



Proactive Removal of ADVs in Oregon Public Ports

The situation: Oregon's public ports are becoming increasingly burdened by abandoned and derelict vessels, which threaten our waterway ecosystems and pose impediments to public access, recreation, fishing, commerce, and more. These vessels also hinder the ability of ports to effectively serve their communities and the state of Oregon as a whole.

The initiative: The Oregon Department of State Lands and the Oregon Public Ports Association are partnering on the proactive removal of abandoned vessels from port facilities. Participating ports will seek proposals from qualified vendors with expertise in marine salvage and the disposal of vessels and marine debris.

As a grant-funded initiative, these projects will come with unique requirements and oversight. Vendors awarded contracts under this opportunity must be prepared to help fulfill all requirements of the grant including but not limited to accommodation of media and outreach activities, tracking and reporting of vessel metrics, photo documentation of project activities, and fulfillment of environmental and solid waste permit requirements.

Funding for these projects has been made possible by the BoatUS Foundation's Abandoned and Derelict Vessel (ADV) Program with support from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Marine Debris Program.

For vendors and or contractors who provide in-kind services or in-kind reduced expenses towards the completion of the project, and can provide the documentation supporting this, BoatUS Foundation will provide an official tax-deductible document to the contractor or vendor reflecting these in-kind contributions.

About the BoatUS Foundation: The non-profit BoatUS Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water promotes safe, clean and responsible boating and is leading a nationally competitive grant program for the removal of abandoned and derelict vessels (ADV) throughout coastal areas of the United States including the Great Lakes, U.S. territories, and Freely Associated States. More than 7 million in funding has been awarded to facilitate local ADV removal projects. To help educate the public and prevent future ADVs, the Foundation is also creating a national ADV database to track the scope of the challenge and measure success, document ADV prevention and removal activities to share with the public and supporting a national dialogue and education efforts on boating-related debris removal. Projects are supported by funding made possible in partnership with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Marine Debris Program. Learn more at marinedebris.noaa.gov.

