



MEMORANDUM

TO: Rob Fix

Date: May 7, 2019

FROM: Shirley McFearin 

CC: Dave Warter 

SUBJECT: Washington State Parks & Recreation Department Grant Funding Request

ACTION REQUESTED

Authorize the Executive Director to apply for and accept a grant, as funds become available, from the Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for reimbursement of up to 90% of the costs associated with the disposal of the abandoned 21' motor vessel 'Bell Boy'.

BACKGROUND

In October 2018, the motor vessel Bell Boy capsized while moored on the Fairhaven Linear Moorage System (seasonal moorage for visiting boaters) but remained afloat while tied to the mooring system.

The vessel owner was contacted on several occasions and stated they would remove the vessel on their own. As the winter months quickly approached, the owner was not able to safely remove the vessel or pay for a contractor to remove the vessel. After several attempts to work with the owner he ultimately was unable to take responsibility for this vessel and has become unresponsive to further Port contact. The Port is looking to take possession of the vessel, in accordance with the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 79.100.040(3), on May 12, 2019.

In April 2019 a quote was received by local diving contractor, Top to Bottom, to haul out and dispose of the vessel once the vessel is in Port custody. Total estimated costs including contractor and staff time is estimated at <\$10,000.00.

FISCAL IMPACT

The Port will pursue reimbursement from DNR for 90% for all associated disposal costs. All reimbursed funds will be applied to the Work For Others (WFO) account 1-000-176-1110 to offset total expenses. All remaining expenses will be applied to BCT operating budget.

STRATEGIC PURPOSE

This meets the 2019 Marine Terminals Objective to provide first-class transportation facilities to the meet the needs of the travelling public.

RECOMMENDATION

Approve Action Requested