



Grants for Recreational Boating

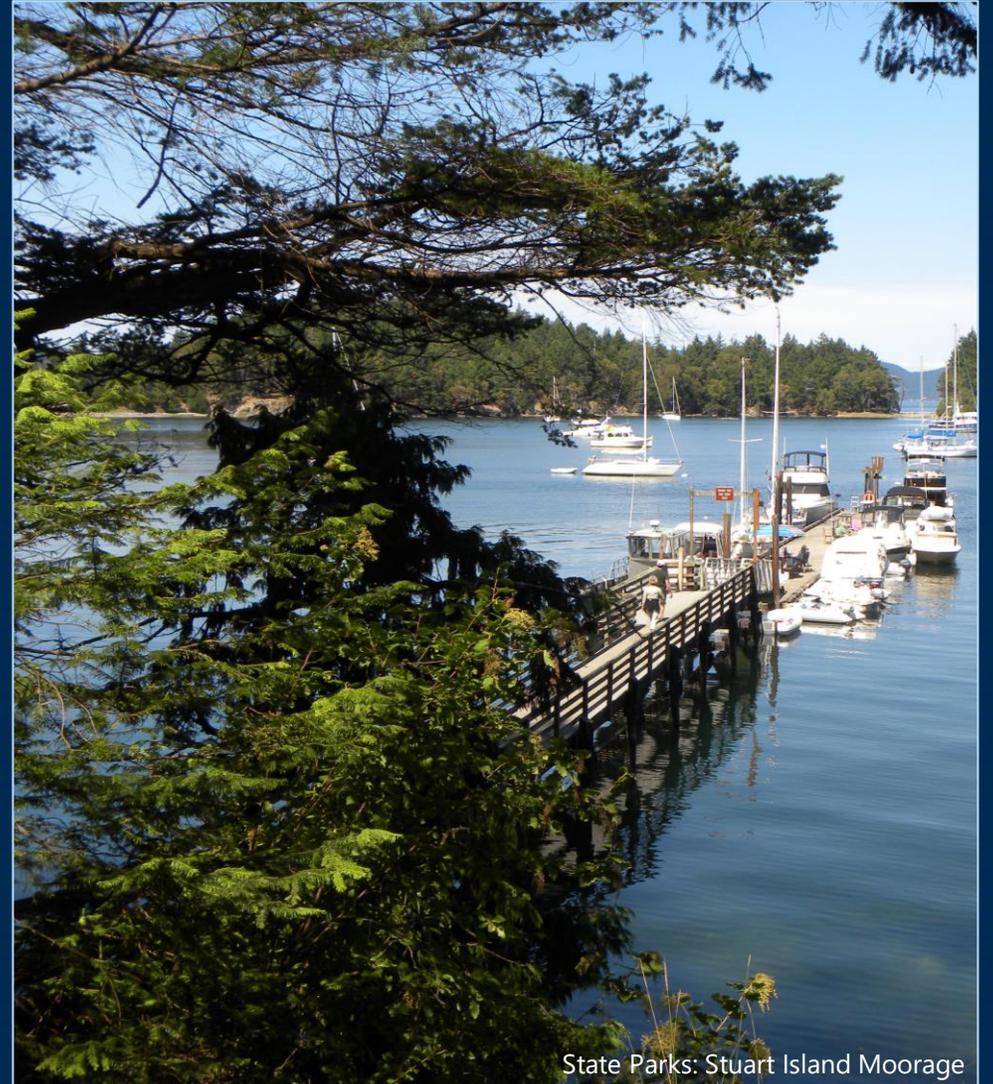
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Investing in Washington's Great Outdoors



RCO's Boating Programs

- Who is RCO?
- What does RCO fund?
- How much funding is available?
- What grants are offered?
 - Eligible applicants
 - Project types
 - Grant limits
 - Evaluation criteria
- How can I be successful?
- Where do I get more information?



State Parks: Stuart Island Moorage



Purpose

The Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) is an exemplary partner that provides statewide leadership and funding to protect and improve the best of Washington's natural and outdoor recreation resources, now and for future generations.

Created by voter Initiative 215 in 1964

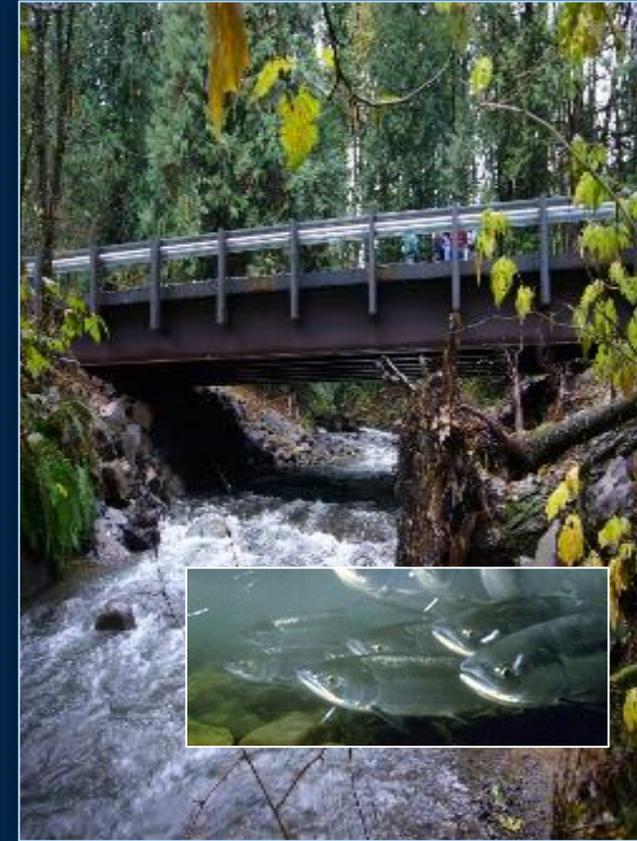
- Invest in outdoor recreation infrastructure
- Create a "recreation estate" for the future

Three Grant Sections

Recreation and Conservation

Education

Salmon Recovery



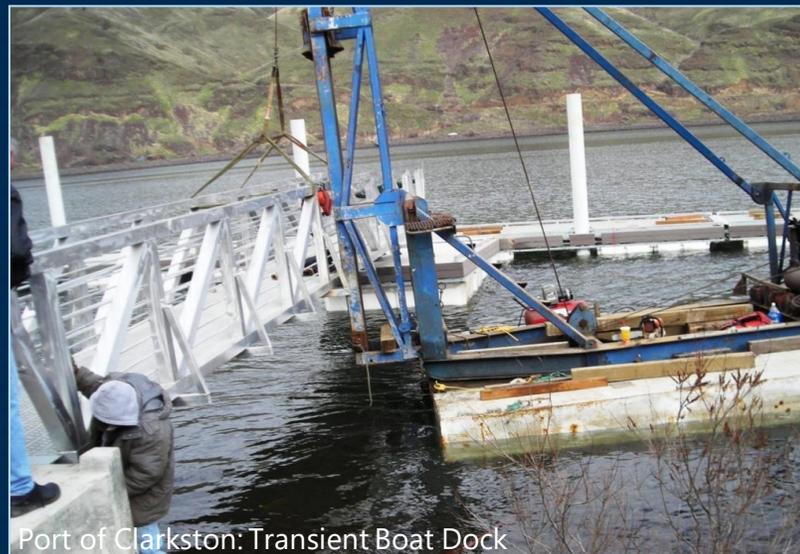
Recreation and Conservation Funding Board

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Salmon Recovery Funding Board

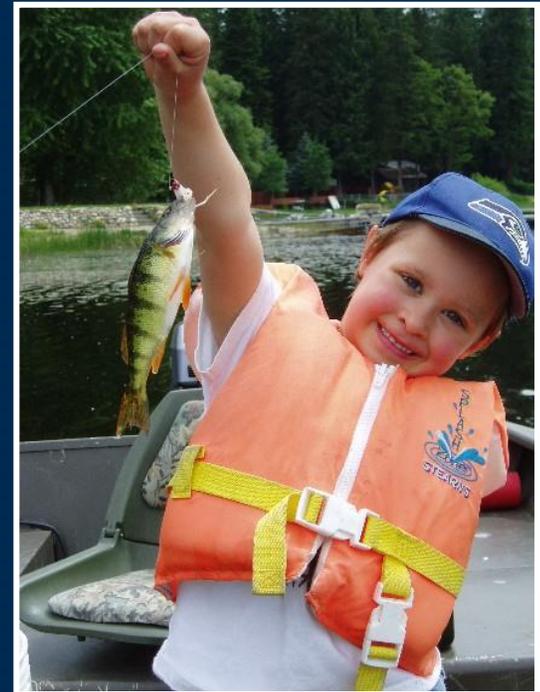
If you want to...

- Build or renovate facilities for motorized recreational boats
- Acquire property for future development of motorized recreational boating facilities
- Plan for future motorized recreational boating facilities, or a
- Combination of those...



...then check this out.

What does RCO fund?



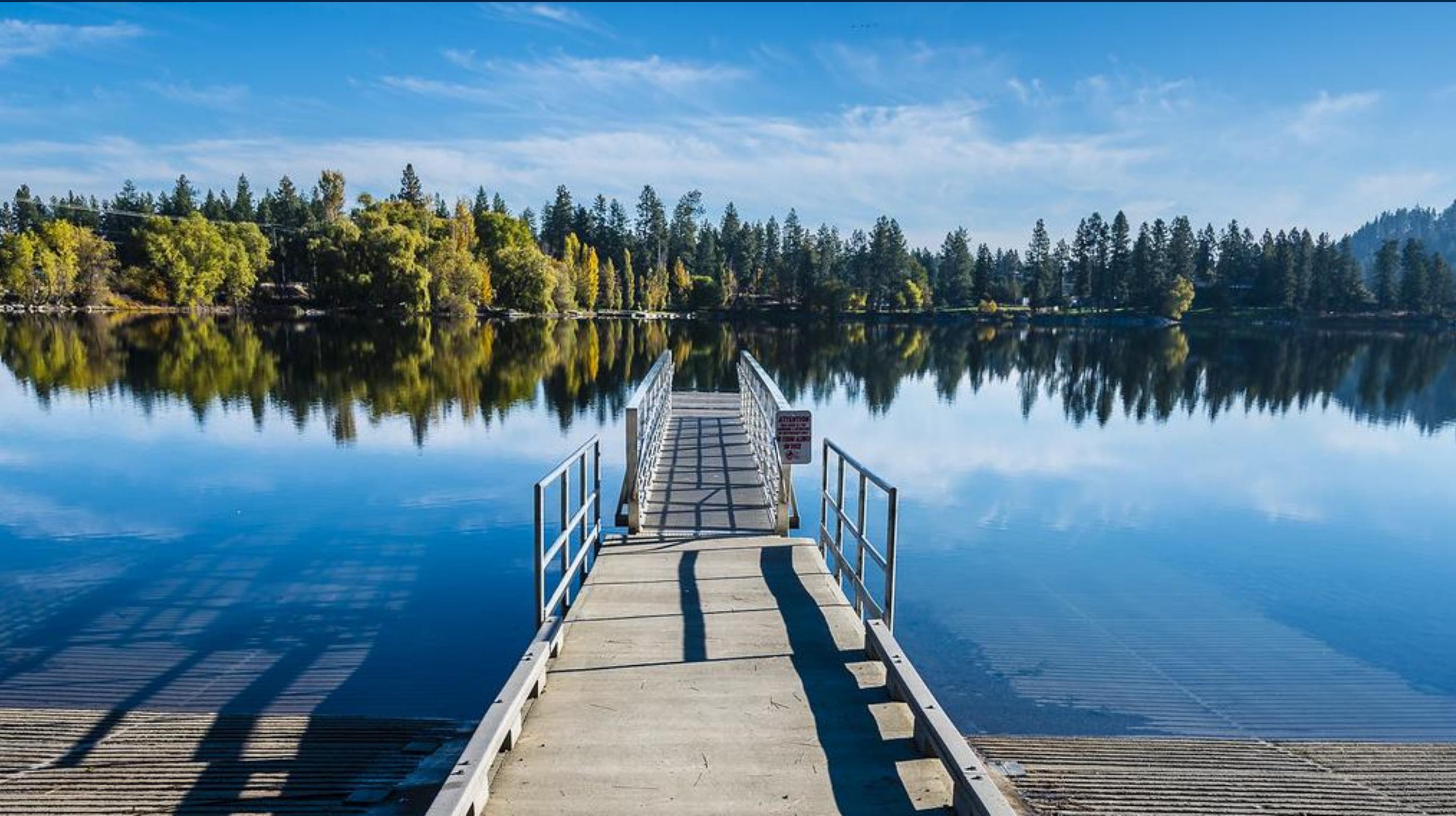
Motorized and Nonmotorized





Port of Camas-Washougal: Boat Ramp

Boat Ramps and Boarding Floats



ATTENTION
NO SWIMMING
NO SKIING
NO TUBING
NO WAKEBOARDING
NO WATER SKIING
NO WAKEBOARDING
NO WAKEBOARDING





Castle Rock: Helenberg Boat Launch



Port of Everett: 10th Street Moorage



State Parks: Sun Lakes State Parks



Transient Moorage and Bouys





Chelan: Don Morse Park Marina



State Parks / Lake Chelan State Park

Support Amenities

Support Amenities

- Pump outs
- Restrooms
- Showers and laundry



Support Amenities

- Breakwaters
- Log booms
- Wave attenuation structures



Port of Poulsbo: Floating Breakwater



State Parks: Cape Disappointment Breakwater

Support Amenities

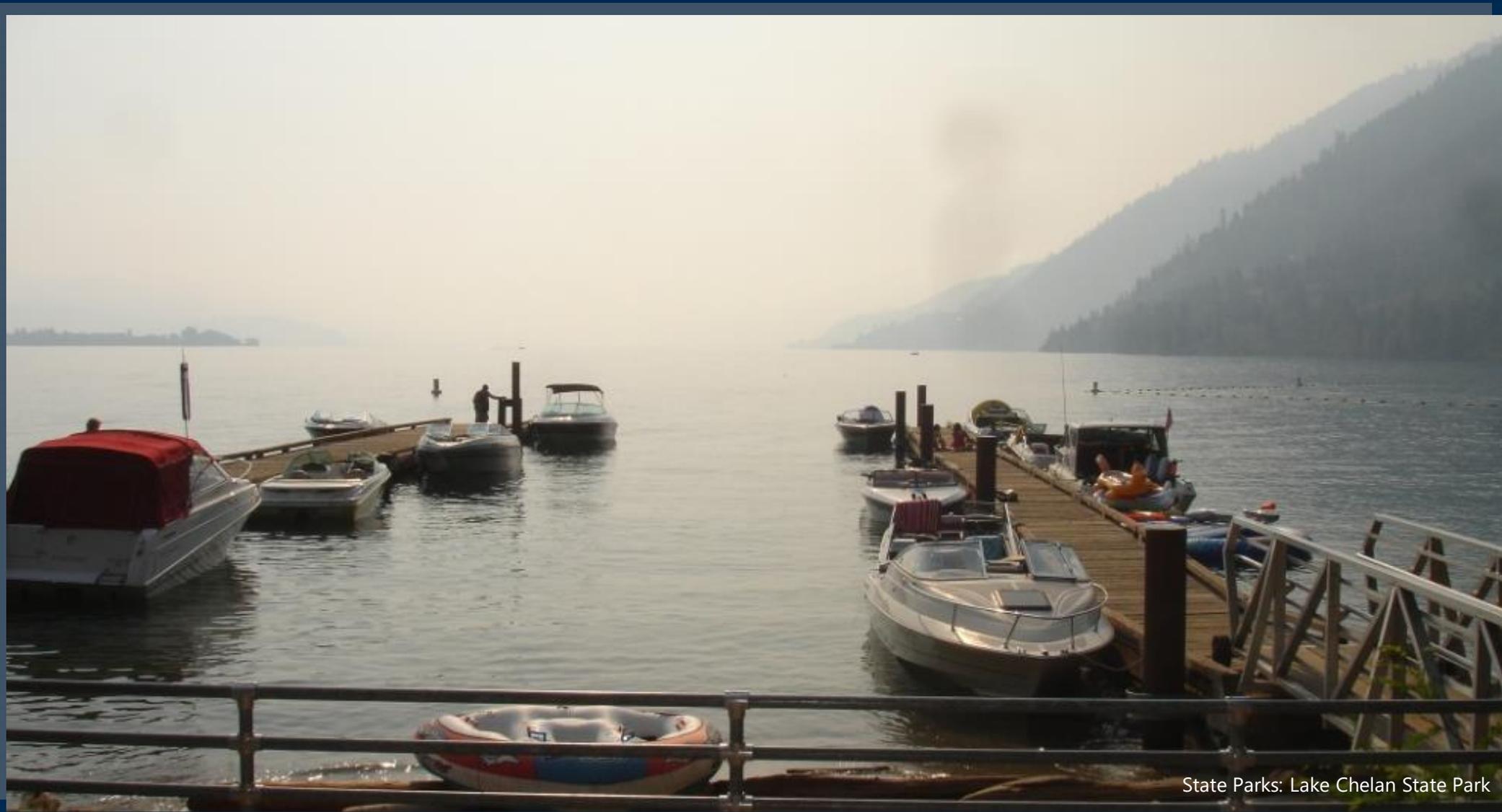
- ADA Access
- Parking
- Picnic Areas



Camp Sites and Kiosks



Kenmore: Log Boom: Waterfront Park



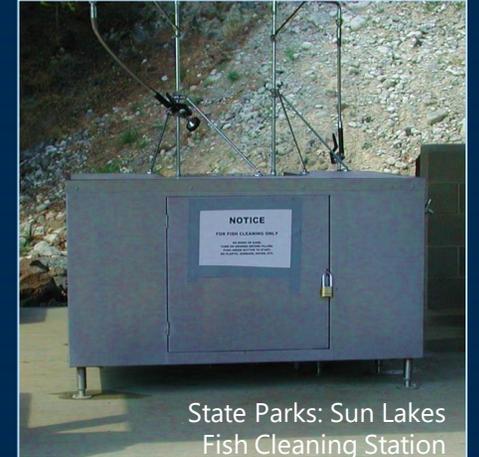
State Parks: Lake Chelan State Park

Water Access

Fishing Access



Tacoma Metro



State Parks: Sun Lakes
Fish Cleaning Station



Port of Waterman: Fishing Pier

Beach Access, Interpretive Areas





How much funding?



Jones Island State Park

Funding and awards

- 20 statewide grant programs (*40-50 categories*)
- Competitive process for awards
- State and federal funding sources

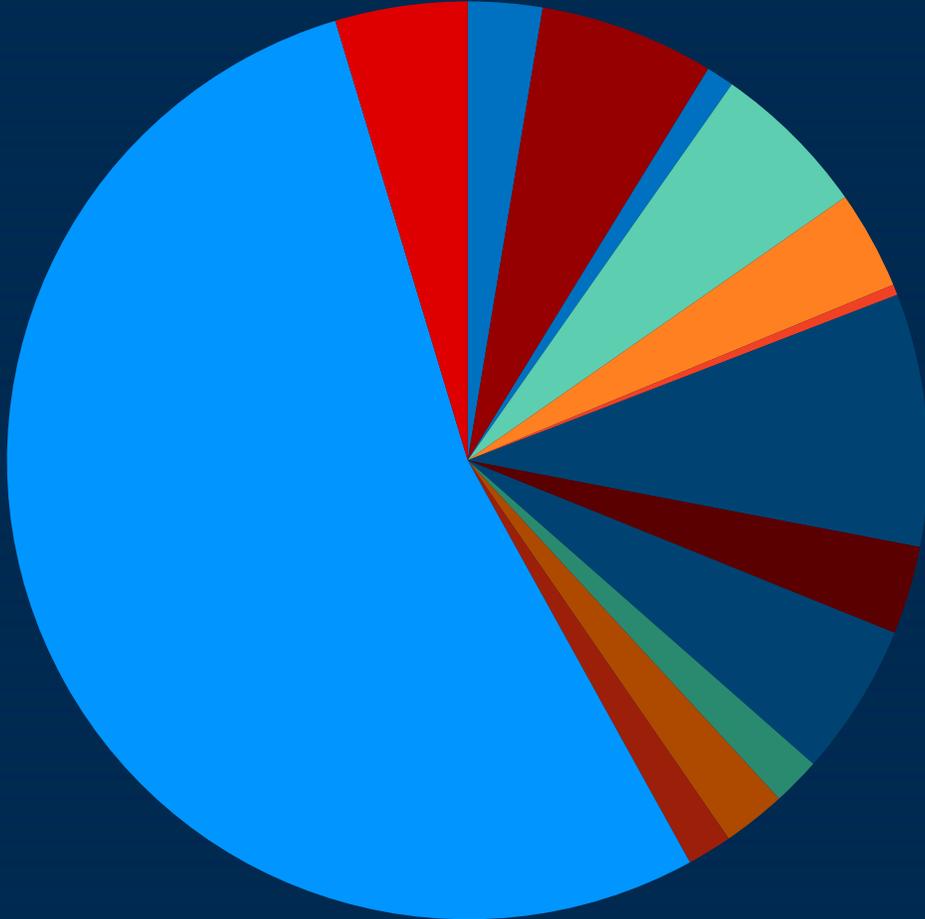


Boating Programs

- Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account (*nonmotorized boating*)
- Boating Facilities Program (*motorized only*)
- Boating Infrastructure Grant Program (*motorized only*)
- Land and Water Conservation Fund
- Local Parks Maintenance
- Planning for Recreation Access
- Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (*nonmotorized boating*)



All about the money...

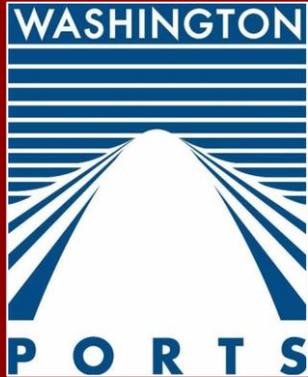


2023-2025 Biennium

■ ALEA	\$5,858,000
■ BFP	\$13,800,000
■ BIG	\$2,200,000
■ COAF	\$12,500,000
■ CFP	\$7,807,000
■ FARR	\$840,000
■ LWCF	\$20,000,000
■ NCLI	\$7,000,000
■ NOVA	\$12,063,000
■ OLG	\$3,850,000
■ PRA	\$5,000,000
■ RTP	\$3,540,976
■ WWRP	\$120,000,000
■ YAF	<u>\$10,440,000</u>

\$212,408,976

RCO Grants Awarded to 49 Ports!



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
Hoodspport
Illahee
Ilwaco
Indianola
Kalama
Kennewick
Keyport
Kingston
Klickitat
Longview
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

Applicant or Sponsor Match



RCO Capital Investments

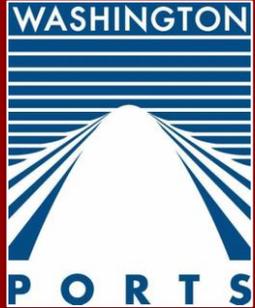
All Programs

All projects	14,295 projects	\$4.3 billion
Recreation and Conservation	6,875 projects	\$1.7 billion

Boating Programs

Program	Projects	Grants	Total Investment
Boating Facilities	760	\$186.4 million	\$295.1 million
Boating Infrastructure	39	\$14.7 million	\$37.7 million
Total	799	\$201.1 million	\$332.8 million

Funding for Ports



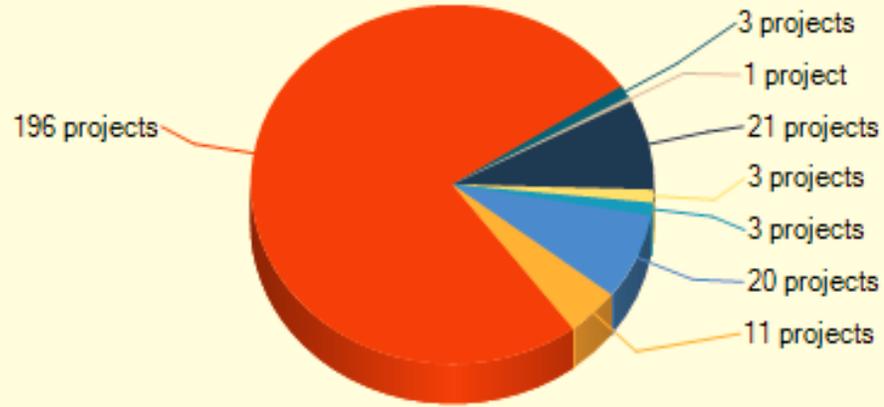
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Projects Funded

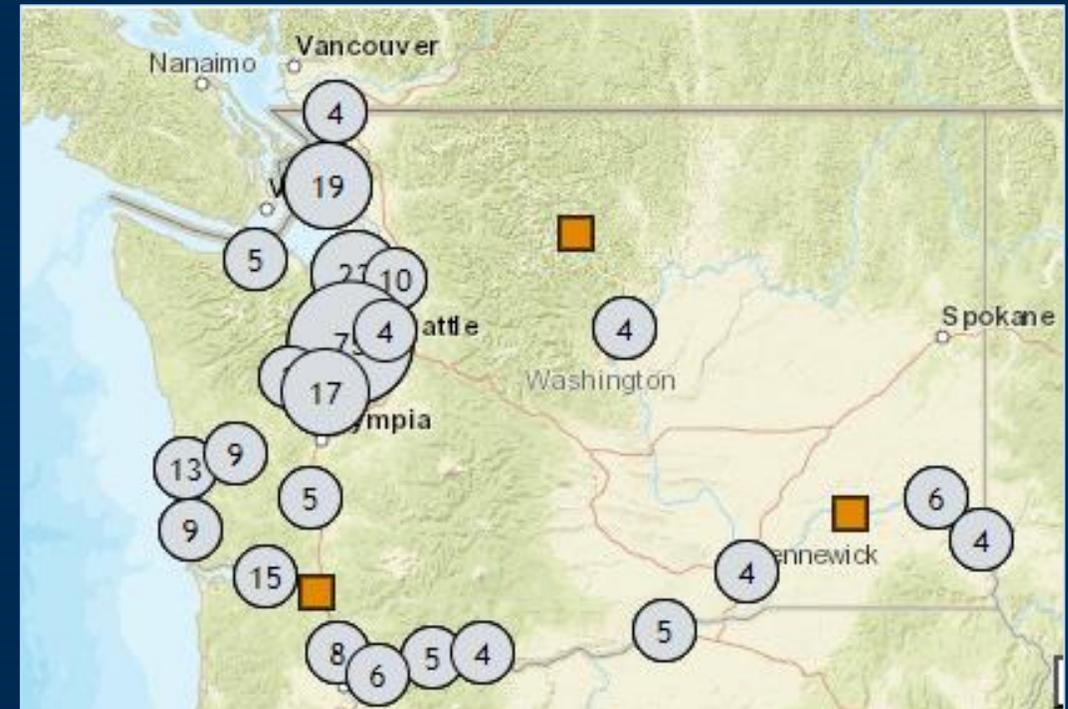


- Grant Funds \$82 million
- Sponsor Match \$84 million
- Investment \$166 million

Project Types



- Acquisition (\$3,174,539.20)
- Acquisition & Development (\$2,976,675.04)
- Development (\$69,625,607.69)
- Development & Restoration (\$1,276,565.08)
- Enhancement (\$293,958.69)
- Planning (\$2,481,621.26)
- Planning & Development (\$2,488,172.00)
- Restoration (\$1,810,537.63)



Boating Facilities Program



Port of Willapa Harbor's
Tokeland Marina



Port of Bremerton's Marina



Castle Rock's Al Helenberg
Boat Launch

Boating Facilities Program Funding

- Motor vehicle gasoline tax paid by boaters
- Grant funds are divided equally between state and local agencies
- Budget is \$6.9 million



Boating Facilities Program Overview

- Targets motorized recreational boats ≤ 26 feet
- *Boating Grant Programs Plan*
- Typical projects:
 - ✓ Launch ramps
 - ✓ Moorage floats*
 - ✓ Breakwaters
 - ✓ Upland support facilities



Note: Transient moorage for a maximum of 14 consecutive days

Boating Facilities Program

Eligible Applicants

- Local governments
 - Cities and counties
 - Park districts
 - Port districts
 - Public utility districts
- Native American tribes
- State agencies



Establish Planning Eligibility

- Required for Boating Facilities Program
- Plans may be on file at RCO
 - Check status on RCO's Web Site
- Plans are due September 1st
- Assistance:
 - *Manual 2, Planning Policies*
 - Contact RCO

Manual 2

Planning Guidelines

July 2023

Boating Facilities Program

Project Types

- Acquisition of land for future development
- Planning (design and permitting)
- Development and/or Renovation



Kennewick: Columbia Park East Boat Launch

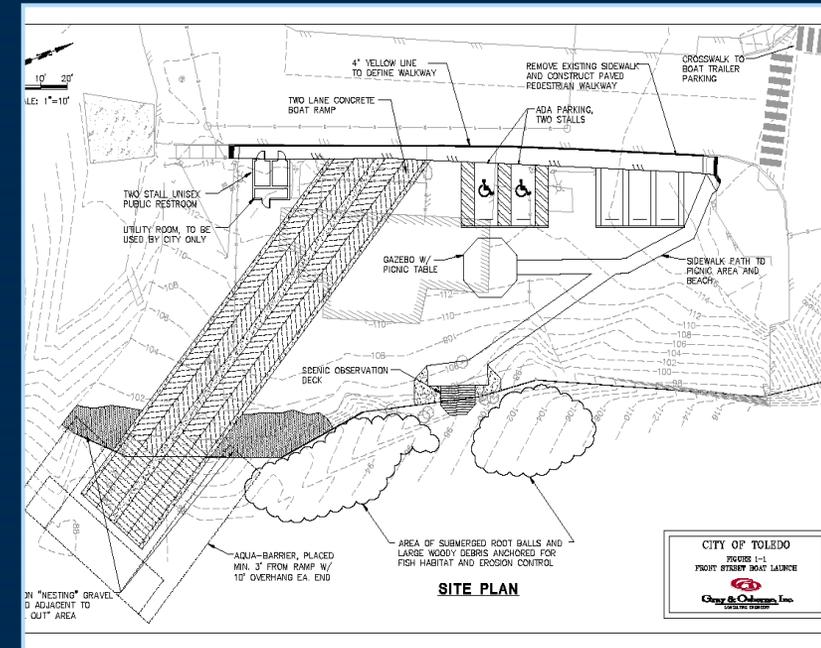


Seattle: Atlantic City Boat Launch Renovation

Boating Facilities Program

Planning Projects

- Project deliverables
 - Cultural resources
 - Permits
 - Bid specifications
 - Construction documents
- Planning projects must result in a “ready to proceed” development project



Toledo, Front Street Boat Launch

Boating Facilities Program Funding



- \$1 million maximum request for:
 - Acquisition
 - Development or renovation
 - Combination: acquisition and planning/development
- \$200,000 or 20% of estimated construction cost, whichever is less for planning projects.
- 25% match – Locals and Native American tribes.
 - Except for state agencies and Native American Tribes, at least 10% of the total project cost must be provided in the form of a non-state, non-federal match.

Evaluation Criteria

In-person virtual presentation



Boating Facilities Program Evaluation Criteria Summary				
Scored by	Question	Item	Project Type ⁴³	Possible Points
Advisory Committee	1	Need	All	15
Advisory Committee	2	Site Suitability	Acquisition	20
			Combination, Development, Planning	15
Advisory Committee	3	Urgency	Acquisition	10
			Combination	5
Advisory Committee	4	Project Design	Development	10
			Combination of Acquisition and Development	5
Advisory Committee	5	Planning Success (architecture and engineering only)	Planning	10
			Combination of Acquisition and Planning	5
Advisory Committee	6	Sustainability	Combination, Development, Planning	5
Advisory Committee	7	Cost-benefit	All	10
Advisory Committee	8	Boats on Trailers	All	5
Advisory Committee	9	Boating Experience	All	6
Advisory Committee	10	Readiness	All	5
RCO Staff	11	Matching Shares	All	4 Local
				1 State
RCO Staff	12	Proximity to People	All	1
RCO Staff	13	Growth Management Act (local agencies) Preference	All	0
Total				76 Local 73 State

Boating Infrastructure Grant



Boating Infrastructure Grant (BIG) Program Overview

- Federal grant program
- Funded by the US Fish and Wildlife Service
- Development/renovation of boating facilities targeting vessels that are >26 feet
- Funds may also be used to provide information and enhance boater education



Boating Infrastructure Grant



Typical Projects

- ✓ Moorage floats
- ✓ Breakwaters
- ✓ Navigational aids
- ✓ Upland support facilities
- ✓ Education/information materials

Note: There is a 15 day limit on overnight moorage.

Boating Infrastructure Grant

Eligible Applicants

- Local governments
 - Cities and counties
 - Park districts
 - Port districts
- Native American tribes
- State agencies
- Qualified nonprofit organizations
- Qualified private operators



State Parks: Blake Island Electrical Upgrades

Boating Infrastructure Grant

A “qualified” private operator or non-profit organization:

- ✓ Registered with the Washington Secretary of State’s Office
- ✓ Identified equivalent successor
- ✓ Active in recreational boating 3 or more years
- ✓ No exclusive use of funded facilities
- ✓ Does not discriminate
- ✓ Primary purpose is recreational boating
- ✓ Meets federal eligibility requirements

Boating Infrastructure Grant

Land acquisition
is not eligible

Project Types

- Development/renovation
 - On navigable waters with a minimum depth of 6 feet at lowest tide
- Education/Information Materials
 - Charts, guides, brochures



Boating Infrastructure Grant Money Matters



- Tier 1 - State Grants
 - Grant request: \$5,000 to \$192,086
 - State competition written evaluation
 - Funds available: \$384,172

- Tier 2 - National Grants
 - Grant request: \$200,001 to \$1,440,645 million
 - National competition with a written evaluation
 - Funds available: \$8.5 to \$13 million

- 25% match required

Except for state agencies and Native American Tribes, at least 10% of the total project cost must be provided in the form of a non-state, non-federal match

Boating Infrastructure Grant Criteria

Tier 1

Summary of Tier 1 Questions and Score			
Scored by	#	Title	Maximum Points
Advisory Committee	1	Meet a Documented Need	10
Advisory Committee	2	Demonstrate Cost Efficiency	7
Advisory Committee	3	Improve Boater Access	3
Advisory Committee	4	Project Design	3
Advisory Committee	5	Demonstrate Partnerships	3
Advisory Committee	6	Advance Technology	3
Advisory Committee	7	Demonstrate Innovation	2
Advisory Committee	8	Environmental Stewardship	1
RCO Staff	9	Match	7
Total possible points			39

Tier 2

Question	Subject	Maximum Points
A	Meet a Documented Need, Improve Eligible Boater Access, and Demonstrate Cost Efficiency	20
B	Meet Match Requirements and Demonstrate Partnerships	10
C	Demonstrate Innovation and Environmental Stewardship	6
Total possible points		36

Want to know who's successful?



McMicken Island

Project Search



About PRISM and Project Search

Project Search

Choose Search Criteria

1 - Click criteria links below:

- Organization
- Geographic Area
- Theme or Fund Source
- Project Status
- Project Type
- Project Number
- Project Name
- Keyword
- Fiscal Year

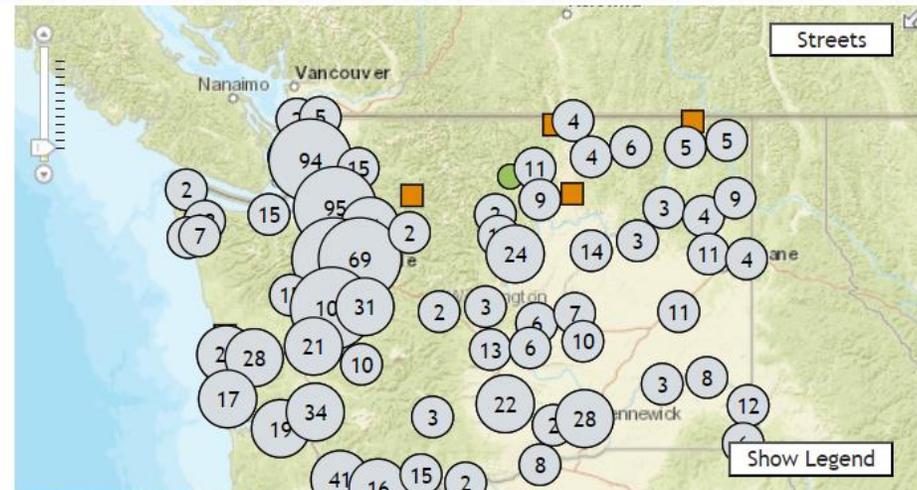
Selected Criteria

- All organizations
- All areas
- Recreation Projects - Boating Projects
- In Progress, Completed
- All types
- All project numbers
- All names
- All words
- All fiscal years

2 - Select list or chart format:

Project Listing

3 - Click Search to see results:



Number of worksites: 1164

Search Results

4 - Click icon to display Project Snapshot

798 total projects

Number	Type	Project Sponsor	Project Name	Status	End Date	Fund Source	Agency Funding	Sponsor Match	Total with Match	Zoom To
78-069 A		Aberdeen Parks & Rec Dept	Chehalis River Park	Completed	06/30/1980	Land and Water Conservation	\$54,938	\$18,313	\$73,250	

Project Search



WASHINGTON STATE
Recreation and
Conservation Office

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Project Snapshot
PRISM Project #22-1823 (In Progress)

JWM Boat Launch Boarding Float Replacement

[Collapse All](#)

Project Details



Port Angeles Port of, JWM Boat Launch Boarding Float Replacement (#22-1823) Attachment #527670, Photo #4_9.3.2021.jpg



Project Status: Active since 08/08/2023
Planned Completion: 04/30/2025
This project is in progress. Project scope, activities, and dollars may change.

Project Type: Development
Project Sponsor: Port of Port Angeles
Funding Board: Recreation and Conservation Funding Board

Funding

Boating Facilities - Local:	\$257,250	
Total RCO Grant:	\$257,250	(75%)
Sponsor Match:	\$85,750	(25%)
Total Agreement:	\$343,000	(100%)

RCO Grant Status

Total RCO Grant:	\$257,250.00	
Paid To Date:	\$0.00	(0%)
Grant Balance:	\$257,250.00	(100%)

Links

[Original Project Agreement](#)
[Attachments: 26 files](#)

Project Description

The Port of Port Angeles will use this grant to replace an old boarding float with an accessible and environmentally compliant access wedge and boarding float at the John Wayne Marina public boat launch in Sequim, Clallam County. The primary recreation opportunity provided by this project is

What makes a winning project?



Port of Willapa Harbor :Tokeland Marina

Tips

- Key Criteria
 - Well thought out proposal
 - High cost-benefit
 - Meets community needs
 - Wants vs. needs
 - Meets program priorities
- Key Consideration
 - Perpetual commitment
 - Reimbursement



Control and Tenure of Project Areas

- Applicants must have “control and tenure” of all project areas as part of a complete application.
- A Department of Natural Resources’ aquatic lease is required for projects located on state-owned aquatic lands. This includes bedlands, tidelands, shorelands, harbor areas, and waterways.
- Contact DNR early to secure any aquatic lease.



How do get more information?



Port of South Whidbey: Langley



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Recreation and
Conservation Office

Recreation and Conservation Office

1111 Washington Street
Olympia, WA 98504
Phone: (360) 902-3000
www.rco.wa.gov

[Contact a Grants Manager - Recreation and Conservation Office \(wa.gov\)](#)

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Policy Materials

Manual 12

Boating Infrastructure Grant Program

March 2022



Web Site: www.rco.wa.gov

- Boating Facilities Program, (Manual 9)
- Boating Infrastructure Grant Program (Manual 12)
- Acquisition Policies (Manual 3)
- Development Projects (Manual 4)

Outdoor Grant Manager



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Russell Malburg

Let's Get Started

Spring Cycle

- Application Webinar February 14, 2024
- Plan Due March 1, 2024
- Application Due May 1, 2024
- Board Award Grants June 30, 2025

Fall Cycle

- Application Webinar August 7, 2024
- Plan Due September 1, 2024
- Application Due November 1, 2024
- Board Award Grants June 30, 2025



Near Jones Island State Park



THANK
YOU

