

Having lived on the Columbia River system for the last 13 years, I have personally witnessed the increase of derelict boats throughout the area. I have worked with OSMB, State Lands, Port of Portland, Metro, and Multnomah County Sheriff River Patrol on this issue for more than 6 years. Derelict and abandoned floating structures (old docks/etc) have caused water quality degradation, pollution from diesel and gasoline fuels, battery acid, paint, hydraulic fluids, etc., and damage to the waters/shoreline of both public and private lands. Just last year I was involved in reporting over 10 sunken vessels in just the North Portland Harbor alone - these eye sores and damages to the natural environment need to be addressed immediately upon discovery and reporting - they are navigation hazards to all boaters and also decrease the natural beauty of Oregon.

As I routinely use the North Portland Harbor waterways, I regularly witness these growing concerns. The accumulation of garbage and pollution is a concern to water quality and the public's ability to enjoy the river, North Portland Harbor, and adjacent state-owned properties along this riverway.

Respectfully submitted,

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