregon. The purpose of this policy is to strengthen inter-government relations, to resolve potential concerns, and to enhance the exchange of information and resources between OSMB and the federally-recognized Tribes in Oregon in compliance with ORS 182.164 as adopted by the Oregon Legislature in 2001 under Senate Bill 770.

III. DEFINITIONS

- A. **Authorities** are Oregon Administrative Rules and Regulations, and Oregon Revised Statutes that govern the actions and responsibilities of OSMB.
- B. **Board** means the Oregon State Marine Board.
- C. **Cultural Resources Cluster** is the Tribal-State workgroup established by Senate Bill 770 to address cultural resource issues, including historic buildings, archaeological sites and elements of the natural landscape that have cultural significance. The workgroup consists of key state agency contacts and a representative from each of Oregon's federally recognized tribes.
- D. **Federally-Recognized Tribes in Oregon** refers to the nine federally recognized tribes in Oregon as represented by their Tribal Council and other authorized representatives.
- E. **Legislative Commission on Indian Services** refers to the 13-member agency that was created by statute in 1975 to improve services to Indians in Oregon.
- F. **Natural Resources Workgroup** refers to the Tribal-State workgroup established by Senate Bill 770 to improve communication between the state and tribes regarding natural resources protection and management. The workgroup consists of key state agency contacts and a representative from each of Oregon's federally recognized tribes and a representative from the Governor's Office.
- G. **Public Safety and Regulations Cluster** is the Tribal-State workgroup established by Senate Bill 770. The Public Safety and Regulations Cluster consists of representatives of public safety agencies from both state

and tribal governments. The Public Safety and Regulations Cluster works towards a collaborative process to assist in the resolution of issues that affect both tribal and state governments.

- H. **Sections** include the OSMB programs that implement the Oregon Administrative Rules and Regulations promulgated by the Board and the Oregon Revised Statutes promulgated by the Oregon Legislature. OSMB's programs include Boating Facilities, Policy and Environment, Registration, Boating Safety and Education, Business Services and Administration.

IV. IMPLEMENTATION

- A. OSMB will maintain an agency liaison (tribal liaison) to Oregon's federally recognized tribes.
- B. OSMB's director, tribal liaison and appropriate section staff will offer to meet with Oregon's federally recognized tribal leaders on a regular basis to consult on tribal interests or concerns related to OSMB activities, to build relationships and to discuss any upcoming issues of interest and explore opportunities for greater state-tribal partnership and collaboration.
- C. OSMB will provide regular training to agency managers and key staff who communicate or work with tribal governments.
- D. OSMB will support and participate in cooperative efforts between tribal governments, federal, state and/or local government on issues/concerns that cross jurisdictional boundaries.
- E. OSMB's tribal liaison will actively participate as a member of the Tribal-State Natural Resource Workgroup, Cultural Resource Cluster and Public Safety and Regulations Cluster.
- F. OSMB will seek tribal representation on OSMB advisory committees. OSMB will support the exchange and sharing of data collected by OSMB staff or by tribal governments.
- G. OSMB will ensure that agency managers, board members and all staff are aware of the sovereign authority and self-government of federally-recognized Tribes in Oregon and of the organizational structure of tribal governments.
- H. OSMB will use advice and guidance when appropriate from the Legislative Commission on Indian Services and its staff on tribal government matters.
- I. OSMB shall be responsible for submitting an annual report by December 15th every year to the Governor and the Legislative Commission on Indian Services as required under ORS 182.166(3) highlighting OSMB's government-to-government activities.
- J. OSMB's tribal liaison shall provide the director with a summary of the year's activities that have been completed and an updated list of individuals responsible for management of OSMB's sections that may affect tribes for the annual report. The Director will provide information to the State Marine Board at their next regularly scheduled meeting.