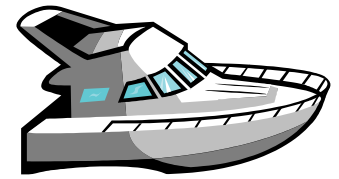




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FROM THE MANAGER'S DESK

Wayne Shuyler

By all accounts, the Boating Facility Grant Workshop held on January 30 in Salem was a success. I want to thank the participants, Marine Board staff, and our guest speakers for making the workshop such a productive and valuable event. While the main goal of the workshop was to help prepare people to apply for 2007-09 Boating Facility Grants, there remain quite a few projects from the current biennium that need to be completed before our staff can really begin to focus on new grants.

We hope all recipients of existing grants will cooperate by keeping projects moving, monitoring contractors, and wrapping up paperwork so reimbursements can be made and grants closed by the end of the biennium. If you anticipate any problems meeting the terms and conditions of the cooperative agreement, please consult with us as soon as possible. More on this subject can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

Now, looking ahead at potential applications for Round One 2007-09 Boating Facility Grants please remember that complete applications must be received by close-of-business on **Friday April 27, 2007**. Round One is when the Marine Board will commit up to about 70% of the grant funds we expect to have available for the biennium. The agency's budget is currently being considered by the legislature so funding amounts are still tentative. The Board meeting when Round One grants will be awarded typically occurs in late June or early July.

Anyone who attended the workshop will appreciate the permitting challenges facing waterway construction projects. We have been tracking elapsed time from permit application and permit approvals and the average is now approaching nearly a year for Corps of Engineers' fill/removal permits. (See Doug Baer's related article in this newsletter) With only 730 days in a biennium and in-water work periods as short as 45 days in a calendar year on some waterbodies, it is becoming increasingly difficult to complete a project like a new ramp or replacement ramp in a single biennium. But that is the limitation we all have to deal with when using public funds.

The lesson to be learned from our experience with many, many projects is: *don't ignore the permitting process or tackle it late in the process*. As you know, the rating system staff uses to prioritize grant applications provides incentive points to any project that has design and engineering and permitting all done or substantially started at the time of application. This is one way we encourage you to be proactive in dealing with the permitting process. You may also want to consider packaging the design, engineering, and permitting portion of a project in a separate planning grant rather than bundled with construction. If you want engineering and permitting technical assistance from the Marine Board, I urge you to contact us as early as possible.

We will continue to try to find ways to work with permitting agencies to get projects reviewed, permitted, and built as efficiently as possible. In the meantime, please appreciate the fact that projects in Oregon waters will generally take much longer than they used to from the conceptual phase through to construction and completion.

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The 2007 Grants Workshop

Thank you to all who participated in the 2007 Boating Facilities Grant Workshop, helping to make it a success. The following are pictures of the awards ceremony and part of the presentations.



Best Maintained Boating Facility

Clatsop County has managed a significant turn-around in the maintenance of its facilities. In addition to our own staff visits and inspections, we have received many unsolicited positive comments from boaters launching at John Day County Park.

Steve Meshke accepts award from Janine Belleque.



Outstanding Grant Project

Replacing the Port of Coos Bay's six-lane ramp and boarding floats at Charleston was one of the largest construction projects ever undertaken with Marine Board grant funding. Yet the ramp and float replacement was a model project, in part because the Port and contractor utilized a number of creative solutions that allowed all the work to be completed on time and within budget.

Don Yost (left) receives a congratulatory handshake from Wayne Shuyler.



Professional Service Award

Jerry Novotny has worked for the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service for 41 years, including 24 years in fisheries research, and 18 years in the Region One Federal Assistance Office. Jerry is one of those rare experts who can answer any question but will also work with you to get to a different answer if you don't like his first answer. Jerry is nationally known for his grants management expertise and providing the highest level of customer service in a friendly and professional manner.

Janine Belleque presents Service Award to Jerry Novotny



Outstanding Parks Maintenance Staff

Bill Hudak with the Klamath County Parks Dept., is the recipient of the 05-07 award. A visual inspection of the County's parks will immediately show the obvious care and professionalism Bill has in keeping these sites clean, safe and attractive. Bill is one of the rare individuals who has both the hands-on expertise to make things work and the vision to see what needs to be done now and in the future.

Tom Crist (left), Dave Bland (center), accept award from Janine Belleque on behalf of Bill Hudak who was unable to attend the workshop.

Grants Workshop cont'.



Janine Belleque presents award to Mike Cooley



Outstanding Parks Support Staff

Pery Murray, City Recorder for the City of Depoe Bay, is the recipient of the "Outstanding Parks Support Staff" for the 05-07 Biennium.

In the beginning, the grant to replace the condemned fuel dispensing facility at the City's marina in Depoe Bay seemed pretty straight forward. What could go wrong? Well, several years and a fire chief, an exasperated engineer, a bankrupt company, key missing parts, numerous meetings and a second installer later, the project was opened over budget and much later than planned.

Through it all Pery was a steadfast source of information, a willing and pleasant provider of documents, and a person of even temperament. She managed to balance the frustrations of city staff with Marine Board Directives and inquiries and keep a relative peace among all players. Without her diligence and calming influence, this project might still be unbuilt.

Pery was unable to attend the workshop.

Power Point Presentations

We have a few copies left of the Power Point presentations from the Grant Workshop on CD. If you would like a copy let Jennifer know.

Special Award

A retired District Ranger, private citizen, volunteer, and , President of the Middle Rogue Steelhead Chapter of Trout Unlimited, Mike Cooley approached the Marine Board a couple of years ago to propose building a new ramp at the Hog Creek site on the Rogue River. The site is jointly managed by BLM and Josephine County. Admittedly, staff was skeptical given the location of the facility on a river nationally designated under the federal Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, in a area with endangered salmon, in a county with limited staff and little cash to match a grant. Not to be deterred, Mr. Cooley did his homework on safety concerns, helped raise money for a match and lobbied for a layout for a new ramp that would allow the old ramp to be kept for launching rafts.

Despite Marine Board staff's unanimous belief that we might all retire before this ramp would ever be permitted an built, the project was funded and Mr. Cooley continued in his dogged determination to see it built. Needless to say it was designed, permitted and built in just over a year.

UPDATED BOATING FACILITY PROCEDURE GUIDE

The revised Boating Facility Procedure Guide is now on our web site at www.boatoregon.com. Click on **Library/Publications** then **Forms** and it will take you right to it. The Grant Application form is also available: just fill it in print and mail. If you have any questions regarding either publication, call Jennifer at 503-378-2727

EDITOR'S CORNER

If you have any suggestions, recommendations or insights regarding the newsletter, please contact me, via e-mail, fax or phone: Jennifer Peterson, Facilities Administrative Assistant, 503-378-2727, fax: 503-378-4597 or email: jennifer.peterson@state.or.us.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

MAINTENANCE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

As the peak boating season is approaching many facilities are in need of spring cleaning to remove debris, make repairs and in general prepare the sites for family enjoyment. During the Portland Boat Show and the Sportsmen Show we received several complaints from families who encountered poorly maintained facilities last summer. The most common complaint was dirty restrooms or unstocked restrooms followed closely by debris on the boat ramp. This experience was still fresh in the minds of your park users as they are preparing for another year of boating. I'm sure that our goals are very similar when it comes to park maintenance and that is to provide family friendly, clean and safe boating facilities.

In an effort to provide the funding at the beginning of the fiscal year, we are moving the certification process to early spring. In March we will mail out the 2007-08 Maintenance Assistance Program certification statements. Please watch for these statements and make any corrections to the season of use, fees, facility amenities or ownership for the upcoming fiscal year. Once we have received, reviewed and executed all of the statements, payment will be processed at the start of the new biennium. We hope that by providing the funding sooner in the fiscal year it will help to provide family friendly maintenance. If you have any questions please contact Janine.



TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FROM OUR OFFICE

We ask for your patience this year as we approach the new biennium. The Boating Facilities Section is a bit short handed, so if you are needing help with an upcoming project, we will help you just as soon as we can.

END OF BIENNIUM

The Marine Board provided funding for nearly 60 projects this biennium. Out of those projects 18 have been completed to include final payment and grant file close out. With the end of the biennium just a few months away it is time to finalize your project. All approved grants have a deadline for project completion of June 30, 2007. This deadline includes receipt and approval of grant reimbursement requests. Please do not delay in submitting your reimbursement requests. If your project will not be completed and final reimbursement made by the grant agreement deadline, contact Wayne or Janine to discuss the project status.



2007 Take Me Fishing Community Initiative

The Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation and NRPA have developed the *Take Me Fishing Community Initiative* to support local park and recreation agencies eager to increase recreational fishing and boating participation by improving the quality of their community fishing and boating programs. After completing this pre-assessment, your agency will be eligible to receive equipment grants, scholarships, promotional material, and other program resources.

Resource allocation for the 2007 *Take Me Fishing Community Initiative* will be based on the top priority to grow and develop community fishing and boating programs indicated in your online pre-assessment form. Possible resource allocations may include: equipment grants, scholarships to training workshops, program materials, promotional material and toolkits.

All agencies completing the online pre-assessment form will be designated as 2007 Take Me Fishing Communities. The deadline for applications is Feb. 28. Visit www.nrpa.org/fishing to learn more!

Register for Down By The Riverside by February 28, 2007

Join thousands of Oregonians and SOLV for a day of fun and volunteerism to remind ourselves, and our communities, the importance of a clean community for clean water.

Types of Down By The Riverside projects include river cleanups, wetlands restoration, community cleanups, community gardens, free disposal days, park enhancement, high school senior projects, and much, much more...

WHEN: Saturday, May 19, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m

Schools: May 14-18, anytime

WHAT: Watershed and related community beautification and enhancement projects. Down By The Riverside was started to restore and enhance our riverside environments. Now it has evolved to embrace a wide variety of projects to help maintain the watersheds where we all live.

WHERE: Any community or public greenspace.

HOW: To participate in this event, your site must be registered by February 28, 2007 at www.solv.org

Many sites are already approved and online for volunteer recruitment. To order supplies for your projects online today at www.solv.org

Call the DBR team if you have questions about your project at 503-844-9571 if you haven't already, you can apply for your site online at www.solv.org or request a paper application from sara@solv.org. If you are having trouble with the online registration please call Sara or Debbie at 503-844-9571 to apply over the phone. Small grants are available - please note the new grant process.

Here is some more information:

- ◆ Grants are \$100 per organization per year (limited amount available)
- ◆ Grants are not available to government agencies this year
- ◆ Grant applications will be available online in March and due by April 15th (I'll send a reminder email to you)

SOLV provides:

- * The lead in organizing the event
- * A comprehensive project management guide
- * Brochures, flyers, posters
- * Garbage collection bags, first aid kits, stickers

* State-wide event promotion, including news releases and media contacts

* Some assistance with volunteer recruitment

* Small grants to offset material and disposal costs (limited amount)

You provide:

* Site Coordinator to plan event and coordinate day of the event

* Day-of event reporting and return volunteer waivers after event to SOLV

* Local volunteer recruitment

* A site for volunteer check in

* Local distribution of brochures, flyers and posters

Down By The Riverside offers an excellent opportunity for you to become more involved in river and environmental stewardship. For more information, call SOLV at 1-800-333-SOLV (7658) or 503-844-9571. Ask for Sara or email her at sara@solv.org. For Service-Learning projects, please ask for Debbie or email her at Debbie@solv.org.



Upcoming Board Meeting

Our next Board Meeting will be March 15, at our office in Salem. You will have a chance to meet our newest OSMB member. June LeTarte is our new Executive Assistant to the Director, taking Jill Andrick's place after retiring in December. June comes to us from the Facilities Department at Department of Administrative Services (DAS).

If you need information about the upcoming Board Meeting you can contact June at 503-378-2617 or e-mail her at june.letarte@state.or.us.

Please join us in welcoming June to our team.

It may be later than you think

By Douglas Baer Environmental Coordinator

So this is the year you plan to breathe some new life into that tired old facility, with some spiffy new docks or a sharp new ramp? Maybe you've got some flood damage to fix, or a new gravel deposit to deal with. You know the deal; the flood giveth and the flood taketh away, but what the flood (or time) has done to the facility can't be fixed without the proper permits.

They come in so many varieties nowadays. The Corps of Engineers offers four kinds and Department of State Lands has a couple. The Corps has Nationwide Permits or Regional General Permits for simple work (maintenance or other small projects) and Letters of Permission or Individual Permits for bigger or more complicated projects (like dock replacement or ramp construction).

The Corps says normal permit processing times for simple projects is 15-20 working days. Add another 30 days or more for coordination with DEQ (for water quality certification) or DLCDC (Coastal Zone Management certification). Not-so-simple projects need Letters of Permission, which take 15-30 days, or Individual Permits, which take 120 days; longer for complex projects.

DSL mainly uses a standard removal fill permit, but sometimes uses a General Authorization (GA), which is a fast track review for special activities. At least DSL says they are special. If you need to drive 5 or fewer pilings or do a little bank stabilization work, you might be a candidate for a GA. Most everything else gets a standard permit. GAs have to be issued or denied in 40 days. For the rest, the law gives DSL 30 days to decide if an application is complete and another 90 days to decision whether or not to issue a permit. So that's 120 days from start to finish.

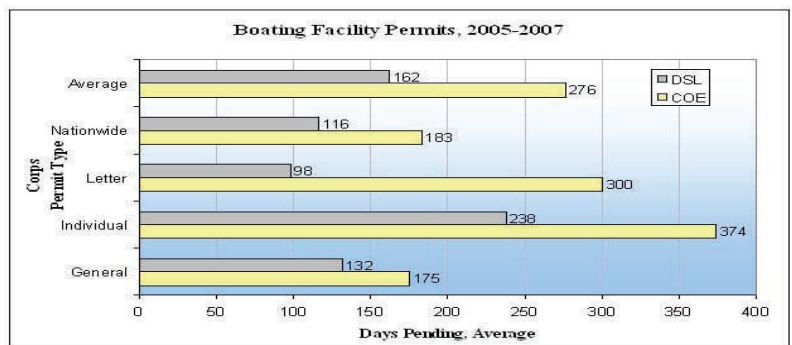
That doesn't sound too bad, does it? But wait just a minute. Those Corps timelines don't say anything about Endangered Species reviews. Maybe that's what they mean by complex projects. Federal rules allow 135 days for ESA consultation, so that could be an additional 4 ½ months, if say salmon runs occur near the facility.

The experts say it could take as little as a month or two to get a permit or it could take eight or nine months - more for complex projects. Let's see, how that stacks up against past experience with boating facility projects.

Average permit processing time for boating facility projects with OSMB grants is currently 162 days at DSL and 276 days for the Corps. You need both permits to do a project, so let's look at the Corps permit, since it took the longest on average for OSMB grant projects this biennium.

The average Corps processing time for simple boating facility projects was about 180 days. The bigger projects averaged between 10 months and a year. About half of the permits for our little world of boating projects required ESA coordination. That added 104 days on average to the permit approval time.

The BOTTOM LINE is this: if you have an average small project, allow at least six months lead time for the permits. This is for something like a float replacement or maybe even a boat ramp replacement (same size, same position) if no ESA species are affected. If your project is above average, or if it is in salmon country, tack on another 3 or 4 months.



If you've got some real work to do, you'd better plan on a year. At least. A third of the projects in our little group took longer than that - a year and a half on average. Those were mostly dredging projects, but ramp and dock work is going to be in the same ballpark if the project will change their footprint.

Consider yourself warned, it may already be later than you think.



Updates to fish cleaning station rules

By Glenn Dolphin, Clean Marina Coordinator

During the summer of 2006 the Oregon DEQ updated its rules regarding the amount of fish waste that can be discharged into waterways from sport fish cleaning stations. In small quantities, fish waste is scavenged by crabs and other marine animals. However, in an enclosed marina basin decomposition of excessive fish waste can produce foul odors and harm water quality through increased nutrient and bacteria levels and decreased dissolved oxygen. This can cause fish kills as well as an unsightly mess. In the past, fish cleaning stations have just been left to operate without very much oversight from the DEQ when it comes to the potential water quality impacts. The new current rules state that "All sport fish cleaning stations need to send a letter to DEQ seeking approval for discharge of fish preparation residuals. If their residual discharge is less than 500 pounds per day, the residual is cut into pieces of approximately one inch or smaller, and the discharge is not a zone with limited circulation, then DEQ will send an approval letter. Otherwise, the facility will need to submit more information to both DEQ and ODFW seeking approval."

If you have a fish cleaning station located at your marina then you need to:

Submit a short letter to DEQ outlining:

1. Where the fish cleaning station is located (marina name and address).
2. What water body (river, stream, lake) the cleaning station discharges into.
3. How the solid fish waste material is handled (hand collected and disposed of into the trash, screened out of wash water and discarded, or not collected at all).
4. How much solid fish waste material is discharged into the waterway on an average, busy, fish cleaning day (estimate how much waste per fish ends up going "down the drain", then how many fish are cleaned each day).

Depending on where in the state you are located, you should send your notification letter to the following DEQ personnel.

For Clatsop, Tillamook, Columbia, Multnomah, Clackamas, and Marion Counties send your letter to:

Elliot Zias - DEQ
2020 SW 4th Ave. Suite 400
Portland, OR 97201

For Lincoln, Benton, Linn, Lane, Douglas, Coos, and Curry send your letter to:

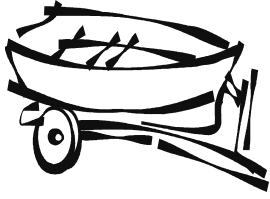
Ruben Kretzschmar - DEQ
381 N. Second St.
Coos Bay, OR 97420

For all Counties east of the Cascade Mountains send your letter to:

Heidi Williams - DEQ OR Walt West - DEQ
700 SE Emigrant Bend, OR 97701
Pendleton, OR 97801

Check with the Clean Marina Coordinator before sending your letter to the Eastside DEQ. Glenn.dolphin@state.or.us or 503-378-2625.

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