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# Sheriff's Marine Patrol Unit

Recreation and Boating Fund

## Mission Statement:

The mission of the Sheriff's Marine Patrol Unit is to promote boater safety through education, enforcement and active patrol of all waterways located in and around Clallam County. The Marine Patrol Unit investigates all boating related crimes and boating accidents that occur on all waterways located in and around Clallam County.

## Functions:

- Provide and maintain trained professional Marine Patrol Officers.
- Promote boater safety through aggressive use of the Boater Safety Inspection program and through enforcement of all boater safety laws.
- Actively enforce the Washington State Boat Registration law.
- Investigate all boating accidents and boating related crimes that occur in Clallam County.
- Actively patrol all official scheduled boating events that occur in Clallam County.
- Patrol of area lakes during the summer months to promote safe operation of all watercraft on local inland waters
- Maintain all vessels owned and operated by the Marine Patrol Unit.

## Long Term Goals:

- Build an active working relationship with the United States Coast Guard, the United States Customs and Border Protection Service, and the Washington State Fish and Wildlife through the use of joint patrols.
- Aggressively educate the public on boater safety issues through the use of the Boater Safety Inspection program.
- Establish an active presence during peak boating times on all marine waters located in Clallam County.
- Promote boater safety through the use of Public Safety Announcements in the local media.
- Identify and seek additional sources of funding for the Marine Patrol Unit.
- Build and maintain a strong work ethic in the Marine Patrol Unit

## Short Term Objectives:

- Adjust the budget so additional funds can be used for wages and benefits to increase patrol hours.
- Increase Marine Patrol Unit's activity for State Park's reporting requirements.
- Transfer maintenance and replacement of navigation buoys located on Lake Sutherland to the Lake Sutherland Home Owner Association.
- Identify all boating related events that occur in Clallam County and schedule personnel and vessels to patrol those events.

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- Conduct a minimum of two Boater Education Classes as required by the State.
  - Research U.S. Homeland Security, the Port Security Grant Program, to purchase a new marine patrol vessel for.
  - Pursue funding for a new outboard motor and a radar plotter for the Zodiac

## **Accomplishments in 2008:**

- Shark Cat sold to Lower Elwha
- Commission of Zodiac for patrol boat
- Refit and re-powered Whaler
- Standardized uniforms for Marine Patrol personnel
- Maintenance schedules established for all patrol vessels
- Secured a building for patrol vessel storage with Washington State Fisheries and Wildlife
- Established a working relationship with U S Coast Guard for joint patrols of major boating events in Clallam County
- Established a working relationship with U.S. Customs and Border Protection for joint marine patrol
- Regular Public Boater Safety Announcements aired on KONP during boating season

## **Additional Funding Secured in 2008:**

- Boater Safety Grant for 2007 and 2008 for \$16,200 for wages and benefits for increase patrol hours
- Boater Safety Grant for 2008 and 2009 for \$17,507 for wages and benefits for increase patrol hours
- Boater Equipment Grant for \$8,800 for the purchase of a new motor for Whaler

## **Cost Savings Measures Initiated in 2008**

- Standardized Marine patrol personnel uniforms
- Sale of Shark Cat saving operating, moorage and maintenance costs of vessel
- Re-power Whaler with a more fuel efficient outboard motor and with one that requires less scheduled maintenance than previous outboard motor
- Reduced Marine patrol fleet to two power boats
- Perform as much maintenance on motors as possible ourselves to save money (cost of shop time at dealer \$90.00 per hour)
- Shared cost of rent and utilities for storage building with Fish and Wildlife

## **Performance Indicators:**

- Statistical tracking and review of boating safety incidents, injuries and property damage.
- Year to year comparison analysis of safety training programs and their content.

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## Workload Indicators:

	2006 Actual	2007 Actual	6/30/08 Actual	2009 Estimated
Reportable activity to Washington State Parks	120	142	525	810
Hours spent actively patrolling waterways	118	163	205.5	600
Number of Safety Inspections completed	9	133	523	800
Citations written for boater safety violations	1	8	0	5
Citations written for vessel registration violations	1	1	0	5
Boater education programs given to the public	9	0	0	2
Public events attended by the Unit to promote safe boating.	40	6	5	10

## Operating Budget

### Revenues:

	2006 Actual	2007 Actual	6/30/08 Actual	2009 Budget
Beginning Fund Balance	12,797	16,397	59,098	47,836
Taxes	0	0	0	
Licenses and Permits	0	0	0	
Intergovernmental Revenues	34,661	35,115	35,375	52,227
Charges for Goods and Services	0	0	0	0
Fines and Forfeits	0	187	0	1,000
Miscellaneous Revenues	0	50,000	0	0
Other Financing Sources	0	0	0	0
General Tax Support	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$47,458</b>	<b>\$85,302</b>	<b>\$94,473</b>	<b>\$101,063</b>

### Expenditures:

	2006 Actual	2007 Actual	6/30/08 Actual	2009 Budget
Salaries and Wages	8,499	14,803	7,767	30,460
Personnel Benefits	2,540	3,712	2,284	3,960
Supplies	8,106	11,483	1,566	3,500
Other Services and Charges	6,811	12,351	4,583	14,550
Intergovernmental Services	0	0	0	0
Interfund Payments for Services	5,106	252	3,746	10,224
Capital Outlay	0	0	27,864	0
Ending Fund Balance	16,396	42,701	46,663	38,369
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$47,458</b>	<b>\$85,302</b>	<b>\$94,473</b>	<b>\$101,063</b>

## Agency Structure:

- The Chief Criminal Deputy position oversees all of the Marine Patrol Unit's activity.
- The Marine Patrol Unit is staffed with four commissioned Deputy positions who are trained as Marine Patrol Officers.
- One Deputy position has been designated by the Sheriff as the unit's coordinator. The coordinator is responsible for the daily operations of the unit.
- There is one Reserve Officer currently assigned to the unit and two volunteers that are available to assist in some activities the unit performs.