

Small Ports Meeting October 2019

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Outdoor Grant Managers



WASHINGTON STATE
Recreation and Conservation
Funding Board



RCO History

- Created 1964 by initiative 215, Marine Land Act
- Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation
- Name changed to Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) in 2007
- 23 grant programs and categories
- 64 employees, 32 have only worked at RCO
- 3 RCO staff = 86 years combined

RCO is About:

- Outdoor Recreation
 - Conservation
 - Salmon Recovery
 - Invasive Species
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RCO Investments

- \$1.8 billion in grant awards since 1964
 - Invested in over 8,000 projects
 - Over \$950 million in matching money
 - Total investment over \$2.7 billion
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Port Associations – 42!

- Allyn
 - Anacortes
 - Bellingham
 - Bremerton
 - Brownsville
 - Centralia
 - Chelan County
 - Clarkston
 - Columbia
 - Douglas County
 - Edmonds
 - Eglon
 - Everett
 - Friday Harbor
 - Grapeview
 - Grays Harbor
 - Hoodspport
 - Ilwaco
 - Indianola
 - Kalama
 - Kennewick
 - Kingston
 - Klickitat
 - Manchester
 - Olympia
 - Peninsula
 - Port Angeles
 - Port Townsend
 - Poulsbo
 - Ridgefield
 - Seattle
 - Silverdale
 - Skagit County
 - Skamania
 - South Whidbey Island
 - Vancouver
 - Wahkiakum County #1
 - Wahkiakum County #2
 - Waterman
 - Whitman County
 - Willapa Harbor
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Outdoor Grant Managers for Recreation Section

OGM Area Map



RCO grants for Ports

Eligible Boating Grants

- Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account (ALEA) *
- Boating Facilities Program (BFP) ***
- Boating Infrastructure Grant Program (BIG) **
- Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)

Other Eligible Grants

- Firearms and Archery Range Recreation (FARR)
- Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP)
 - Local parks *
 - Water Access *
 - Riparian
 - Urban Wildlife
 - Trails



Funding

Historic Funding

2012	\$6,000,000
2014	\$5,268,923
2016	\$1,000,000
2018	\$6,600,000

Grant Limits

Acquisition	\$1,000,000
Combination	\$1,000,000*
Restoration	\$500,000
Development	\$500,000

* Not more than \$500K for development or restoration



2018 Funding Requests by Category

Local Parks	\$40,006,025
Water Access	\$10,063,590

Grant Limits*

Development	\$500,000
Acquisition	\$1,000,000
Combination	\$1,000,000
Match Requirement	50%

* Grant limits apply to Local Parks category only



WWRP Fund Allocation

45%
Habitat Conservation
Account



45%
Outdoor Recreation
Account



10%
Farm and Forest
Account



Categories

- 35% Critical Habitat
- 25% Natural Areas
- 15% Riparian Protection
- 10%* State Lands Restoration and Enhancement
- 15% Urban Wildlife Habitat

*or \$3 million, whichever is less

- 30% Local Parks
40%-50% must be acquisition
- 10%* State Lands Development and Renovation
- 30% State Parks
40%-50% must be acquisition
- 20% Trails
- 10% Water Access
75% must be acquisition

*or \$3 million, whichever is less

- 90% Farmland Preservation Category
- 10% Forestland Preservation Category

Historic Funding (Local Category)

2011	\$4,041,653
2012	\$3,181,500
2014	\$4,680,000
2016	\$8,587,000
2018	\$8,936,000



Grant Limits

Development	\$1,000,000
Acquisition	\$1,000,000
Combination	\$1,000,000
Planning	\$200,000*

* Not more than 20% of the total cost of development and/or acquisition



Sun Lakes State
Park

BIG Funding

Typical Funding*

Tier 1 \$5,000 - \$191,760

Tier 2 \$200,000 -
\$1,440,645

*Tier 2 proposals compete nationally for an average of \$8 - \$12 million/year

Project Types

Development

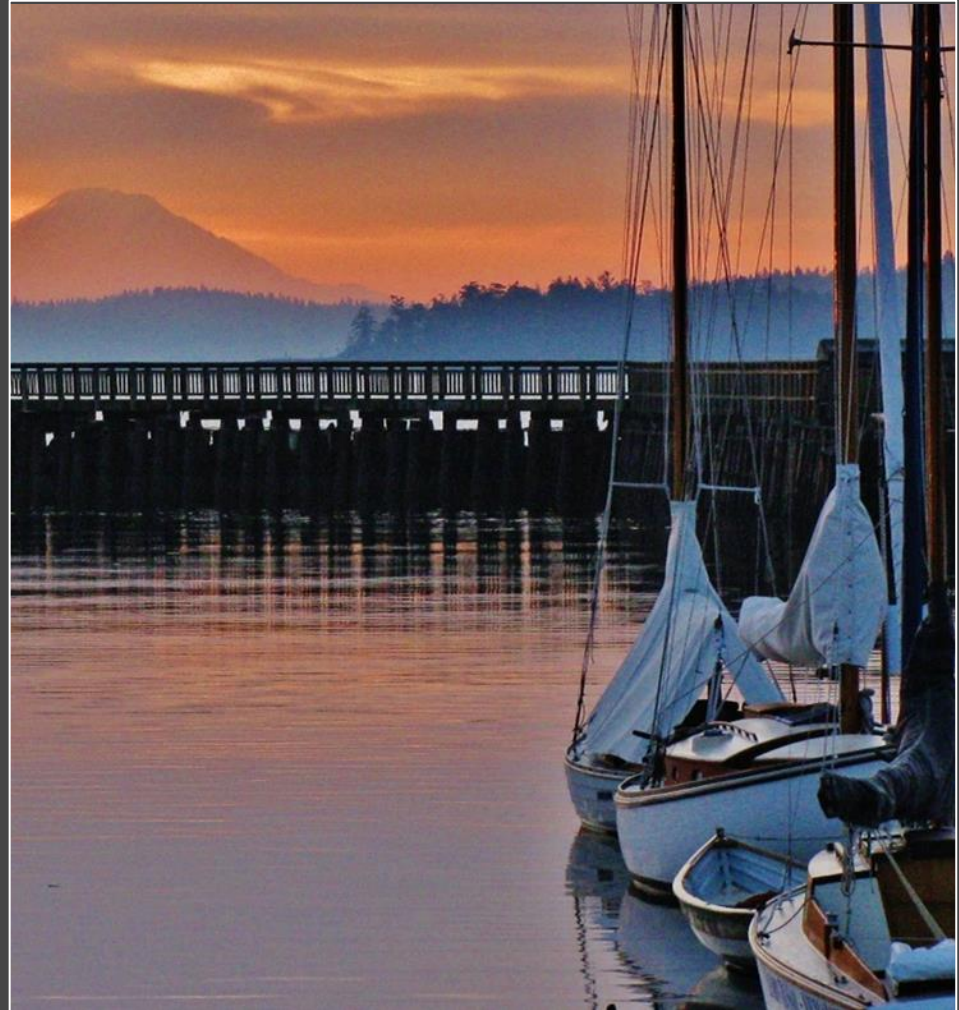
Renovation

Dredging*

Education

* When combined with development activities, not to exceed 10% of the overall project

Applications accepted annually



Ports awarded 229 Grants

- BFP Grants 157
 - 14 ALEA
 - 6 WWRP
 - 18 Active grants
 - BIG Grants 17
 - 14 closed
 - 8 tier 1
 - 6 tier 2
 - 3 Active
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Funding by the Numbers

Historic Funding to Port Districts

Total Port Projects*
229
Total RCO Funds
\$54,004,111
Total Port Match

Current Port Projects

Currently Active Projects	18
Active RCO Funds	\$7,320,531
Active Match	<u>\$4,355,635</u>
Total	\$11,676,166

*Active or Completed



Applications

2018 Applications	9
2018 Requests	
\$3,659,925	
2018 Match	
<u>\$2,195,038</u>	
Total	
\$5,854,963	

RCO grants DUE dates

Boating Grants

- ALEA May 1 2020
- FARR Nov 1 2020
- LWCF May 1 2020
- BIG May 1 2020
- BFP Nov 1 2020

- Planning eligibility
- *DUE DATE March 1 2020*

Other Grants

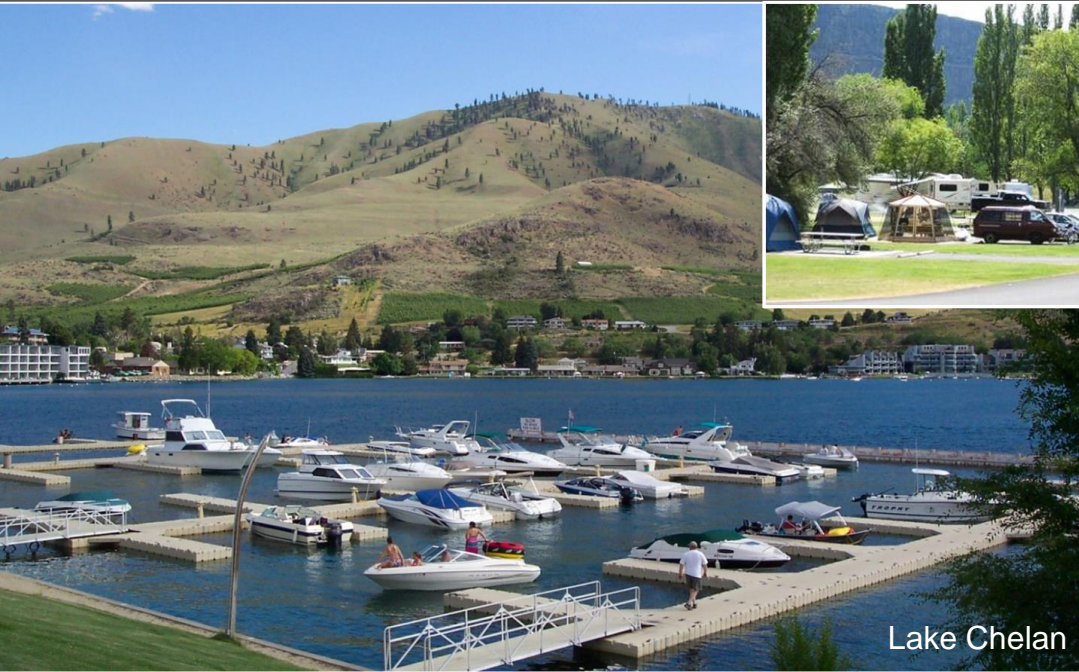
- WWRP May 1 2020
 - Local parks
 - Water Access
 - Riparian
 - Urban Wildlife
 - Trails

- Planning eligibility
- *DUE DATE March 1 2020*



BFP Boating Program

BFP Projects



2018 Boating Facilities Program Projects

2018 Grant Applications

Acquisition	1
Combination	1
Planning	5
Development	<u>23</u>
Total	30

Grant Requests

BFP Local – 18	\$7,601,119
BFP State – <u>12</u>	<u>\$8,498,000</u>
Total 30	\$16,099,119

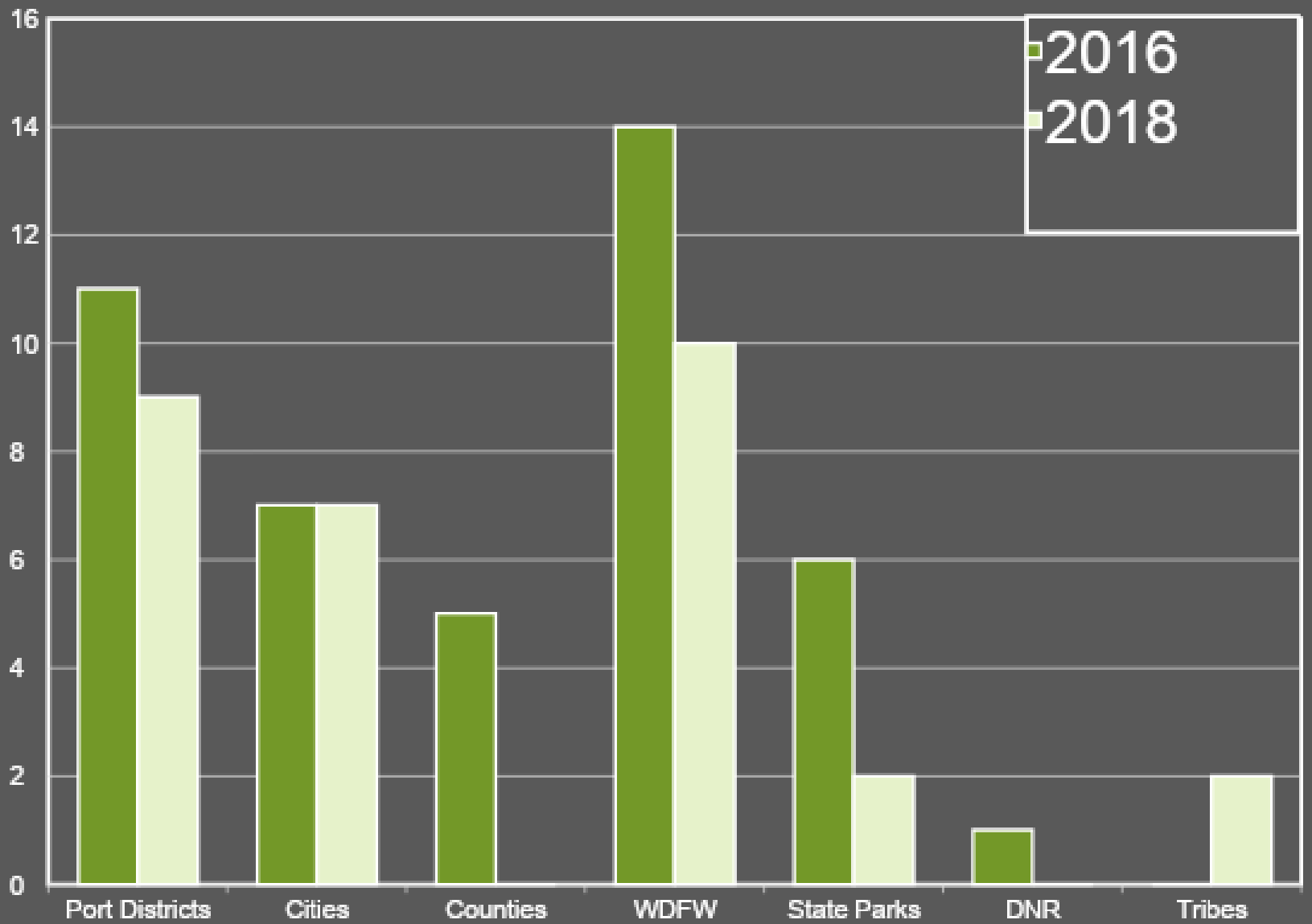
- RCFB Budget Request for 2019-21 biennium = \$17,872,000

2016 Applications

Acquisition	1
Development	33
Planning	<u>11</u>
Total	45

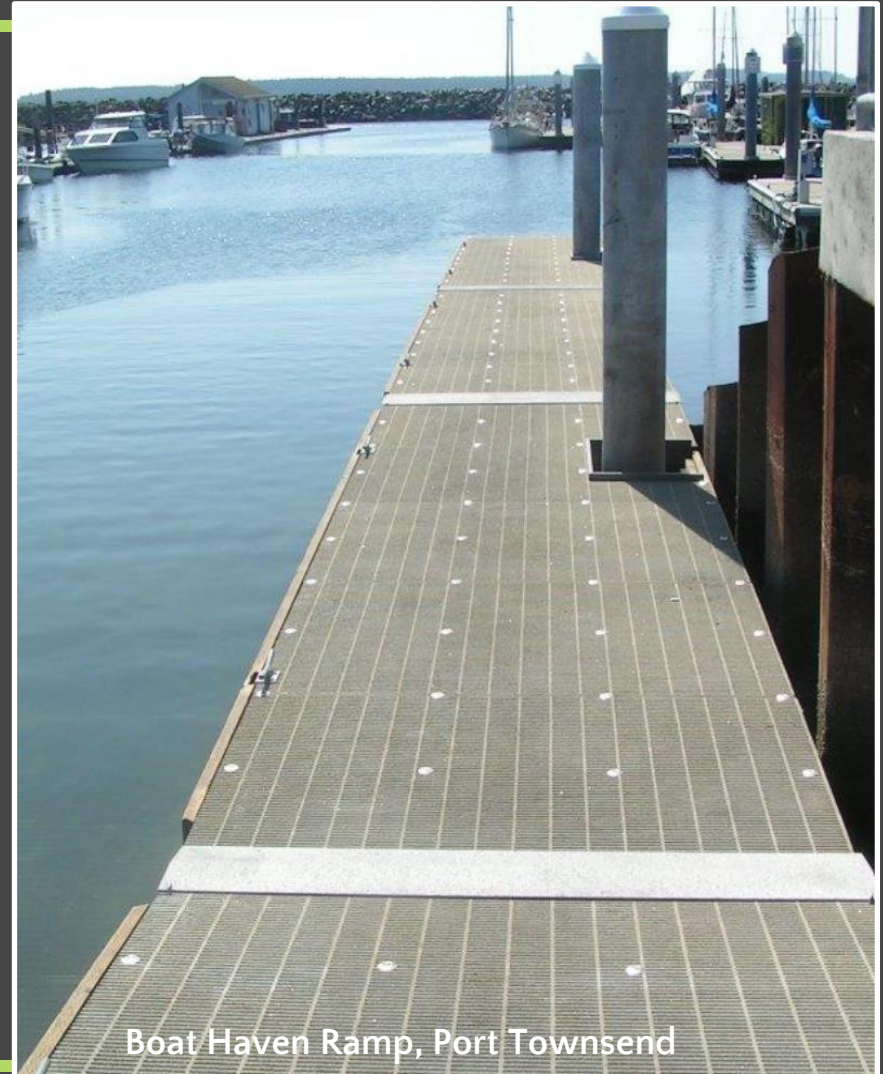
Historic Funding

- 2011 \$8,083,306
- 2012 \$6,363,000
- 2014 \$9,360,000
- 2015 \$4,850,000
- 2016 \$17,166,000



About the Program

- Categories
 - BFP-State
 - BFP-Local
- In-Person Evaluation
- Eligibility: Comprehensive outdoor recreation plan



About the Program

- Project Types
 - Acquisition
 - Development/Renovation
 - Planning (design and permitting)
 - Combination
 - Acquisition and Development
 - Acquisition and Planning



Grant Limits & Match

LOCAL

- Development \$1,000,000
- Acquisition \$1,000,000
- Combination \$1,000,000
- Planning \$200,000

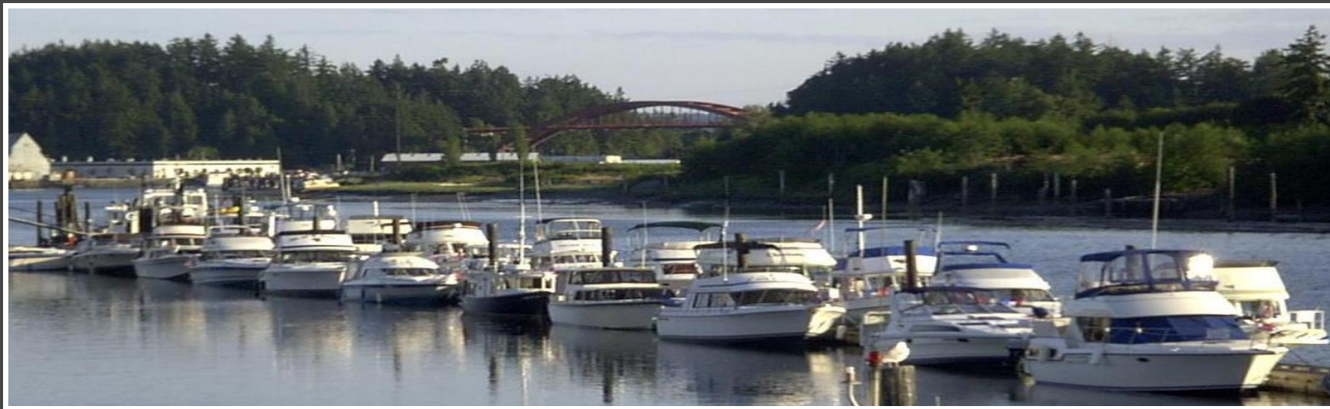
Match Required = 25% (up to 4 points for additional match)

STATE

No grant limit*

No Match Required (1 bonus point for > 10% match)

* *Manual 9, policy*





Boating Infrastructure Grants (BIG)

Federal Grant Program

Four percent of the amount in Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund (shared with Clean Vessel Act grants).

Includes revenue from:

- Excise taxes on sport fishing equipment, electric motors, and sonar
- Import duties on fishing tackle, yachts, and pleasure craft
- Portion of gasoline tax attributable to motorboats and small engines
- Interest earned on Trust Fund



About the Program

Eligible Applicants

- Local agencies
- Native American tribes
- Nonprofit organizations
- Private facility operators
- State agencies

Grant Limits

- Tier 1: \$192,086
- Tier 2: \$1,440,645



Applicants may request up to 75 percent in grant funds

25 percent minimum match

About the Program

Eligible Activities

- Moorage: docks/floats, slips, piers, buoys, gangways
- Utilities
- Breakwaters
- Upland support amenities
 - Restrooms
 - Showers
 - Laundry
- Dredging and Maintenance (limited)

Proration is Required

Launch facilities not eligible



About the Program

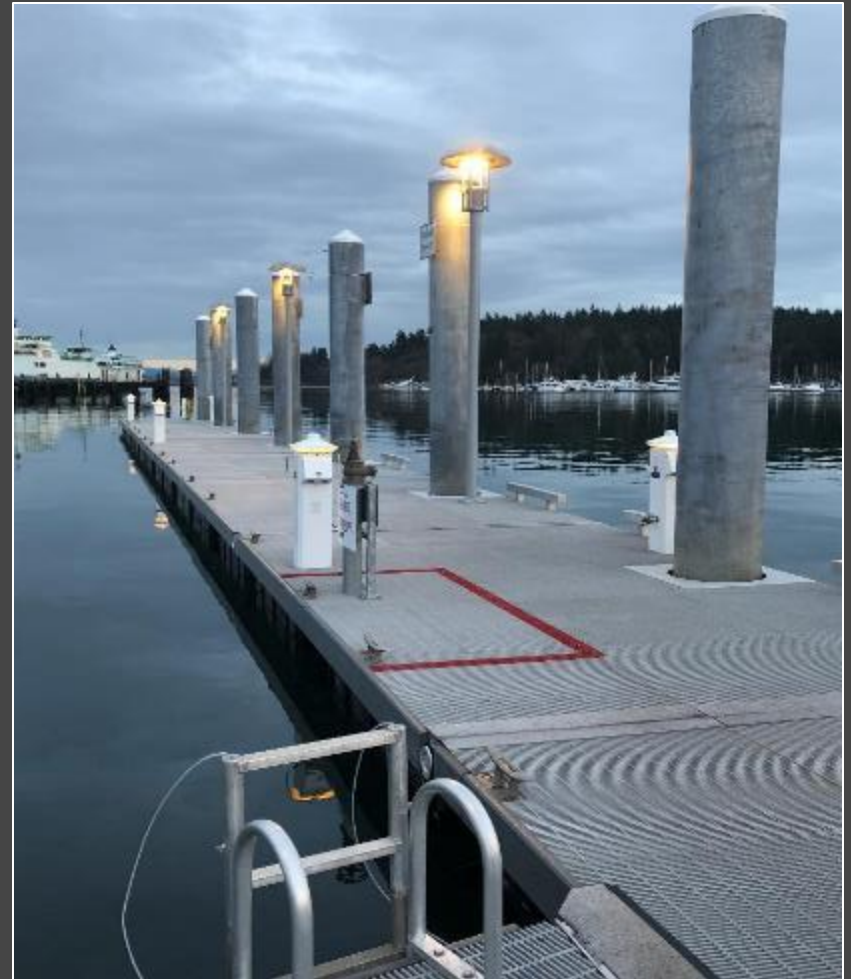
Written Evaluations

Federal Evaluation Criteria

- Tier 1: state competition
- Tier 2: national competition

Compliance Period

- Useful life period for the entire project is based on the longest useful life period identified for one or more capital improvement(s) within the BIG funded project.



2019 BIG Tier 1 Applications

Federal fiscal year 2020 and 2021

- Biennial request for proposals
- Four applications last July requested \$537,816
- Boating Programs Advisory Committee evaluates projects



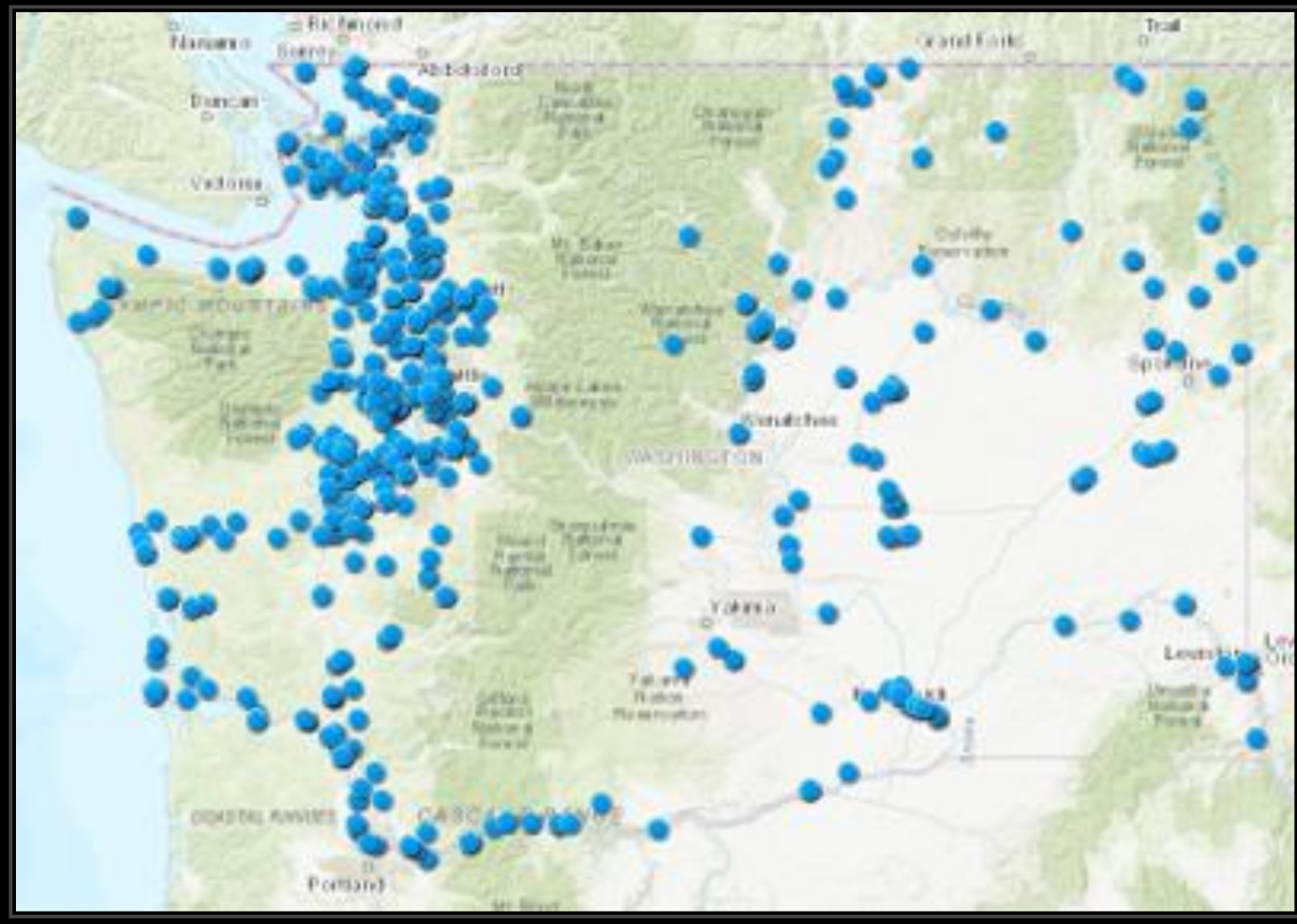
2019 BIG Tier 2 Applications

Federal fiscal year 2020

- Annual request for proposals
- One application last July requested \$1,440,645
- Boating Programs Advisory Committee reviews projects
- Applications to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service by early September for national evaluation



Past Funded Boating Projects



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Don't be left High and Dry...Apply in 2020 !!!

Questions ?