



WOOO NOTICE ON RULEMAKING RE DREDGING RATES

If you or your organization have any chance of needing to dredge in the future, please take urgent and important action to protect yourselves from huge rate increases.

Background:

House Bill 2238 passed last year: the director shall evaluate the impact of fully recovering, through fees, the costs to the Department of State Lands of administering the removal and fill program provided for under ORS 196.600 to 196.921. (b) The director shall establish project tiers for fees...

DSL states they only recoup 21% of costs which means they could consider a 500% rate increase on these fees.

Dredging is included in these categories.

We have asked repeatedly to have a stakeholder or more who is subject to dredging on the RAC. We have been denied and told that there are consultants who represent us. We are not familiar with a single one of them and the consultant who does most of the in water dredging consulting was never approached nor informed.

Stan Tonneson and I were the only water representatives there and our questions during the public info session were not answered. Neither Stan nor I have any dredging needs now or in the future and we are temporarily standing in for those who should be concerned.

It's said that "if you aren't at the table, you're likely on the menu". You and the water community are not at the table.

To look at who was invited to the table, some of whom would be beneficiaries of rate increases click here [RAC Roster](#)

Here's what we recommend YOU do immediately:

-Find someone who is concerned and committed to making this a priority to represent your organization and connect them with us.

-Subscribe to notices

<https://www.oregon.gov/dsl/Pages/subscribe.aspx> in particular the sub category Rulemaking: proposed changes to administrative rules

-Attend the virtual meetings

A Rulemaking Advisory Committee (RAC) will be convened in Summer 2024, and all RAC meetings will be noticed, recorded, and open to the community to attend. The anticipated meeting schedule (subject to change, [subscribe to notifications](#)):

- July 10, 2024
- August 14, 2024
- August 28, 2024
- September 11, 2024
- October 9, 2024

-Report to WOOO, make recommendations if needed and we will muster the overall support needed to ensure all waterfront organizations are informed, represented and protected.

-Attend WOOO Board meetings the first Wednesday of every month to keep informed and participate. Become a member, the cost is low but the numbers count. Let us be an even bigger voice for you.

We have always valued our relationship with all governmental agencies including the Oregon DSL and will continue to do so in working on the soon to come RAC on Submerged Lands Leases. We don't feel this is being handled in the best fashion and plan to engage in a positive fashion for the benefit of all.

Best regards,

Ron Schmidt, President

WOOO Statement of Purpose

- To encourage and promote educational programs aimed at all users of waterways to increase public access to the river as a gathering place for a wide range of waterway activities.
- To foster stewardship of Oregon's waterways with an eye toward environmental responsibility and recreational use; making our organization available for projects that benefit Oregon's waterways.
- To monitor and communicate with governmental agencies to ensure that members are fully informed of waterway and waterfront regulations and policy changes that potentially impact the members of the waterfront community.

- To network and associate with other groups as a resource for the common interests and benefits of all waterway users.

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