



## **Your Full Service Marina at the First Stop on the Multnomah Channel.**

Chairman Beyer, Vice Chairwoman Findley and members of the committee

Thank you for your involvement with SB 740.

My name is Cherie Sprando and my husband and I are owners of Fred's Marina at 12800 NW Marina Way, Portland, Or 97231. This location is on the Multnomah Channel. My grandfather bought this property and built this marina from scratch in the late 30's and it was ready for business in 1946. It has always been a boat moorage with a few floating homes. It has one of the last public floating fuel docks in the Portland area with a convenience store, launching ramp and moorage for 170 to 190 plus vessels. Our customers come from all over the state and Washington as well. Fishing season, which begins about now and then flows into the summer recreational boating season, is a special time for boat owners. Fred's Marina has served the boating public for over 75 years now and we hope to continue.

Unfortunately, floating derelicts and the misuse of the waterways and its shoreline, which used to be a minor irritation that occurred irregularly and was dealt with in a timely manner, has turned into widespread navigational hazards and a pollution nightmare.

Due to the fact that the OSMB has had the responsibility to deal with these in the past with the assistance from the Multnomah County River Patrol, their major limitation has been the funding to take care of the ever-growing issue.

SB 740 is a beginning to help increase that funding in a fair and equitable way so that already established programs can be given financial life and start to dispose of these derelict vessels that do nothing but clutter our shorelines, promote criminal activity and pollute our rivers.

For some reason, another bill appeared shortly after this one surfaced which is SB 840. It has very similar characteristics with some positive aspects that could be added to SB740, but it removes an already established program with the OSMB and the MCRP and turns it over to the individual counties. Why are we even thinking of reinventing the wheel and increasing the funding to the point of potentially limiting the opportunity for some people to own and enjoy boating? All I can see in SB840 is more red tape and the collected funds which could be directed solely to the removal and disposal of the main issue here, will end up being consumed by all the necessary redundancy of each county having their own individual programs, staff and all the start up costs to deal with the boats in their county.

I would hope that all of you think long and hard about how we can take SB 740 and make it something that can be adopted and implemented very soon so we can get our waterways cleaned up again and remove the potential for the criminal element which seems to exist today.

Thank you for your time and consideration of SB 740.

Sincerely,

Cherie Sprando, owner  
Fred's Marina