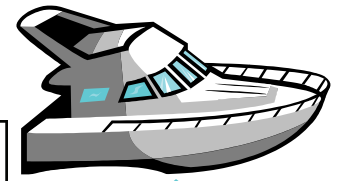




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## Round Two Grant Consideration

The next meeting of the Oregon State Marine Board is scheduled for Monday, April 7. The meeting will be held at the Wilsonville Public Library, 8200 SW Wilsonville Road. At this meeting, the Board will consider applications for 2007-09 Round Two Boating Facility Grants. To be considered for a Round Two grant, applications must be received in the Marine Board office by 5:00 p.m. on **Friday, February 29.**

We will send an agenda for the Board meeting to applicants. A map to the location can be viewed at:

<http://www.wilsonville.lib.or.us/Index.aspx?page=9>.

To date, the following facility grants and obligations of State boater funds have been made:

Board Action		
Round One & other grants	27 projects	\$3,223,945.27
Cost increases	1 project	\$63,000.00
Director's Authority		
Small grants	2 projects	\$972.73
Cost increases	0 projects	\$0

Based on these previous commitments to projects and a 10% reserve of \$500,000 for cost increases and new Round Three grant requests next spring, we expect to have approximately \$2 million available to award to Round Two grants. The actual grant funds the Board will award depends on the variety of factors including the number of applications we receive, the amount of funds requested, staff recommendations, etc.

We anticipate that the overall process will be similar to other funding rounds. This means staff will review applications submitted by the deadline and, if any is needed, request additional information from the applicant. Applications will be scored using the project rating system and staff will prepare funding recommendations for Board consideration. Staff recommendations can include: funding the projects as requested; funding the project with a change in scope or different dollar amount as determined by staff; deferring the project for future consideration; or denying the request. A copy of staff recommendation for each project will be provided to the respective applicant prior to the Board meeting.

The Board has expressed interest in continuing the practice of considering grants in block votes based on overall cost of the project. Under this procedure, smaller grants recommended for funding by staff would be voted on as a group, with one Board action to approve them all. In the past, the cut off for these smaller grants has been \$50,000 total cost and below. Staff will review this cut off after all applications are received to determine if this captures enough grants to affect the time savings the Board is interested in realizing by using a block vote approach. Applicants for these

smaller grants considered by the Board in a block vote are not generally expected to be present at the Board meeting.

Larger grants that exceed the cut off are generally considered by the Board individually and voted on one at a time. Applicants with larger projects are usually present at the Board meeting when their grant is considered in order to answer any questions Board members might have. Staff options for recommendations are the same for projects considered individually. Keep in mind that the Board can accept staff recommendation, modify the recommendation, or take a different action on any project.

Considering when Round Two takes place during the biennium, we encourage applicants to submit only those projects that can realistically be completed by June 30, 2009. That means all work must be finished and bills submitted to us for reimbursement by that date. This time frame is very restrictive especially if your project requires permits and clearances on waterways with listed species or the habitat of listed species. Preparing construction documents, meeting public bidding requirements, awarding contracts, ordering materials, and hitting in-water work windows are some of the hurdles that will have to be cleared to finish a project by this date. So, if you have any concerns about meeting this condition, you should contact us prior to submitting your application or keep working on the project in anticipation of submitting an application for Round One in the 2009-11 biennium.

The [Facility Grant Program Procedure Guide](#) can be downloaded or viewed as a PDF on our website at the following address:

[http://www.boatoregon.com/OSMB/BoatFac/docs/web\\_procedure\\_guide.pdf](http://www.boatoregon.com/OSMB/BoatFac/docs/web_procedure_guide.pdf)

The seven page application form can be found on our website at:

[http://www.boatoregon.com/OSMB/BoatFac/docs/Facilities\\_Grant\\_Application\\_07-09.pdf](http://www.boatoregon.com/OSMB/BoatFac/docs/Facilities_Grant_Application_07-09.pdf)

We look forward to receiving lots of good applications.

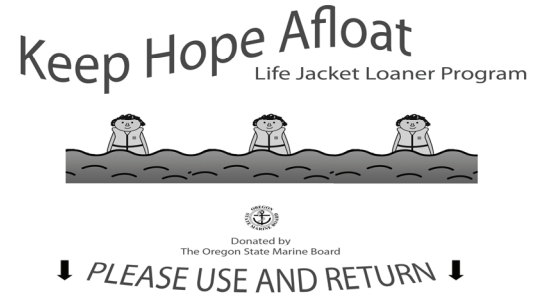
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# “Keep Hope Afloat” Lifejacket Loaner Kiosk

By Stuart Jantze, Facilities Design Engineer

The Marine Board’s Education and Boating Facilities staff are collaborating on a project with the PFD charitable foundation “*Keep Hope Afloat*”, to help organizations build kiosks with loaner life jackets. Many water related fatalities are preventable if people wear life jackets. The loaner kiosks are intended for boaters who forget their life jacket at home or do not have one that fits properly. The *Keep Hope Afloat* life-jacket loaner program is not intended to alleviate boaters of the responsibility to supplying and wear their own life jacket.



The Boating Facilities staff is working on a design for kiosk stations. Kiosks will be inexpensive and easy to build. Persons with some construction know-how should be able to construct one of these kiosks with relative ease. Since boating sites are unique, building options will be available for those who need them, options include: 1) a roof to help protect the life jackets from the weather and 2) a shallow foundation support for areas where adequate post hole depth is difficult to obtain. The loaner kiosk package includes: 1) plan sheets 2) a bill of materials 3) a credit sign and 4) a set of life jackets.

Education staff is implementing a financial assistance program available to non-profit organizations for funding of the *Keep Hope Afloat* kiosks. These organizations will need to apply for funding for this program by March 31, 2008. Funding will be awarded on an annual basis. For-profit organizations will need to collaborate with a non-profit organization to be eligible for this program. Plan sheets are available to for-profit organizations who wish to construct a life jacket kiosk using funds other than those that are supplied through the “Let’s Go Boating” assistance program. See the following related article for contact information



## Marine Board Offers New Education Assistance Program

The Oregon State Marine Board recently approved a new rule that allows the agency to financially assist non-profit organizations who promote boating safety education programs.

The Marine Board's new "Boating Safety/Education Assistance Program" provides funds for new, unique or innovative ideas or programs that promote safe boating and increase youth involvement in recreational boating. Funds of up to \$2,500 will be awarded to individual boating safety groups.

"Applications from non-profit organizations (with a 501(c) 3 IRS designation) are being accepted until March 31, 2008," says MariAnn Koloszar, Education Coordinator for the Marine Board. "We're encouraging groups who promote boating safety to apply. As an example, funds could be used to expand life jacket loaner stations or similar projects that keep kids safe when they're out on the water. We're also interested in innovative programs that get kids involved in recreational boating."

Applications for funding will be reviewed each year from January through March. "There's still plenty of time to submit applications. The 2008 boating season is just around the corner, and now is a perfect time to gear up for safety," Koloszar adds.



For more information and the application packet, contact MariAnn Koloszar at (503) 378-5158 or e-mail [mariann.koloszar@state.or.us](mailto:mariann.koloszar@state.or.us) or visit [www.boatoregon.com](http://www.boatoregon.com)

# The Great Lakes' Future Relies on Recreational Boating

F. Ned Dikmen, Chairman, Great Lakes Boating Federation

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In a recent editorial, Sen. Carl Levin (D-Mich.), a member of the Great Lakes Task Force, pointed out a growing problem: a lack of adequate dredging by U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is hurting Great Lakes economies. The author also highlights another major issue, the lack of money that is prioritized each year by Congress to enable the Corps to do the amount of dredging that is needed to allow more cargo ships and tonnage to come in and out of Michigan's harbors. At a time when lake levels are low, the need is more urgent than ever.

While Sen. Levin draws attention to these matters, nowhere in his editorial does he mention the needs of the 4.3 million registered boaters on the Great Lakes, who bring \$16 Billion to the economy of the region. This is nearly four times the amount brought in by commercial navigation. This sector is also in need of dredging, but these small harbors are off limits from the Corps of Engineers' help.

Earlier this year, the Illinois city of Waukegan recognized the importance of recreational harbors and took matters into their own hands when the city council voted unanimously to convert its lakefront from an antiquated fixture of old industry into a hub of public access and a haven for leisure activities. The Waukegan City Council's vote to ban commercial vessels from its harbor and embrace a recreational waterfront is a positive step for the economic vitality and the environmental health of the community.

The Great Lakes Boating Federation believes that the Waukegan, in choosing to develop recreational boating instead of commercial navigation, represents the opening of a floodgate. As more cities realize the enormous economic and environmental benefits of converting their waterfronts from industrial to recreational in the hope public access will increase. Whereas the industry that was built up along the shores of the Great Lakes left behind polluted waters and contaminated fish, recreational boating is a sustainable use that minimally impacts public health and the vitality of the ecosystem.

Most importantly, the current economic impact of recreational boating already exceeds the regional economic impact of commercial navigation. For example, the 5,200 boats moored in Chicago's in harbors annually generate \$80 million for the city, \$15 million of which are from mooring fees generated for the city.

The Great Lakes Boating Federation hopes that lawmakers in Washington and local government will recognize recreational boating's economic might and follow the bold steps taken by the City of Waukegan. Fostering the development of recreational boating along our lakes makes economic and environmental sense. The many coastal cities around the lakes can and should follow Waukegan's lead and prioritize the needs of recreational boaters over the demands of outdated industry.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

We have posted a new contact sheet on our website so you can more easily update your contact information. Just click [Facilities Contact Sheet](#) fill in the blanks and hit <submit>, and it will go directly to Jennifer. There have been many changes this last year and we want to make sure the information we have is correct. Thank you for taking the time to fill this out. If you have any questions don't hesitate to give Jennifer a call at 503-378-2727. ***(We are experiencing a glitch with this form so please keep trying)***



## BOATOREGON.COM

Jennifer is updating the Boating Facilities Departments web page within the Marine Board website, working out some glitches as she goes.

If you are having problems finding something or you would like to see more information on a boating facilities subject please give her a call at 503-378-2727 or e-mail [Jennifer.peterson@state.or.us](mailto:Jennifer.peterson@state.or.us) You can find our web page at [www.boatoregon.com](http://www.boatoregon.com), click on Boating Facilities for our Department.

## Small Grant Process Replaces EMAP

Janine Belleque, Grants/Contracts Coordinator

On July 1, 2007, new rules were approved that ended the Emergency Maintenance Assistance Program and replaced it with a Small Grant Process. This new process allows the Director to approve up to \$10,000 on a maximum total project cost of \$20,000. The new process is targeted to assist with minor public boating facility improvements that would not be eligible under the Maintenance Assistance Program. Land acquisition requests should be submitted through the Boating Facilities Grant Program.

An example of potential projects could be the installation of a single stall vault toilet, or a dump station, seal coating of an existing boat trailer parking area, renovating an existing restroom, expanding security lighting or piling replacement. These types of projects can typically be completed in a short timeframe and within the \$20,000 Small Grant Process threshold.

Applications can be submitted at any time but may take from one day up to two weeks for staff to make a recommendation to the Director. The Director may waive all or part of the standard cooperative agreement for small grants depending upon the specific project.

To apply please include:

- A letter that describes the project to include materials, methods of construction and timeframe for completion;
- A cost estimate or written quote from a qualified contractor or vendor;
- A drawing or plan of the site with proposed improvements;
- Photographs;
- Other information that would help to explain the need or situation at the facility.

Staff will review the submitted information and may request clarification or other supporting documentation if it will assist with making a recommendation to the Director. The recommendation may be to approve the request as submitted with all or part of the standard cooperative agreement language; or the recommendation may be to apply for boating facility grant funds under that program; or that the project does not meet eligibility requirements and is denied.

If the Director approves, a request a letter and all or part of the standard cooperative agreement will be sent to the applicant immediately. Once the letter is received, work may begin. In order to request reimbursement, participants need to use the standard billing form that can be found on our web page. If the Director does not approve a request, a letter will be sent that outlines the reasons for the decision.

Please contact Wayne or Janine if you have any questions regarding the Small Grant Process.

## Clean Vessel Act Grant Applications Due February 29, 2008

According to Grants/Contacts Coordinator Janine Belleque, there is approximately \$750,000 in federal Clean Vessel Act grant funds available. The federal Clean Vessel Act program is a nationally competitive grant program that has been around since 1992. The Oregon State Marine Board applies for grants from the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service to install marine sewage pumpouts, dump stations, and floating restrooms. These funds are now also available to pay for portable pumpout carts and pumpout boats. We are soliciting for grant applications which will be due by February 29.

The federal program can provide up to 75% federal Clean Vessel Act funds and is usually matched with 25% state boater dollars for items that are directly related to the marine boat or boater generated sewage disposal equipment.

If you are interested in applying, you can fill out the standard application form on [www.boatoregon.com](http://www.boatoregon.com) under Facility Grants. If you are a private marina or moorage, please contact Jennifer Peterson and she will e-mail you an application. Contact Janine at 503-378-2628 for further questions.



## SLOPES III Biological Opinion Expires

Doug Baer, Environmental Specialist

NOAA Fisheries biological opinion allowing the Corps of Engineers to issue permits for minor in-water projects expired November 30, 2007. The opinion provided a way for the Corps to meet ESA requirements by completing one consultation with fisheries biologists then applying the resulting condition to individual projects throughout the state.

To cope with the large increase in ESA consultations required for permits as a result of the numerous salmon and steelhead listings in the last decade, the Corps developed Standard Local Operating Procedures for Endangered Species (SLOPES), a framework for assessing common permit actions as a group. Under SLOPES, specific activities receive a type of state-wide approval from NOAA Fisheries if the work fits within certain limits.

SLOPES III, the most recent version, allowed boat ramps and docks in ESA waters only when certain conditions were met. For example, cast-in-place concrete could only be used in boat ramps below OHW, use of treated wood was restricted, and dock floats were not allowed to be greater than 6 feet in width.

Biologists at NOAA Fisheries are currently working on SLOPES IV, which has been narrowed to four types of work; restoration, roads and utilities, in-water and overwater structures, and bank stabilization. The SLOPES IV Restoration biological opinion is nearly complete and is likely to be published in February 2008. The remaining parts of SLOPES IV are anticipated to be released in the coming months as staff work and agency review is completed.

In the meantime, individual consultation with NOAA Fisheries may be required for in-water projects if the Corps determines the work may be harmful to listed fish species. If the project is determined to have no effect on listed species or habitat, then no consultation is required. For projects that may affect listed species or habitat, either formal or informal consultation may be necessary.

While SLOPES III is no longer in force, NOAA Fisheries recommends applying the appropriate SLOPES III conservation measures during project planning and design to facilitate review and approval of in-water projects where ESA-listed fish are present. Aside from keeping green concrete and treated wood out of the water, this may also mean taking steps to make projects fish-friendly, which can be done by avoiding spawning areas, minimizing predator attraction, and eliminating sources of turbidity or other water contamination.

For more information about SLOPES call the Corps at (503) 808-4373.

### Checklist for Grant Applications

Please remember to include the following when submitting your grant application:

- ⇒ Cover Letter
- ⇒ One (1) Original application and five (5) copies
- ⇒ Existing condition and use photographs
- ⇒ Engineering cost estimate
- ⇒ Preliminary design/engineering plans
- ⇒ Location/vicinity map (Assessor's Map)
- ⇒ Letter(s) of support
- ⇒ Title report and appraisal (acquisitions only)

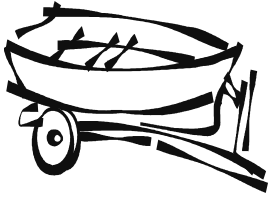
### Storm Damage 2008

As you are inspecting your boating facilities for storm damage, please keep us in the loop. If FEMA funds become available we can assist by providing information on current costs to today's standards if replacement is necessary. Please send photos and damage information. We can also post notices on our web page if certain facilities are dangerous in current conditions.

If you have any questions give us a call.



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