

# Public Notice



The Oregon State Marine Board is soliciting comments on:

## Proposed Relocation of the Kevin J. Duckworth Memorial Dock from the Eastbank Esplanade to Swan Island

*The agency is soliciting public comments on the use, need and impact of the proposed relocation of the Duckworth Dock.*

### Background:

The Kevin J. Duckworth Memorial Dock formerly known as the Eastbank Steel Bridge Tie-up Dock (Dock) is located on the eastbank esplanade, upstream of the Steel Bridge. The dock was built as part of the Oregon Convention Center/Lloyd District development program to serve both recreational and commercial boats visiting the area.

The City of Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) envisioned the dock having a water taxi service and becoming a destination for recreational boaters cruising in to watch a Trailblazer game, see a concert, have a meal and enjoy public boating access to the area.

An Oregon State Marine Board Boating Facility Grant was approved in July 1997. The dock was constructed as part of the large eastbank esplanade project. The work was completed in 1999 and the City was reimbursed \$340,983 of state recreational boater funds. The dock is operated and maintained by PBOT.

### Issue:

The vision for the dock has not materialized as anticipated by PBOT. Over the last six to seven years the use of the dock has become problematic. Many boats were staying beyond the allowable time resulting in restrictions to overnight use per City of Portland Ordinance 186748 and 186749.

There also is an increase in the number of requests for non-recreational boating activities to occur on the dock such as swimming and fishing.

### Proposal:

The City has requested consideration to relocate the dock approximately 2.75 river miles downstream to Swan Island and transfer operation and maintenance to Portland Parks and Recreation.

The proposed location is on the Willamette River with the upland connection merging into the North Portland Willamette Greenway trail. The dock would include a

200-ft slow no wake zone. The intention of the dock would include serving short-term overnight and day use recreational boaters.

### How do I participate?

The Marine Board will be hosting a public meeting on February 23, 2016 from 6:00-8:00pm in The Portland Building, Room C, 1120 SW Fifth Ave., Portland, Oregon. The Portland Building is located on the Transit Mall and participants are encouraged to use either the bus or MAX to attend.

Comments may also be submitted in writing until February 23, 2016, 8:00pm. The Marine Board will not accept comments by telephone.

### Send written comments or questions by mail, fax, or email to:

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### What happens after the public comment period?

At the conclusion of the public comment period, agency staff will consider all the comments, evaluate the merits of the proposed dock relocation and will subsequently bring a recommendation before the 5-member Marine Board at the March 29, 2016, Board Meeting in Portland. Public comment will not be accepted at the Board meeting.

The Marine Board will vote to:

1. Initiate an amendment to the existing grant;
2. Allow or deny dock relocation; or
3. Take some other action.