



Non-Motorized Boating National Survey Results A Synopsis

September and October 2016

Data collected by: Oregon State Marine Board

Who Responded:

- 50 States and Washington DC Responded
- 49 States and DC completed the survey
- 3 Territories responded and completed the survey



STATES THAT TITLE NON-MOTORIZED BOATS

State	Canoes	Kayaks	Rafts	Inflatables	SUP Boards	Kite Boards	Sailboats	Other (please specify)	Fee Structure
DC	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		Flat Rate
FL								16ft or greater	Per Foot
IA							X	17ft or longer	Flat Rate
MN	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Greater than 16ft	Flat Rate
OK			X	X	X		X	All boats except canoes and kayaks	Flat Rate
PA	X	X					X	Powered by an outboard motor, 14ft in length or longer, and 1997 model year or newer.	Flat Rate
RI								All boats larger than 14ft, regardless of propulsion	Per foot
SC	X	X	X	X			X		Flat Rate
SD	X	X		X		X		NM boats over 12ft	Flat Rate
VA							X	NM boats 18ft and greater	Flat Rate



HOW ARE TITLE FUNDS SPENT

States	How many non-motorized boats are currently titled?	Where the funding goes
DC	586	Direct to DC Treasurer
FL		
IA		General fund & 1/2 to County Recorders
MN	2,480	Access, LE, Education, Grants, Land Acquisition plus river gauges, AIS and river and lake improvement efforts for both motorized and non-motorized.
OK	19,654	Deposited in the State's General Fund
PA		It is with the boating fund.
RI		Deposited into a restricted fee account strictly for Law Enforcement & Administrative purposes
SC	Approx. 27,323	Law enforcement, Grants, Administration, and Land and Water Resources Administration
SD		Funds go to the Game, Fish and Parks Dept.
VA	Less than 10,000	Access, Education, and Enforcement



WHICH STATE REGISTER NON-MOTORIZED BOATS

States	Canoes	Kayaks	Rafts	Inflatables	SUP Boards	Kite Boards	Sailboats	What is exempted from registration?
AK	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	NM boats are exempt from requirements but voluntary registration.
DC	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
FL								less than 16 ft and non-motor-powered canoes, kayaks, racing shells, or rowing sculls, regardless of length
HI	X	X		X			X	All manually powered watercraft, and sail-powered (only) watercraft <8 ft in length Registration is voluntary.
IA	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Inflatables 7 ft or less; Canoes & Kayaks 13 ft or less; Stand up paddle boards 13 ft or less
MN	X	X	X	X	X		X	10 ft length and under, waterfowl boats during waterfowl season, rice boats during harvest season
MO							X	Sailboats under 12 ft in length, if powered by sail alone
MT							X	Sailboats 12 ft. and under in length, if powered by sail alone
NH	X			X			X	Sail <12 ft, manually propelled
OH	X	X						Stand up Paddle boards and Float Tubes
OK			X	X	X		X	Canoes and kayaks
PA	X	X		X	X		X	Less than 14 ft in length.
RI	X	X	X	X			X	Rowboats 12 ft or less, and canoe
SC	X	X	X	X			X	A sailboat or paddle boat when no propulsion machinery of any description is installed in or attached to the boat.
SD	X	X		X	X		X	Any non-motorized boat under 12 ft in length
VI	X	X		X	X		X	Government & nonprofit organization
WI	X	X					X	Wisconsin has a "voluntary" registration for non-motorized vessels, it is not required



HOW REGISTRATION FUNDS ARE SPENT

States	What is the registration fee?	How many non-motorized boats are currently registered?	Where the funding goes
AK	\$10 for 3 years	473	General Fund
DC	Varies by length per year – Boats without propulsion is \$10/yr.		
FL	\$5.50 to \$189.75 per year depending on length	21,688	Marine Resources Conversation Trust Fund
HI	\$18 per year for vessels <19ft.		
IA	\$12 for 3 years	36,113	Access, LE, Education
MN	\$10.50 + fees, every 3 years, over 19ft.-under 26' \$45 plus fees, every 3 years, different rates for non-profit, rental or larger all plus \$7 initial filing fee and \$5 AIS surcharge every 3 years	193,789	Access, State Water Trails, LE, Education, Grants, Land Acquisition plus river gauges, AIS and river and lake improvement efforts for both motorized and non-motorized.
MO	Varies by length \$25 - \$150 for 3 years		State General Revenue Fund
NH	Varies by length \$24 - \$92 per year		Access
OH	Varies from \$17 - \$95 depending upon size, type, propulsion every 3 years	195,219	Dedicated to NM Access, LE, Education, Grants and Land Acquisition
OK	Based on factory delivered price (FDP) of the vessel. Vessels with FDP of \$150 or less costs \$1.00 per year to register. Vessels in excess of \$150 FDP cost \$1.00 plus and additional dollar for each \$100 or portion thereof of the FDP up to a maximum of \$150. Vessels can be registered for a one or a 3 year period.	19,654	Funds are deposited in the State's General Fund
PA	\$18 every two year	2015 - 19,824	All money goes into the boating fund.
RI	Determined by the foot; fee according to length of vessel every 2 years		Dedicated to NM Access, LE, Education, Grants and Land Acquisition
SC	\$30 for 3 years		Law enforcement; administration; and land and water resources administration
SD	Non-motorized boat over 12ft. registration fee is \$15.00 per year.		
VI	Class A \$25; Class I \$50; Class II \$100; Class III \$150; Class \$200 per year for each Class	183	Law enforcement and Education
WI	\$11 for non motorized, \$17 for non-motorized sailboats 12ft. to 16ft., \$22 for non-motorized sailboats 16ft. and greater (title included) for 3 years	18,387 as of 12/31/2015	

STATES THAT PERMIT NON-MOTORIZED BOATS

States	Canoes	Kayaks	Rafts	Inflatables	SUP Boards	Surfboards	Kite Boards	Sailboats	When	Issued	Transferrable	Type
HI	X	X	X	X	X			X	Annual	Per Person	No	Sticker
IL	X	X	X				X		Annual	Per Boat	No	Stamp
IN	X	X							Annual	Per Boat	No	Sticker
OH	X (also rowing shells, racing sculls, and rowboats)	X	X	X				X	Triennial (Alternative Registration)	Per Boat	No	Tag - 3" x 6" decal
PA	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Annual or Biannual	Per Boat	No	Sticker
VA									Daily or Annual for only agency (state owned) wildlife management areas/lakes	Per Person	No	Paper Permit



HOW PERMIT FUNDS ARE SPENT

States	Permit Fee	Enacted	How many non-motorized boats currently have use permits?	Approx. Annual Revenues	Where the funding goes
HI	Cost varies	1994			
IL	\$6.00 per calendar year for each of the first three boats, and \$3.00 each for any additional boats. Note: an agent fee of \$.50 is charged per boat	2013	2015 - 48,000	2015 - approx. \$288,000	General Fund
IN	\$5	2006			Access, LE
OH	\$17 plus a \$3 writing fee plus a \$5 waterway conservation fee, totaling \$25	2002	2016: 195,219	2016: approx. \$4,880,475	
PA	\$10.00 for 1 year and \$18.00 for 2 year	2002	2015 - 76,003	2015 - \$1,191,894.00	Boating Fund
VA	\$3 per day or \$23.50 annually. OR if a person has a valid hunting, fishing, trapping license or boat registration they don't need a permit.	2013			Access, LE, Education, Grants, Land Acquisition



STATES THAT TAX NON-MOTORIZED BOATS

States	Canoes	Kayaks	Rafts	Inflatables	SUP Boards	Surf Boards	Kite Boards	Sail Boats	Pool Toys	Type of Tax	Where the funding goes
IA	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Sales	
MA	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Sales	
MS	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Sales	State sales tax does not flow into the Department's operating budget
MN	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Sales	
NV										Sales	
OK			X	X	X			X		Sales & Excise State	Deposited in the State's General Fund
PA	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Sales	Boating Fund Revenue
SC	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Sales	All state government projects where applicable
SD	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Sales & Excise State	State General Fund
WI	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Sales	

STATES THAT CHARGE A BOATING FACILITIES FEE

States	Locations	Type of Fee	Fee	Annual Revenues	Where the Funding Goes
AK	Specific Locations	Parking & Launching	Varies by site; approximately \$7 - \$15. Our agency does not charge the fee, the site concessionaire does.	The Division of Parks took in \$300,308 in 2015 for boat launch fees. However, we don't break it down by whether they are powerboats or non-motorized	Site operation/maintenance/management; Parks general fund
CA	Specific Locations	Launching	Varies by location and activity	Unknown	Fees collected are deposited into the State Parks Revenue Fund (SPRF) and are expended on all parks activities, projects, and operations.
HI	Statewide		\$50		Deposited into Boating Special Fund, which serves as the primary division/program source of funding
IN	Specific Locations	Entry & Parking	\$5		
MD	Specific Locations	Entry, Parking & Launching	The fees and permits vary by jurisdiction but generally range from \$10 to \$35.	Unknown, since it varies by jurisdiction	Varies by jurisdiction, but generally spent on operations and maintenance of access sites.
MA	Specific Locations	Entry	Varies by community	Unknown	Unknown
MI	Specific Locations	Entry & Launching	The fee is to enter any State Access Site. Annual fee of \$11. This is for all who enter not just non-motorized.		Parks Programs -maintaining our access sites
MN	State Parks	Entry for water access sites	\$5 daily or \$25 annual	Unknown how many enter State Parks specifically for water access use. A vast majority of our public water access sites are not in State Parks and are free of charge.	State Parks for park entry
MS	Specific Locations	Launching	\$3	About \$200,000	General Funds
MO	Specific Locations	Entry & Parking	Varies		Unknown, but likely for maintenance.
NV	Specific Locations	Entry			Specific Park Maintenance
NM	Specific Locations	Parking	\$5.00 per vehicle in parks. Other agencies charge a user fee based on entry as well.	Entry fees are combined with all park user fees.	Parks O&M - A portion is used for boater access, usually motorized.
OR	Specific Locations	Launching	Varies from county to county. \$3 on up.	Unknown	Unknown - We don't get the money.
SC	Specific Locations	Entry	Varies	Not sure, but the private charge motorized and non-motorized	
SD	Statewide	Entry	Annual is \$30 - Second vehicle is \$15; Daily is \$4/vehicle for one person and \$6/vehicle if more than one person		Park Entrance Fee for Park Operations
UT	Specific Locations	Entry & Launching	Varies	Boating use is not separated so we have no data	For the Division of Parks and Recreation it is for personnel and O&M of the facility. Other entities it is unknown.
WA	Specific Locations		There is a \$7 daily fee for use of WA State Parks boat launch areas, which also requires a Discover Pass for WA State Park entry (\$10 one-day or \$30 annual pass). Additionally, if someone purchases the \$80 Natural Investment Permit (which allows for both launching and parking in State Parks) then they do not need the Discover Pass to enter parks or a daily boat launch permit.	For the boat launch permit, the revenue for FYE 2016 was \$437,516. However, this revenue comes from all boaters, not just paddlers. The FYE 2016 revenue for Daily Watercraft Launch was \$241,949, for Natural Investment Permit was \$195,567. Revenue from the Discover Pass is generally not related to boat launching and therefore is hard to estimate revenue specific to paddling for this fee.	Operation of State Parks and Boat Launches

Water trails: - 17 States have active Programs

AK, AZ, AR, CA, FL, IL, IA, KY, MD, MN, MT, NE, OH, OR, PA, SC and TX

No states charge a fee

Education Programs: - 15 States and one Territory have
Voluntary Programs

AK, AZ, CA, GU, HI, ID, IA, KS, MD, MN, NM, OH, OR, TX, WA and WV

No states have a Mandatory Education Program for paddlers

Waterway Planning: - 16 States and one Territory have a Plan

CA, CT, FL, GU, IL, IA, MD, MN, MT, NE, NJ, NM, OH, OR, RI and VA

Seven states address user conflict in planning documents:

CA, CT, FL, MN, MT, RI and VA

States that Provide Marine Patrols Specifically for Non-motorized:

CO, DC, GA, GU, KY, MI, MN, MS, NE, NV,
NH, NM, OH, OR, TX, UT, WV and WY

States that Conduct Safety Inspections for Non-motorized:

CO, DC, FL, GA, GU, IA, MI, MN, MS, NE, NH,
NM, OH, OR, TX, UT, WA, WV and WY
Two States Issue a Sticker (NH & OH)

NON-MOTORIZED ACCESS

States	Building NM Access	Only NM Access	Modifying Motorized Sites
CA	Yes	No	No
CT	Yes	No	Yes
IN	Yes	No	No
IA	Yes	No	No
KS	Yes	Yes	No
KY	Yes	No	Yes
LA	Yes	Yes	No
MD	Yes	Yes	Yes
MA	Yes	Yes	No
MI	Yes	No	Yes
MN	Yes	Yes	Yes
MT	Yes	No	No
NH	Yes	Yes	No
NY	Yes	Yes	Yes
NC	Yes	Yes	Yes
OR	Yes	No	Yes
SC	Yes	Yes	No
TX	Yes	Yes	No
UT	Yes	No	Yes
VT	Yes	Yes	Yes
VA	Yes	Yes	Yes
WA	Yes	Yes	Yes
WV	Yes	No	No

States	If non-motorized boaters are not financially contributing towards NM Boating has there been discussions of pursuing some form of fee?	Was there engagement with the paddling community?	Was there support from the non-motorized boaters to contribute?	What NM boating contribution methods are you pursuing or considering?	Do you anticipate pursuing something in the near future? If so, what?
AZ	Yes	No		Still in the development stages	We are leaning towards a user fee sticker
AR	No				Maybe, don't know. Convenience facilities for non-motorized boating
CO	Yes	No			We're just beginning to dig into the issue, it's only been identified as a possibility so far.
CT	Yes	Yes	No		
FL	No	No	No		Florida has convened a non motorized boat working group to analyze current issues and report recommendations, if any, to the boating advisory council.
IL	No				However, in 2016 a new bill has been submitted to get rid of titling boats and changing the registration requirements to ALL (motorized & non-motorized) boats 21 ft. and less to be registred.
KS	Yes	Yes	Yes	Registration and/or user permit for public waters	Yes
KY	Yes				
LA	Yes	No	No		
MD	Yes	Yes	No	We explored establishing an excise tax on sales of non-motorized vessels and 1, 3, and 5 year registration stickers.	There are currently no plans to pursue efforts like this in the future.
MA	Yes				We have discussed non powered registration or state assessed user fees
MI	Yes	No	No	A use fee	Yes...looking at getting a workgroup together. Would like to institute a use fee decal.
MN	Yes				We have been considering raising all watercraft registration fees.
MO	Yes	No			We have discussed it within our agency numerous times, but nothing at this time
MT	Yes	No		Idea is in its infancy.	Nothing at this time, but possibly in the future
NE	Yes	No			No, not at this time
NV	Yes	Yes	No	Nothing specific, but this is a serious, growing issue.	Nothing specific
NH	Yes	Yes	No		We are meeting with paddler constituencies (kayaks, canoes, paddleboarders) to engage and to educate them on the benefits they already receive. We emphasize that with a contribution from the non-motorized community we could build sites specific to paddlers needs (white water experiences, etc.). Ideas have been canoe / kayak stickers or use fees of some sort.

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NC	Yes	Yes	No		
OK	Yes	No			Legislative amendments to increase registration fees for all vessels including canoes and kayaks) with portion deposited solely for RBS use.
OR	Yes	Yes	Yes	Annual or biennial permit.	2017 legislative session for a possible 2018 implementation.
TN	Yes	No	No		Engaging paddlesports community to educate about what we do - similar to what Oregon did
TX	Yes	No			Yes, require registration or some form of use permit.
UT	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes, but not at this time. However, we are looking at a permit or a state tax for NM boats and accessories sold at retailers.
VT	Yes	Yes	No		A NM registration has been an idea for more than a decade, but nothing at this time.
VI	Yes	No			
VA	Yes	Yes	No		Yes, but not at this time.
WA	Yes	Yes	Yes	We are in the processing of assessing options with our Paddlesport Advisory Committee such as a user-pay/user-benefit program (either pay by boat, pay by person, or some hybrid with a base fee and a smaller additional fee for each boat) and the possibility of diverting current taxes on paddlesport gear or developing a tax on paddlesport gear.	At this time Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife is pursuing legislation to fund an Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) fee for paddlers. The paddlesport AIS fee will have a delay of one year to give State Parks and our Paddlesport Advisory Committee the time to develop a paddlesport program that is all inclusive (funds AIS, access, education, etc.) - we are hoping to develop a program and funding source within that timeline. If the Paddlesport Advisory Committee supports a user-pay/user-benefit system we are planning to pursue legislation for the 2017 or 2018 season.