

## PORT OF GOLD BEACH

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Patrick Brennan, Committee Administrator RE: HB 2459 Marine Board Fee Increase

Dear Mr. Brennan,

The Oregon State Marine Board is responsible for many of the conveniences that are enjoyed by boaters on a daily basis. OSMB has funded or helped fund our restroom, launch ramps, parking lots and now our second Pumpout/Dump Station for our marina. We also receive annual maintenance dollars to help keep these amenities for boaters going strong.

OSMB staff has always been helpful going above and beyond to help the Port of Gold Beach with projects. In the past year OSMB has worked with the port to engineer and design our new Pumpout/Dump Station, engineer and design a new truck/ boat parking lot to help boaters more easily access the fish cleaning station and OSMB has also partnered with OBDD/IFA in working with ports to get their dredge permitting.

Curry County and the ports within it suffer from lack of funding for law enforcement and depend of the funding from OSMB to keep law enforcement in our waters. Speaking only for the Port of Gold Beach, we find OSMB to be invaluable to our operations and are very thankful to have their services.

In this letter I have only minimally spoke of the services provided by OSMB to express that the Port of Gold Beach support the fee increase for the Oregon State Marine Board.

Regards,

Debbie Collins, Manager

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