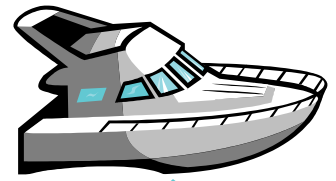




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## A 2005-07 Wrap Up and More

Wayne Shuyler, Boating Facilities Program Manager

On June 30, the 2005-07 State biennium quietly became a matter of history. There were many success stories and a few lessons learned in the process. One success worthy of mentioning again was FG#1260, the replacement of the six-lane launch ramp at Charleston. This project was honored as the Best Grant Project of 2005-07 at our Boating Facility Grant Workshop held January 30, 2007 at the State Fairgrounds in Salem.

Now this project has been honored with a national award. The State's Organization for Boating Access (SOBA), a national professional association, recently recognized Charleston as the Best Large Boating Access project in the country. The award was presented to the International Port of Coos Bay at the annual SOBA conference recently held in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. On hand to receive the award and present a pictorial tour of the site and the project were Kathy Wall and Aaron Simmons representing the Port. The Marine Board congratulates the Port for this award and echoes the praise this project has received.

low water, the gravel made the ramp completely unusable except as a means to get people down to the gravel bar. City Administrator, Bruce Cleeton, worked diligently with permitting agencies, private consultants, a contractor, engineers, and Marine Board staff to identify ways to remove the gravel and re-open the area in order to build the new ramp. In the end, no acceptable solutions were available and the grant was withdrawn by the City. The Marine Board and the City will continue to monitor the site to see if another flood manages to move the gravel further down river. Any county, city, or other entity that has a boat ramp knows the scenario played out at Harrisburg can happen just about anywhere.

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Completed Charleston Ramp



Harrisburg Ramp

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On the "lessons learned" side of the ledger, we have FG#1241 - a grant to replace a ramp and install new floats on the Willamette River for the City of Harrisburg. Without getting into the entire history of events surrounding this project, the lesson we learned came at the hands of Mother Nature. After the grant was awarded and all of the site survey work was done, winter floods managed to significantly rearrange the river, depositing a rather sizable gravel bar at the foot of the ramp and for a considerable distance downstream. At

In summary, direct your attention to a list of accomplishments from 2005-07 listed below. This is a list I think we can show the owners of registered boats in Oregon and proudly note all of the facility enhancements made possible with their fees and taxes. The Marine Board owes a debt of gratitude to the grant sponsors and facility managers who made these boating improvements possible. We also thank our funding partners, the US Fish & Wildlife Service for their assistance through the Boating Infrastructure and Clean Vessel Act grant programs, and the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife for their support through the federal Sport Fish Restoration motorboat access program.

At the same SOBA conference mentioned above, Jeff Smith, one of our Senior Engineers, presented information on wood and other material used in dock construction. Janine Belleque, our Grants and Contracts Coordinator, and Jeff also presented information on floating restroom design and maintenance. Both presentations were well received by the 220+ attendees of the conference. If you are interested in viewing Jeff and Janine's PowerPoint presentations I am sure they would be glad to share them with you.

Following the next Board meeting in January we will expect the Board to meet in April, at which time they will consider applications for Round Two Boating Facility Grants. I anticipate the application deadline for Round

Two will be the end of February. As with most deadlines, applications can be submitted earlier. If you need conceptual layout assistance or cost information from our engineering staff for a potential Round Two application, please schedule their help as soon as possible. We cannot guarantee this assistance will be available at the last minute.

Also keep in mind that any work done below ordinary high water will require a permit from the US Army Corps of Engineers and Department of State Lands. Even straight up float replacement requires a permit. So, allow yourself plenty of time to prepare permit applications and adequate time for permitting agencies to complete their review of your application. If you have permit questions, call us and we will see how we can assist you.

With the 2007-09 Biennium underway, we look forward to continuing our partnerships with you and providing the boating public with adequate, safe, and quality access.



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**2005-07 Boating Facility Grants Summary**

***\$7.4 million*** in State funds for boating projects  
including ***\$2.1 million*** to help maintain 264 sites  
***\$1.3 million*** in Federal funds for boating projects  
***\$2.4 million*** in local funds for boating projects  
Awarded **79** grants to applicants, including:  
*acquired property for 2 new launch sites;*  
*built 3 new launches where none existed before;*  
*and helped with 17 emergency repairs*  
*Replaced 9 launch ramps, built 3 brand*  
*new ones,*

*repaired or improved 4 ramps*  
*Replaced boarding floats at 17 launch sites*  
*Built 2 new transient tie-ups; 3 more pending*  
*Expanded or improved parking at 11 sites*  
*Built 11 new restrooms and toilets*  
*Launched 4 new floating restrooms*  
*Installed 3 new pumpouts and replaced 9;*  
*including grants to 5 private marinas*  
*Helped with maintenance dredging at 3 sites*  
*Overall: grants were approved for work at 23*  
*county, 19 city,*  
*3 park district, 13 port, 10 state, and 3 federal sites*



## MARINE BOARD WEBSITE

The Marine Board's website is undergoing some changes. One of these changes is that the Boating Facilities Department now has our own "mini site" within the main website. [www.boatoregon.com](http://www.boatoregon.com) is still our address to the main page. Our "mini site" is located on the right navigational bar called "Boating Facilities". You will find information about applying for grants, current approved grants, what projects are currently under construction, as well as technical information, frequently asked questions and our current and past newsletters.

Jennifer will be updating our site frequently. There are still a few items missing, such as our "Design Guidelines" publication, but as they are updated they will be added. If you have any suggestions as to information you would like to see included or even pictures showing off your facilities please let Jennifer know and she will incorporate them. If you have any questions you can reach Jennifer at 503-378-2727 or [Jennifer.peterson@state.or.us](mailto:Jennifer.peterson@state.or.us).

### Free Pumpouts!

As you look around your marina or transient tie-up float, have you noticed how many boats have holding tanks? There are nearly 25,000 registered vessels in Oregon that do have holding tanks and that number is growing. Everyone wants clean water and through the Clean Vessel Act Program more than 600,000 gallons of sewage never reach Oregon's waterways.

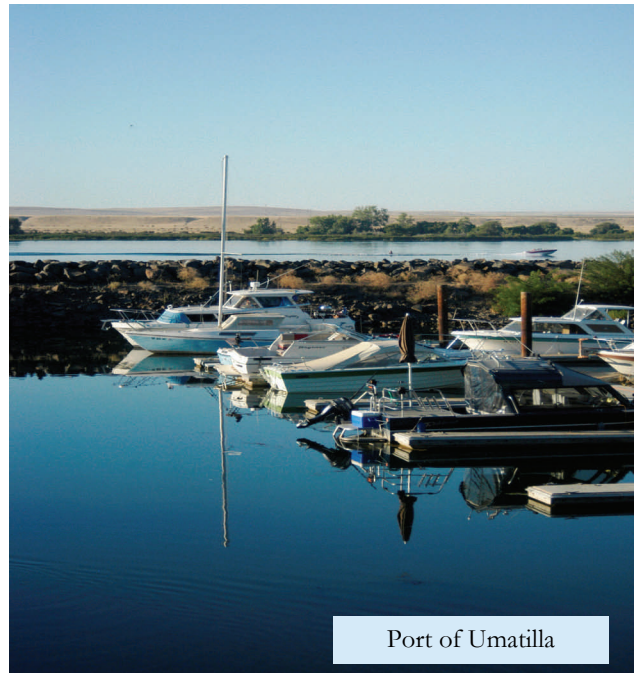
Through the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Clean Vessel Act (CVA) the Marine Board receives federal funds to assist with the construction, replacement and purchase of marine sewage pumpouts. The CVA program can also fund marine dump stations, floating restrooms, portable pumpouts and pumpout boats. If you are interested in participating in the CVA Program please contact Janine Belleque at 503-378-2628 or email

[Janine.belleque@state.or.us](mailto:Janine.belleque@state.or.us).

### MASTER PLANS

Please keep the Marine Board in mind as a stakeholder as your agency puts together master plans. We are interested in your plans

and as a representative for boaters, we can help with funding on future boating facility sites. If you have questions please contact Janine at 503-378-2628 or Wayne at 503-378-2605.



### Round Two Just Around The Corner

As we enter into the winter months, remember that the Round Two grant opportunities are coming up in February-March 2008. Do you have your permits ready? Do you have matching funds set up for your project? Do you need our engineers to come out and do a survey or do you need to talk to Janine or Wayne about funding?

### Board Meeting

The next Board meeting will be January 8, 2008 in Portland. Watch for the location and time on our website [www.boatoregon.com](http://www.boatoregon.com) or you can contact June LeTarte, Executive Assistant, for details at 503-378-2617 or [june.letarte@state.or.us](mailto:june.letarte@state.or.us).

### CONTACT INFORMATION UPDATE

On the following page is a Contact Information form for updating our contact list. Please take a few moments to fill it out and return to Jennifer.

OREGON STATE MARINE BOARD

FACILITIES SECTION DATABASE UPDATE



**PLEASE** help us update our database by completing this form and returning to the Marine Board. You may email your response to: **jennifer.peterson@state.or.us** or fax to **503-378-4597**; ATTN: Jennifer. If you have a different or additional person who should be in our database please feel free to add that information also.

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CONTACT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

JOB TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

OFFICE #: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX #: \_\_\_\_\_

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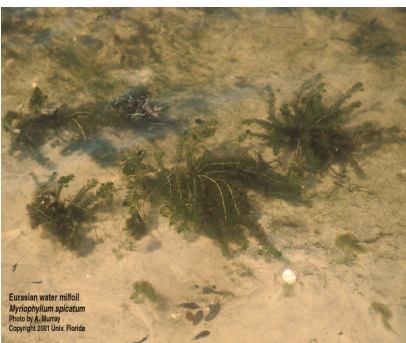
Thank You for taking time to complete and return this information to the State Marine Board.

# Aquatic Invaders Can Threaten Oregon's Waterways

By Glenn Dolphin – Clean Marina Coordinator

Oregon's state-wide boating opportunities offer all kinds of wonderful places to visit. The boater in Oregon can choose from visiting our spectacular coastline, take a cruise up the Columbia River, find a pristine lake high up in the Cascade Mountains, or escape to Eastern Oregon for some wide open desert landscapes. Currently our lakes and rivers are in good shape when it comes to the aquatic animals that live within, however, that could all change very quickly with an introduction of a non-native invasive species. When you compare Oregon's waterways to other parts of the country we have done well at keeping invasive species under control. This is not to say we don't already have some invasions, because we do. I think that most of us have heard about the invasion of Diamond Lake by the tui chub. It got to a point where this invasive fish was taking over the aquatic ecosystem of the lake and by the year 2004 their population had reached an estimated 98 million. This resulted in dramatic declines to the rainbow trout fishery, poor water quality conditions contributing to more frequent toxic algae blooms, not to mention a sharp decrease in the number of boaters visiting the area taking its toll on the local economy. To make a long story short it took a price tag of almost \$6 million in State and Federal dollars to kill the tui chub, restore the water quality, and bring back the trout fishery.

This is just one example of what can happen if boaters and facility managers are not aware of aquatic invasive



threats and vigilant in taking actions to break the pathways that invaders use to inhabit new ecosystems. We all know that current operating budgets and staff time are limited when it comes to keeping up on the maintenance of boating facilities, whether it be a day use boat ramp or a full service marina. Just think about what would happen if your boat ramp area became infested and clogged with non-native aquatic weeds, choking the water and making it hard for boaters to launch, or if the docks at



your marina became encrusted with invasive zebra or quagga mussels. The extra time and money it would take to manage these invaders just so the boating public could use your site would be daunting if not impossible to handle without more money and staff. Plus the damage and decline of native fish and other aquatic species has negative effects that sometimes cannot be corrected.

To do our part the Oregon State Marine Board has been actively partnering with other State and Federal agencies to coordinate our outreach efforts to inform the public of the threats and consequences of aquatic invaders. We have also been providing trainings and workshops to boating facility staff on how to recognize specific invaders and the procedures to use for decontaminating boats that might be transporting invasives. In addition we have been printing literature to distribute to boaters, and writing articles for newsletters and newspapers alerting people to the issues. Please join us by taking some easy, inexpensive preventative steps to keep invaders out of our waterways and protect our sensitive ecosystems. Become informed of what invasives look like and report any signs of them at your facilities to the state reporting number (1-866-INVADER). If you manage a day use area, look and see if you have any signs posted to inform your users of the threats, and if you manage a marina consider joining the Clean Marina program to promote environmental protection. The key to keeping our waterways clean is to prevent invasive species from ever getting established. Oregon has many wonderful places to go boating. Let's work together to keep it that way.

**STOP Harmful Species**

Unwanted plants and animals can ruin your favorite fishing and boating waters.

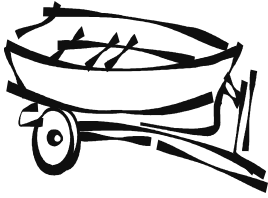
It is unlawful to transport zebra mussels, quagga mussels, Eurasian water milfoil, and other aquatic nuisance species.

- **REMOVE** all plants and animals from boats, motors, trailers, anchors and gear before and after launching.
- **INSPECT** hard to reach spots, diving areas and other protected places where harmful species can survive for days.
- **DRAIN** all water from boats, trailers, tackle and gear before leaving the area.
- **DISPOSE** of live well water, bait, plants and other material away from shore, or in trash cans.

To report harmful species please call (tollfree) 1-866-INVADER or contact these agencies for more information:

Contact our office to receive this sign for posting at your facilities

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