



# **2021 RBAW Annual Meeting**Sustaining RBAW for the Future

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2022 Legislative and Regulatory Policies & Positions



Initiative	RBAW Action
Provide ongoing seed funding for RBAW  Marine Parks Conservancy	Asking Board to be prepared to support identified actions. Have broached a discussion with DNR based on recommendations from the Senate Ways & Means Chair.
Department of Natural Resources (DNR) plan to dedicate up to \$7.5M in Watercraft Excise Tax dollars toward Derelict Vessel Removal Program (DVRP)	Strongly support and assist DNR in developing a process to ensuring a more sustainable Derelict Vessel Removal Program – including non-public-land removals
Oppose any efforts to increase the <b>Watercraft Excise Tax</b> on vessels	Headed off 2021 attempt and this will require constant vigilance and oversight each year. Opportunities to remove the WET altogether are considered highly unlikely.



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Promote increased education and awareness surrounding <b>Boating Safety</b>	RBAW believes if Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs) statutes are to be amended, it should start with human-powered vessel operators. Absent compelling data, we have concerns about adding "wear at all times" requirements for PFDs on all registered vessels.
Enable additional mobile vessel pump-out capabilities in Puget Sound area	Start dialogue with Washington State Parks regarding capital dollars for mobile vessel pump-out devices that can augment federal Clean Vessel Act dollars
Finalize <b>Lakebay Marina</b> purchase-and-sale agreement	Work to complete this acquisition and begin the process of removing unsafe pilings and other equipment, and start future planning and funding process
Support the <b>Big Tent Outdoor Recreation Coalition</b> & Outdoor Recreation Caucus	RBAW supports the ongoing work of the Big Tent and the ORC requirement into an ongoing renewal program. Continue to be an active participant in its efforts.



#### FEDERAL REGULATORY MATTERS

Initiative	RBAW Action
Unlock three-year Marina permit processing gridlock held up by the National Marine Fisheries Service	Continue to work closely with NMTA, Ports, Pacific Northwest Waterways Association and others to in support of marinas and outstation owners which seek to do upgrades
No Discharge Zone (NDZ) Established by the Department of Ecology (DOE):	Continue to closely track a legal challenge to the Puget Soundwide NDZ pending in U.S. District Court. RBAW will continue to focus on recreational boater education regarding potential NDZ impacts.



#### STATE REGULATORY MATTERS

Initiative	RBAW Action
Petition the Department of Revenue (DOR) to amend their recent rule-making of the Watercraft Excise Tax Depreciation Schedule	RBAW believes that the recent change to the depreciation schedule is not realistic in how its is structured for older vessels (14 years old and more). We are petitioning the Department of Revenue (DOR) in an attempt to have them make an amendment.
Expedite and simplify Department of National Resources (DNR) Aquatics Land Leases processes	Along with partners at NMTA, hold regular quarterly meetings with DNR to discuss ways to expedite and simply the lease renewal process for Marina and outstation owners
Capitol Lake Management Study	Assist Olympia Yacht Club, Port of Olympia and others in a "Waterfront Alliance" in promoting a 'Managed Lake' alternative and ensuring above all else that any solution will hold OYC and others harmless on the financial side



#### LOCAL REGULATORY MATTERS

Initiative	RBAW Action
Protect the Funding and Operations of the Seattle Harbor Patrol to restore personnel and enforcement which have been depleted	RBAW, NMTA, maritime industrial councils, and others continue to work with Seattle City leaders in an effort to ensure funding is allocated to get this premier marine enforcement unit back to appropriate levels.
Promote safe and responsible behavior in  Andrews Bay while working against any efforts to shut it down for boating and anchoring	RBAW will continue to fight to ensure that the vast majority of boaters who responsibly go into Andrews Bay can continue to do so while enjoying this overnight-mooring location.



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2022 Legislative & Regulatory Priorities

