

News and Information from Oregon International Port of Coos Bay and Oregon State Marine Board

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Marine Board Approves Two Coos County Area Boating Facility Projects

The Oregon International Port of Coos Bay and Coos County both received grants from the Oregon State Marine Board to make a variety of boating facility improvements at the Marine Board's quarterly meeting April 7, 2008, in Wilsonville.

The Port requested \$76,300 in Marine Board funds to help replace the restroom at the Charleston Marina near the outer boat basin and the boat launch ramp. The projected cost for the restroom replacement is \$152,000. The Port and its local partners – Charleston Merchant's Association, Charleston Community Enhancement Corporation and the Bay Area Sportsmen's Association – are providing the remainder of the project costs through cash and in-kind contributions.

The Charleston Marina launch ramp provides access to the 30th highest used water body in the state, and the new pre-fabricated restroom will provide accessibility for all users.

Coos County requested \$50,000 in state funds to purchase the Rooke-Higgins boat ramp on the Millicoma River (North Fork of the Coos River) that is currently being leased by the County from private owners. This will provide a permanent boating access facility for public use. Existing improvements on the property to be acquired include a single-lane concrete launch ramp, boarding floats, piling, a two-stall vault toilet, asphalt road and parking area with 35 boat trailer parking spaces and signs.

State funding provided by the Marine Board for boating facility grants come entirely from state registration fees and marine fuel taxes paid by owners of registered boats. For more information about boating facilities, visit www.boatoregon.com.

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