



WASHINGTON STATE
Recreation and
Conservation Office



Investing in Washington's Great Outdoors

WASHINGTON PUBLIC PORTS ASSOCIATION
TUESDAY'S ROUNDTABLE: SMALL PORTS BIG WORK



Presenter: Marguerite Austin

Outdoor Recreation

- Athletic facilities
- Boating access
- Parks
- Trails
- Shooting ranges
- Water access

Habitat Conservation

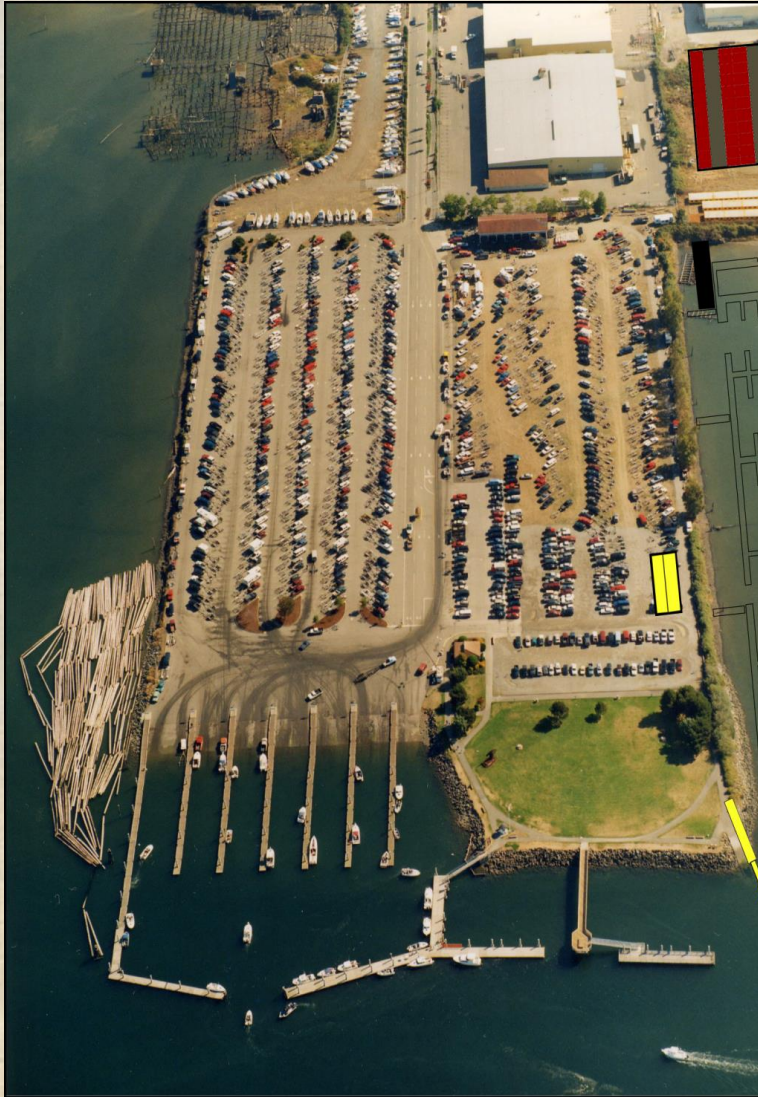
- Farms and forests
- Critical habitat
- Urban wildlife habitat
- Riparian corridors
- Shoreline restoration
- Wetlands protection

Salmon Recovery

- Replacing barriers to allow fish passage
- Replanting stream banks
- Restoring estuaries
- Pristine habitats



Recreation and Conservation Office Grants



- 17 Statewide Grant Programs
 - Five directly benefit boaters
 - Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account
 - Boating Facilities Program
 - Boating Infrastructure Grant
 - Land and Water Conservation Fund
 - Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program
 - Competitive Process
 - State and Federal Funding Sources

Funding for Ports



• Projects	212
• Grant Funds	\$63 million
• Sponsor Match	<u>\$62 million</u>
• Investment	\$125 million

RCO's Funded Ports – 46!

- Allyn
- Anacortes
- Bellingham
- Benton
- Bremerton
- Brownsville
- Camas-Washougal
- Centralia
- Chehalis
- Chelan County
- Chinook
- Clarkston
- Columbia
- Douglas County
- Edmonds
- Eglon
- Everett
- Friday Harbor
- Garfield
- Grapeview
- Grays Harbor
- Hoodspout
- 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

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board



Board's Strategic Plan, Guiding Principle #1

The Board's primary roles are to:

1. Ensure the best possible investment of funds in protecting and improving habitats, ecosystems, and outdoor recreation opportunities;
2. Provide accountability for those investments; and
3. Provide citizen oversight to the funding process.

Washington Administrative Code
286-13-020

Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account

Protection, enhancement, and public access to Washington's aquatic lands.

Projects must be on navigable water bodies.

- ✓ Fishing access
- ✓ Nonmotorized boating
- ✓ Shoreline restoration
- ✓ Swim beaches
- ✓ Water access sites



Protection and Water Access



Public Access



Boating Facilities Program

Motorized recreational boating activities

- ✓ Boat launches
- ✓ Boarding floats
- ✓ Breakwaters
- ✓ Transient moorage
- ✓ Upland support amenities
 - Restrooms
 - Parking
 - Laundry



Port of Willapa Harbor's Tokeland Marina

\$802,000



Before



After

Port Grays Harbor 28th Street Launch

\$1,100,000



Before



After

Port of Kennewick's Clover Island

\$595,000



Port of Bellingham's Fairhaven Launch

\$300,000



Before



After



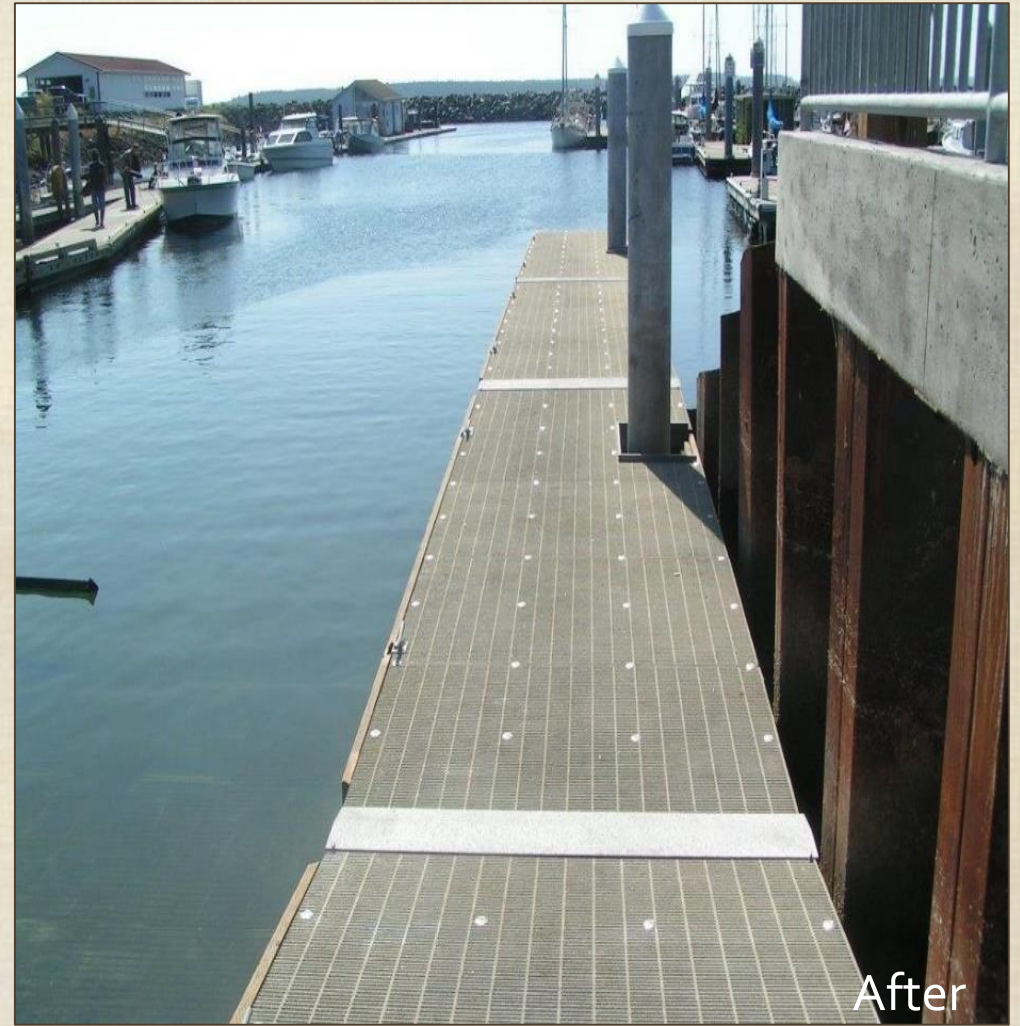
RCO Grants for Ports

Port of Port Townsend Boat Ramp

\$489,000



Before



After

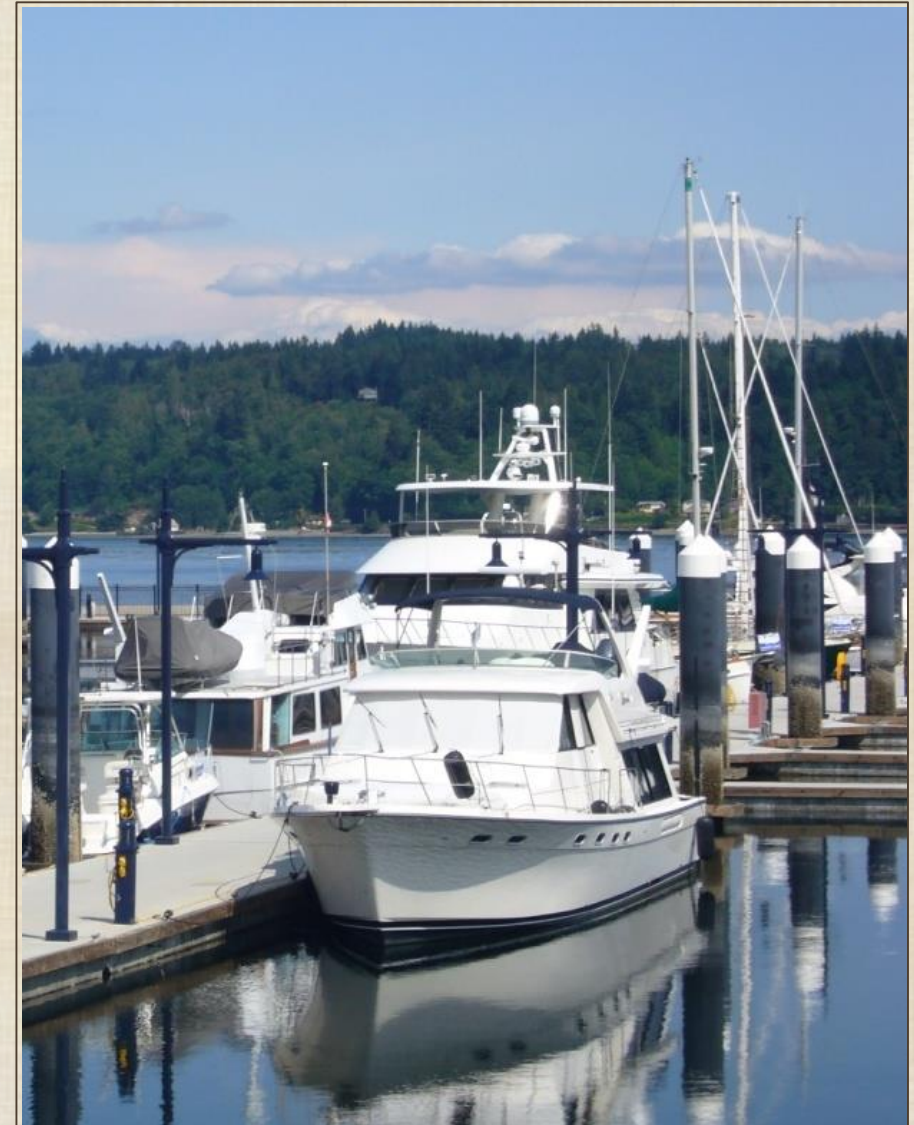
Boating Infrastructure Grant

Motorized boating facilities that support vessels 26' or larger

- ✓ Boarding floats
- ✓ Breakwaters
- ✓ Transient moorage
- ✓ Upland support amenities

Eligible Applicants

- ✓ State agencies
- ✓ Local agencies (PORTS)
- ✓ Nonprofit organizations
- ✓ Private marina operators



Boating Infrastructure Grant



Land and Water Conservation Fund



Grants for active and passive outdoor recreation for current and future generations

- Eligible Applicants
 - State agencies
 - Local agencies (PORTS)
- Program Funding
 - Lease fees from off-shore drilling permits
 - Current biennium: \$1.6 million

Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program

- Created in 1990 to...
 - Acquire as soon as possible the most significant lands for wildlife conservation and outdoor recreation purposes before they are lost
- Funding
 - General obligation bonds appropriated by the Legislature
 - \$85 million
2019-2021



WWRP Categories

- Outdoor Recreation
 - Local Parks
 - State Parks
 - Trails
 - Water Access
 - State Lands Development and Renovation
- Conservation
 - Critical Habitat
 - Farmland Preservation
 - Natural Areas
 - Riparian Protection
 - Urban Wildlife Habitat
 - State Lands Restoration and Enhancement



Water Access Category

Projects that provide physical access to shorelines for non-motorized water related recreation

- ✓ Clam digging
- ✓ Fishing access
- ✓ Nonmotorized boating
- ✓ Shoreline restoration
- ✓ Swim beaches
- ✓ Water access sites



Accessibility



Dabob Bay Natural Area Preserve



Accessible Design

- Facilities must be designed to be accessible for all.
- Incorporate early
- Additional information:
 - Online presentation on accessibility
 - See “Making Your Project Accessible to All” on RCO’s Web site



Long-Term Obligation

- Completed projects, in most cases, must be maintained in perpetuity, that is forever!
- Leased areas at least 25 years
- RCO conducts inspections every few years to make sure sites are protected.



RCO's Website



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Boating Facilities Program
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