

**WHATCOM COUNTY CONTRACT  
INFORMATION SHEET**

Whatcom County Contract No. \_\_\_\_\_

Originating Department:	35 Sheriff's Office
Division/Program: <i>(i.e. Dept. Division and Program)</i>	3520 Bureau of LE & Investigations / 352060 Boating Program
Contract or Grant Administrator:	Steven Harris, Undersheriff
Contractor's / Agency Name:	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission
Is this a New Contract?    If not, is this an Amendment or Renewal to an Existing Contract?    Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> If Amendment or Renewal, (per WCC 3.08.100 (a)) Original Contract #: _____	
Does contract require Council Approval?    Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> If No, include WCC: _____ Already approved? Council Approved Date: _____ (Exclusions see: Whatcom County Codes 3.06.010, 3.08.090 and 3.08.100)	
Is this a grant agreement? Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> If yes, grantor agency contract number(s): <u>MLE1399</u> CFDA#: _____	
Is this contract grant funded? Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> If yes, Whatcom County grant contract number(s): _____	
Is this contract the result of a RFP or Bid process?    Contract _____ Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> If yes, RFP and Bid number(s): _____    Cost Center: <u>1003502960</u>	
Is this agreement excluded from E-Verify?    No <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> If no, include Attachment D Contractor Declaration form.	
If YES, indicate exclusion(s) below: <input type="checkbox"/> Professional services agreement for certified/licensed professional. <input type="checkbox"/> Goods and services provided due to an emergency <input type="checkbox"/> Contract work is for less than \$100,000. <input type="checkbox"/> Contract for Commercial off the shelf items (COTS). <input type="checkbox"/> Contract work is for less than 120 days. <input type="checkbox"/> Work related subcontract less than \$25,000. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interlocal Agreement (between Governments). <input type="checkbox"/> Public Works - Local Agency/Federally Funded FHWA.	
Contract Amount:(sum of original contract amount and any prior amendments): \$ <u>0</u> This Amendment Amount: \$ _____ Total Amended Amount: \$ <u>0</u>	Council approval required for; all property leases, contracts or bid awards <b>exceeding \$40,000</b> , and professional service contract amendments that have an increase greater than \$10,000 or 10% of contract amount, whichever is greater, <b>except when</b> : 1. Exercising an option contained in a contract previously approved by the council. 2. Contract is for design, construction, r-o-w acquisition, prof. services, or other capital costs approved by council in a capital budget appropriation ordinance. 3. Bid or award is for supplies. 4. Equipment is included in Exhibit "B" of the Budget Ordinance. 5. Contract is for manufacturer's technical support and hardware maintenance of electronic systems and/or technical support and software maintenance from the developer of proprietary software currently used by Whatcom County.
Summary of Scope: _____	
This intergovernmental agreement is to establish a cooperative framework between the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission and the Whatcom County Sheriff's Office to enhance the performance of boating safety and education services in the state per RCW 88.02650 and WAC 352.65.1010	
Term of Contract: Last Signature Date _____    Expiration Date: 12/31/25	

Contract Routing:	1. Prepared by: <u>Donna Duling</u>	Date: <u>12/20/24</u>
	2. Attorney signoff: <u>Approved via email BW/DD</u>	Date: <u>12/20/24</u>
	3. AS Finance reviewed: <u>Approved via email AT/DD</u>	Date: <u>1/3/25</u>
	4. IT reviewed (if IT related): _____	Date: _____
	5. Contractor signed: _____	Date: _____
	6. Submitted to Exec.: _____	Date: _____
	7. Council approved (if necessary): _____	Date: _____
	8. Executive signed: _____	Date: _____
	9. Original to Council: _____	Date: _____



## INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

Between

WASHINGTON STATE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

And

Whatcom County Sheriff's Office

Agency Size Category: Large

Marine Lead: Michael King, 360-599-8216

AGREEMENT# LE: MLE1399

**THIS AGREEMENT** is between the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission, "STATE PARKS," and Whatcom County Sheriff's Office the "AGENCY".

**THE PURPOSE OF THIS AGREEMENT** is to establish a cooperative framework between STATE PARKS and the AGENCY to enhance the performance of boating safety and education services in the state per RCW 88.02650 and WAC 352-65.010. The goal is to reduce the number and severity of recreational boating casualties of all types associated with recreational boating and ensure a safe and enjoyable boating environment for all users.

**THEREFORE, IT IS MUTUALLY AGREED THAT:**

### **SUMMARY STATEMENT**

In exchange for vessel registration fees, transmitted to the AGENCY by the Washington State Treasurer, AGENCY shall furnish the necessary personnel, equipment, material, and services and otherwise do all things necessary for, or incidental to, the performance of marine law enforcement and other duties as defined in Chapter 79A.60 RCW - REGULATION OF RECREATIONAL VESSELS.

### **PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE**

The term of this agreement, once signed by STATE PARKS, shall end on December 31, 2025.

### **RECORDS MAINTENANCE**

The parties to this agreement shall each maintain books, records, documents and other evidence that sufficiently and properly reflect all direct and indirect costs expended by either party in the performance of the services described herein. These records are subject to inspection, review, or audit by personnel of both parties, other personnel duly authorized by either party, the Office of the State Auditor, and federal officials so authorized by law. All books, records, documents, and other material relevant to this agreement must be retained for six years after expiration, and the Office of the State Auditor, federal auditors, and any persons duly authorized by the parties must have full access and the right to examine any of these materials during this period.

Records and other documents, in any medium, furnished by one party to this agreement to the other party, will remain the property of the furnishing party, unless otherwise agreed. Each party shall utilize reasonable security procedures and protections to assure that records and documents provided by the other party are not erroneously disclosed to third parties.

### **INDEPENDENT CAPACITY**

The employees or agents of each party who are engaged in the performance of this agreement will continue to be employees or agents of that party and will not be considered for any purpose to be employees or agents of the other party.

### **AGREEMENT ALTERATIONS AND AMENDMENTS**

This agreement may be amended by mutual agreement of the parties. Such amendments are not binding unless they are in writing.

### **INDEMNIFICATION**

Each party is responsible for the actions and inactions of itself and its own officers, employees, and agents acting within the scope of their authority.

### **TERMINATION FOR CAUSE**

If STATE PARKS determines that AGENCY is not in compliance with the minimum requirements of this agreement, the State Parks Marine Law Enforcement Coordinator will notify AGENCY in writing of the deficiency. AGENCY will have forty-five days following receipt of the notice of deficiency to submit a plan satisfactory to STATE PARKS to remedy the deficiency. If, after forty-five days, AGENCY has not submitted a plan to STATE PARKS for remedying the deficiency or is unable to demonstrate its ability to meet minimum requirements, STATE PARKS will have the

option to terminate this agreement. If AGENCY disagrees with STATE PARKS' decision to cancel this agreement, AGENCY may seek a hearing per chapter 34.05 RCW, the Administrative Procedure Act to contest this decision.

### **DISPUTES**

In the event that a dispute arises under this agreement, it will be determined by a Dispute Board in the following manner: Each party to this agreement appoints one member to the Dispute Board. The members so appointed jointly appoint an additional member to the Dispute Board. The Dispute Board reviews the facts, contract terms, and applicable statutes and rules and make a determination of the dispute. The determination of the Dispute Board is final and binding on the parties hereto.

### **GOVERNANCE**

This Agreement is entered into pursuant to and under the authority granted by the laws of the state of Washington and any applicable federal laws. The provisions of this agreement must be construed to conform to those laws.

In the event of an inconsistency in the terms of this Agreement, or between its terms and any applicable statute or rule, the inconsistency must be resolved by giving precedence in the following order:

- a. Applicable state and federal statutes and rules;
- b. Summary Statement; and
- c. Any other provisions of the agreement, including materials incorporated by reference.

### **ASSIGNMENT**

The work to be provided under this agreement, and any claim arising thereunder, is not assignable or delegable by either party in whole or in part, without the express prior written consent of the other party, which consent may not be unreasonably withheld.

### **WAIVER**

A failure by either party to exercise its rights under this agreement does not preclude that party from subsequent exercise of such rights and does not constitute a waiver of any other rights under this agreement unless stated to be such, in writing, signed by an authorized representative of the party, and attached to the original agreement.

### **SEVERABILITY**

If any provision of this agreement or any provision of any document incorporated by reference is held invalid, such invalidity does not affect the other provisions of this agreement which can be given effect without the invalid provision, if such remainder conforms to the requirements of applicable law and the fundamental purpose of this agreement, and to this end the provisions of this agreement are declared to be severable.

### **ALL WRITINGS CONTAINED HEREIN**

This agreement contains all the terms and conditions agreed upon by the parties. No other understandings, oral or otherwise, regarding the subject matter of this agreement exist or bind the parties.

### **CONTRACT MANAGEMENT**

The contract representative for each of the parties are responsible for and are the contact person for all communications and billings regarding the performance of this agreement.

The Contact Representative for AGENCY is:

Michael King, Deputy

Whatcom County Sheriff's Office

360-599-8216

[mwking@co.whatcom.wa.us](mailto:mwking@co.whatcom.wa.us)

The Contract Representative for STATE PARKS is:

Bryan Alexander, Marine Law Enforcement Coordinator

(360) 902-8835.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this agreement.

Washington State Parks and  
Recreation Commission

Whatcom County Sheriff's Office

By: \_\_\_\_\_

By: See Attached

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved As To Form:

Michael Young

Asst. Attorney General

12/21/17

WHATCOM COUNTY:  
Recommended for Approval:

Satpal Sidhu FOR  
Donnell Tanksley, Sheriff

1/3/25  
Date

Approved as to form:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Prosecuting Attorney

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Approved:  
Accepted for Whatcom County:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Satpal Sidhu, Whatcom County Executive

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

STATE OF WASHINGTON     )  
  ) ss  
COUNTY OF WHATCOM     )

On this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_, before me personally appeared Satpal Sidhu, to me known to be the Executive of Whatcom County, who executed the above instrument and who acknowledged to me the act of signing and sealing thereof.

\_\_\_\_\_  
NOTARY PUBLIC in and for the State of  
Washington, residing at Bellingham.  
My commission expires \_\_\_\_\_.

## Exhibit A

### AGENCY REQUIREMENTS

#### **Signed Agreement:**

AGENCY shall sign an Approved Program Agreement with STATE PARKS that contains all qualifications and requirements necessary to establish or maintain eligibility to receive vessel registration fees as established by RCW 88.02.650. AGENCY agrees to use the A-299 Web Forms to provide information necessary to complete the annual Approved Program Agreement. AGENCY agrees to utilize the web-enabled process designated by STATE PARKS to generate the Approved Program Agreement. AGENCY agrees to complete the submission process by October 15, 2024.

#### **Designated Marine Lead / Conference Attendance / Surveys:**

AGENCY must designate a "Marine Lead" - the Deputy/Officer/or Supervisor (LT, SGT, Undersheriff) that is responsible for interacting with STATE PARKS on all issues and matters related to AGENCY's Marine Law Enforcement unit. Duties include but are not limited to:

- Ensuring all required reports are completed and submitted to STATE PARKS within document due date guidelines.
- Submitting personnel names to attend training courses and conferences.
- Attending the annual Fall Conference or designating another to attend.
- Ensuring that all commissioned officers/deputies identified in the A-299 Web Form have received Marine Law Enforcement Training.
- Ensuring that all tasks identified on the BOAT Currency Web Form are current and up to date.
- Taking proactive steps to ensure that his/her agency will have all necessary equipment and other necessary infrastructure in place so to utilize the SECTOR system for all boating related safety inspections and warnings. Inspections can be entered into SECTOR at the time of the inspections or at a later time.
- Communicating with STATE PARKS on all matters and issues that may arise around recreational boating safety and marine law enforcement and disseminating information within their agency as appropriate.
- Responding to any and all recreational boating safety surveys sent by STATE PARKS within the requested timeline.
- Ensuring that all data on their agency held by STATE PARKS is up to date and accurate.

#### **Reporting Recreational Boating Activities and Financial Data:**

**Training Currency Forms:** AGENCY agrees to complete a BOAT Currency Web Form for each officer/deputy identified in their A-299 Web Form by October 15 of each year. Only officers/deputies whose training qualifications are current will be considered trained.



**Summary of Activity Report Web Forms:** AGENCY agrees to use the Summary of Activity Report (SOAR) web form to report all required recreational boating safety (RBS) activities. AGENCY may report the activities daily, monthly, or quarterly using the SOAR Web Forms.

**Utilize SOAR Web Forms:** AGENCY will use the Summary of Activity Report (SOAR) web form designated by STATE PARKS to report all required RBS Activities.

**Reporting Frequency:** AGENCY must submit a Summary of Activity Report (SOAR) at least quarterly to STATE PARKS. However, it may report RBS Activities daily or monthly using the SOAR Web Forms.

**Review and Approval of SOAR:** STATE PARKS will provide AGENCY with a summary of all reported RBS Activities at the end of the quarter and provide AGENCY with the opportunity to correct, update, and/or amend their report to address any inaccuracies or omissions. If all information is correct, AGENCY will print, sign, and submit a copy of the SOAR quarterly summary to STATE PARKS by the designated deadline.

**Due Dates:** The SOAR is due to STATE PARKS by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month following the end of the quarter as follows:

Quarter	Beginning Date	End Date	SOAR Due Date
First Quarter	January 1	March 31	April 15
Second Quarter	April 1	June 30	July 15
Third Quarter	July 1	September 30	October 15
Fourth Quarter	November 1	December 31	January 15

**Vessel Registration Fee Expenditure Report:** AGENCY will use the Vessel Registration Fee Expenditure Report Web Form to provide STATE PARKS with accounting information as directed. AGENCY agrees to submit this form by October 15 of each year.

**EXHIBIT B**  
**FUNDING REQUIREMENTS**

**AGENCY Financial System Report:** AGENCY agrees to provide STATE PARKS with a report from the AGENCY'S financial system that demonstrates that vessel registration fees (VRFs) are deposited in a dedicated account and showing the deposit of state vessel registration funds received from the Office of State Treasurer. See Exhibit E for an example. This report may not be an Excel spreadsheet, and it must be submitted with the Vessel Registration Fee Expenditure Report.

**VRF Fund Balance Report:** AGENCY agrees to provide STATE PARKS a report from the AGENCY financial system showing the fund balance of the dedicated VRF account. See Exhibit E for an example. VRF fund balance on this system-generated report should match the bottom line on the VRF report ("Total Remaining Balance of State VRF funds for Fiscal Year").

**Provide Local Spending:** AGENCY agrees to contribute local funds to provide financial support to its marine law enforcement program to augment the funding provided through VRFs.

**Limitation on Use of Funds:** AGENCY agrees to use VRFs solely for recreational boating safety purposes, which include all activities or expenditures identified in the document "Allowable Costs and Expenditures for State Vessel Registration Fees and Federal Assistance Grants," as now existing or as may be updated in the future. This document can be found on the MLE Forms Website at: <http://mle.parks.wa.gov/>. AGENCY may charge actual, direct administrative costs to the VRF account. An example would be actual staff hours spent to fill out forms, or to maintain the dedicated account. AGENCY agrees not to charge administrative fees based on an estimated percentage of a staff person's time.

**Local Ordinances, STATE PARKS notification:** AGENCY agrees that if it adopts a local ordinance governing recreational boating, the ordinances will be at least as restrictive as, but may be more restrictive than, Washington State boating laws and regulations.

## EXHIBIT C

### OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

**Officer/Deputy Qualifications:** AGENCY agrees to utilize officers/deputies with law enforcement certificates from the Criminal Justice Training Commission that authorize them to enforce all boating laws and regulations. Officers/deputies who have completed equivalent training may be approved by the STATE PARKS Director or designee.

**Officer/Deputy Training Required:** AGENCY agrees to ensure that all officers/ deputies involved in the recreational boating safety program attend the Washington State Basic Marine Law Enforcement Training course. STATE PARKS agrees to provide this training at no charge to AGENCY. Only officers/deputies that have attended this training will be considered trained. The AGENCY recognizes the National Association of Boating Law Administrators' Boating Crewmember Course or the Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers' Marine Law Enforcement Training Program as an equivalent course. Officers/deputies may attend an alternative and equivalent course with prior written STATE PARKS approval.

**New Programs, Officers/Deputies, Must Acquire Training Within One Year:** AGENCY agrees to acquire required training for officers/deputies within one year of becoming an approved program, and within one year for each newly assigned boating safety officer/deputy.

**Training Currency:** AGENCY must submit a BOAT Currency Requirements Report Web Form for all active personnel listed on the roster submitted with the A-299 Web Form by October 15 each year. These reports must be submitted at least annually but may be updated throughout the year. If AGENCY feels that they will be unable to complete all training tasks required, it shall submit a statement of explanation to the Marine Law Enforcement Coordinator.

**Document Additional Training:** AGENCY agrees to list on the A-299 form any additional training courses its personnel have completed.

**Vessels and Equipment:** AGENCY agrees to acquire and make available the necessary boating safety patrol equipment, including vessels capable of serving the minimum requirements outlined in this agreement. Patrol vessels must be properly marked and properly equipped as provided in chapter 88.02 RCW and chapter 352-60 WAC.

**Vessel, Aircraft, Vehicle and Equipment Inventory Required:** AGENCY agrees to supply STATE PARKS with an inventory of all vessels, aircraft, vehicles, and equipment utilized in the

recreational boating safety missions along with details of how they are equipped each year in the A-299 web form.

Information required on the A-299 includes:

- **Vessels:** STATE PARKS requires the following data on each vessel:
  - Name
  - Manufacturer
  - Radio equipped (Y/N): Radio equipped means the vessel has an agency radio installed or “hardwired”. Non-radio equipped boats are vessels that do not have radios installed. Portable radios may be carried on these boats, but they would be considered non-radio equipped. Examples include personal watercraft, drift boats, jon boats, kayaks, and inflatable rafts (motorized or non-motorized).
  - SECTOR equipped (Y/N): SECTOR equipped boats are the patrol vessels that are SECTOR equipped with a computer or tablet plus printer and scanner, including those that are permanently installed or “hardwired” OR portable cased units that are taken on an off the vessel. Non-SECTOR equipped boats are vessels that do not have a computer, tablet, printer installed or a cased kit.
  - Model
  - Length
  - Type of propulsion
  - Horsepower
  - Year purchased
  - Funds used to purchase the vessel (local, state, or federal)
  - Percent of time employed for the RBS mission
  
- **Aircraft:** The number of aircraft in your agency and the percentage they used for RBS activities.
  - Aircraft type
  - Manufacturer
  - SECTOR/Radio equipped
  - Model
  - Year
  - Funds Used for Purchase
  - Percent of time employed for the RBS mission
  
- **Vehicles:** Other Patrol Vehicles (Trucks, Cars, SUVs, ATVs) The number of other patrol vehicles assigned to the marine services unit and the percentage they are used for RBS activities
  - Vehicle Type
  - Manufacturer
  - SECTOR/Radio equipped
  - Model
  - Year
  - Funds Used for Purchase
  - Percent of time employed for the RBS mission

- **Equipment Valued at \$5000.00 Dollars** (i.e. Engines, Electronics, etc.): Agencies are required to update their inventory of durable items defined as having a cost or value of \$5000.00 dollars or more. Only items listed under “allowable expenses” defined in the document “Allowable Costs and Expenditures for State Vessel Registration Fees and Federal Assistance Grants” (found on the MLE Forms Website at <http://mle.parks.wa.gov/>) should be purchased with vessel registration fees.
  - Equipment Type
  - Manufacturer
  - Model
  - Year purchased
  - Funds used for Purchase (local, state, federal)

**Sale of Vessels Purchased with Vessel Registration Fees or STATE PARKS Provided**

**Federal Funding:** AGENCY agrees to notify STATE PARKS 60 days in advance of the sale date of any vessel purchased with federal funds provided by STATE PARKS. The sale of vessels purchased with state dollars, when sold at the end of their useful life, must be consistent with the AGENCY’s policies and procedures. AGENCY agrees to remove the vessel from the Patrol Vessel Inventory once it is sold.

**Boating Accident Reports Required, Timeline to Submission:** AGENCY agrees to submit accident reports to STATE PARKS (in compliance with RCW 79A.60.200, RCW 79A.60.220 and WAC 352-70) as follows:

- For any boating accident resulting in a death, or in an injury requiring hospitalization, AGENCY agrees to:
  - Notify STATE PARKS within 48 hours of becoming aware of the incident.
  - Fill out and submit a complete Boating Accident Investigation Report (BAIR – form number A-425) within ten days of the occurrence.
  - Include the results of any other investigation conducted by the agency, including but not limited to statements from witnesses or any party involved, photos, maps, or additional information.
  - Submit, within one week of completion, any coroner’s reports concerning the death of any person resulting from the boating accident.
- In addition to the requirements above, for any boating accident resulting in a death, or in an injury requiring hospitalization, OR damage to any vessel or property of two thousand dollars or more, OR a vessel is a complete loss, OR a person disappears from the vessel under circumstances that indicate death, AGENCY agrees to submit a Boating Accident Report (BAR – Form number A-440) within 10 days of the occurrence to STATE PARKS.

**Boater Assistance:** AGENCY agrees to create and maintain the ability to respond, or coordinate response to, boating emergencies that occur within AGENCY’s jurisdiction and document each occurrence and report it to STATE PARKS through the Summary of Activity Report (SOAR) Web Form as prescribed in this agreement. AGENCY agrees to report each incident utilizing the following definitions:

- **Search & Rescue/Recovery:** Search and rescue (SAR) is defined as a water-borne response (including aircraft) involving a person or vessel **in peril**. AGENCY agrees to only report SAR cases on the Summary of Activity Report (SOAR) Web Form that were assigned a case number by their agency or a USCG MISLE Case ID Number and an Urgent Marine Information Broadcast (UMIB) initiated by the USCG. Agencies should not report assists (defined below) as SAR cases.
- **Assist:** An "Assist" is defined as aid where there is no immediate danger to the vessel or its occupants. This includes vessels involved in boating accidents, disabled, aground, out of fuel, or otherwise unable to reach a safe mooring under its own power. Assistance may include providing a tow, jump start, re-floating, re-righting, fuel, repair, repair parts, assisting persons in the water, etc. This does NOT include the salvage of a vessel once abandoned, or commercial vessels. AGENCY agrees to report responses of this nature as assists and will report the number of vessels assisted and the number of persons assisted on the SOAR web form.

**Boating Safety Patrols Required, Minimum Hours:** AGENCY agrees to patrol on the waters of its jurisdiction with the intent of enforcing Washington State Boating Safety Laws and Regulations and to promote boating safety some minimum hours based on their agency size (Small – 133, Medium – 255, Large - 436) per year during peak boating hours within AGENCY's jurisdiction. Patrol hours can be a combination of hours patrolling on the water in a vessel as well as hours spent at boat launch ramps or other appropriate shore-side enforcement activities.

**Enforcement of Boating Laws Required:** AGENCY agrees to enforce all Washington State boating safety laws and regulations including vessel registration laws as specified in Title 88 RCW, and as specified in local codes or ordinances. In addition, AGENCY shall document and report the numbers of inspections and warnings for each type of boating violation through SECTOR either at the time of the inspection or at a later time. STATE PARKS recommends that AGENCY adopt a zero tolerance policy in the enforcement of mandatory boater education card carriage, life jacket wear/carriage, boating under the influence, and rules of the road violations, and strongly consider issuing citations for violations of these laws, in all circumstances.

**Boating Safety Inspections Required:** AGENCY shall complete a minimum number of written boating safety inspections based on their agency size (Small – 92, Medium – 283, Large – 372) using the SECTOR system or Form #A-274 during enforcement and informational contacts when considered safe and appropriate to document boater compliance with state boating laws. STATE PARKS will provide boating safety inspection forms. AGENCY shall enter all inspections through SECTOR either at the time of the inspections or at a later time.

**Boating Safety Education Program Required, Designated Officer or Deputy:** AGENCY shall create, adopt, and/or maintain a boating safety education and information program. At a minimum AGENCY shall designate an officer/deputy to coordinate the activities of the boating safety education program. AGENCY shall ensure that the designated boating safety education officer/deputy receives training from STATE PARKS. AGENCY agrees that the designated officer or deputy will oversee AGENCY's boating safety education and outreach program including, but not limited to, coordinating activities listed in Exhibit F. AGENCY is not obligated to engage in all outreach and education activities listed in Exhibit F but it must ensure that its program is appropriate for the types of boating and primary boating accidents within AGENCY's jurisdiction.

**Waterway Marking:** AGENCY agrees to place and maintain Aids to Navigation (ATONs) as appropriate, within the waters of AGENCY's jurisdiction. AGENCY agrees to report to STATE PARKS the number and hours spent placing or maintaining only the ATONs that they are responsible for within its jurisdiction on the SOAR web form. AGENCY agrees to use only those waterway markers that conform to the United States Aids to Navigation System.

## EXHIBIT D

### NOTES AND DEFINITIONS

Washington STATE PARKS' Marine Law Enforcement Training Program is accredited through the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators Boat Operation and Training (BOAT) Program. As a term of accreditation, STATE PARKS must ensure that all active marine officers and deputies maintain proficiency in basic recreational boating safety skills. This is important because these skills are perishable but critical to operate in a marine environment. STATE PARKS recognizes that there are many different circumstances that could prevent training from being completed (wildfires, maintenance issues, staffing shortfalls, etc.). Each circumstance will be evaluated on its own merits.

**Approved Program:** A marine law enforcement program that has signed an Approved Program Agreement with Washington State Parks and is in good standing.

**Boating Safety Patrol:** The total number of hours that all agency vessels patrolled on the water. These are the actual hours as documented on the patrol vessel hour meter or logbook. Note that this is different than officer on-water patrol hours. If two officers are patrolling on a single vessel for eight hours, you would report eight boating safety patrol hours and 16 officer on-water patrol hours. The patrol hours do not include transit time to the body of water to be patrolled.

**Instructor Qualified Certified Boating Education Instructors:** Any officer/deputy designated as Certified Boating Education Instructors must be listed as Instructor Qualified for the Adventures in Boating course by the State Parks Education and Outreach Program Manager. STATE PARKS considers education and outreach activities a key component of preventing boating injuries and fatalities. Classroom instruction, school presentations, and participation in Community Events, along with Dealer and Rental site visits, and effective use of media are crucial to preventing boating accidents and fatalities.

**Local Spending:** These are funds appropriated by the city or county government used for boating safety programs. Local funds cannot include state or federal grant dollars.

**Peak Boating Hours:** STATE PARKS defines peak boating hours as four hours on Friday afternoon/evening and 8 hours Saturday and Sunday for weekends from Memorial Day to Labor Day, which equals approximately 332 hours per boating season. STATE PARKS also recognizes that AGENCY may be impacted by non-traditional Peak Boating seasons due to hunting and fishing activities. STATE PARKS maintains this patrol hour goal to ensure local agencies are focused on injury prevention activities. While many agencies patrol many more



hours than 332 and many agencies patrol less than 332 hours, the goal to achieve these patrol hours remains the same. While the patrol hour goal is 332 hours, STATE PARKS has collected data for patrol hours performed by all participating agencies over a period of years and has established the average boat log hours for agencies based on jurisdiction population size according to the U.S. Census. Patrol hours are considered a critical metric. It is used by STATE PARKS to determine if an agency is complying with the minimum requirements. Failing to achieve the minimum number of hours of patrol (based on size) could be a factor in determining ineligibility for vessel registration fees.

**RBS Activities:** AGENCY is required to report all RBS activities to STATE PARKS on the Summary of Activity Report (SOAR) web form. RBS Activities include, but are not limited to, enforcement activities, outreach and education, and administrative support.

**Trained:** Commissioned officer/deputy trained by the CJTC or equivalent who has attended the Basic Marine Law Enforcement Course or STATE PARKS approved equivalent and has maintained currency requirements documented on the BOAT Currency Web Form. AGENCY must have a trained officer/deputy aboard a vessel in order to use vessel registration fees to pay either the trained officer or untrained officers/deputies.

**Web-enabled Forms:** These are forms located on the website <http://mle.parks.wa.gov/> that are the official documents used by STATE PARKS in the administration of state vessel registration fees and federal financial assistance grants. These forms replace paper versions used prior to CY 2018 and must be used as a condition of ongoing eligibility to receive state vessel registration fees.

NOTE: Use of SECTOR is mandatory during all operating hours.


**EXHIBIT E**  
**FINANCIAL REPORT EXAMPLES**

Example of a VRF Fund Balance Report

XXXXXX County  
Fund Master – All Funds  
Balances as of 06/06/2017

Key	Cash in Funds	Pooled Cash	Pooled Investment	Investment Funds	Cash & Investments	Total Payables	Available Funds
130-Boating Safety	57,294.64	0.00	0.00	0.00	57,294.64	7,300.64	64,595.28
	57,294.64	0.00	0.00	0.00	57,294.64	7,300.64	64,595.28

Balance as of 06/06/2017 matches  
Bottom Line (Total Remaining  
Balance on VRF Report



Example of a Financial System Report

XXXXXXX County  
Treasurer Cash Receipt

Receipt #  
EFWA12345678

Date of  
Transfer /  
Deposit

Date: 060602017

Received From: StateOfWAMonthlyEFT

Customer ID # 8910

Clerk: David Smith

Fund/Key	Revenue	Description	Amount
130	33600840	State Boating Safety	\$20,744.72
Total Receipt Amount			\$20,744.72

Deposited into  
Dedicated Account  
For Boating Safety

Correct Amount  
Received

## EXHIBIT F

### EDUCATION AND OUTREACH TACTICS AND SUGGESTED GOALS

- **Education Classes:** This is classroom instruction of the Adventures in Boating course sanctioned by Washington State Parks that qualifies passing students to obtain a Mandatory Boater Education Card.
  - Small Agency, 15 students, 1 Class
  - Medium Agency, 20 students, 1 Class
  - Large Agency, 50 students, 1 Class
  
- **Boating Safety Presentations to Groups:** These are boating safety presentations to various groups, yacht clubs, kayak clubs, anglers, and any groups that use boats on the water.
  - Small Agency, 10 hours
  - Medium Agency, 15 hours
  - Large Agency, 25 hours
  
- **Boating Safety Presentations to Schools:** These are presentations to local public and private schools, K-12, colleges or universities.
  - Small Agency, 10 hours
  - Medium Agency, 15 hours
  - Large Agency, 25 hours
  
- **Vessel Rental Site Visits:** These are site visits to local vessel rental sites if they exist. The intent is to ensure the employees and renters are following the guidance on the Motor Vessel Rental Safety Checklist (Form number P&R A-446 - Rev 04/2017). These can also be site visits to businesses that rent out kayaks, canoes, stand-up paddleboards or other small non-motorized craft. The intent of visits in this case is to emphasize basic safety behaviours such as encouraging renters to always wear a life jacket and encouraging boating in low hazard areas.
  - Small Agency, 2 visits
  - Medium Agency, 4 visits
  - Large Agency, 6 visits
  
- **Participation in Community Events:** These are events like county fairs, parades, and night outs that have the ability to reach large numbers of community members. A qualified event requires face-to-face interaction with community members. Participation on the water in regattas, races, opening days where there is little to no face-to-face interaction between officers/deputies and community members does not count as a "Community Event". Also, maintaining a screen line or security area at an on-water event does not count for reporting event hours on the SOAR.
  - Small Agency, 40 hours
  - Medium Agency, 150 hours
  - Large Agency, 275 hours
  
- **Vessel Dealer Site Visits:** These are visits to vessel dealerships and brokers, where applicable, to ensure they are following dealer registration laws, educate them on any safety issues with type of vessels they sell, and checks that required safety equipment is on board during test rides and sea trials. Dealers should also be encouraged to remind their customers of the mandatory boater education requirement.

- Small Agency, 5 visits
  - Medium Agency, 10 visits
  - Large Agency, 15 visits
- **Professional Prevention Partners (Safe Kids, Power Squadron, USCG Auxiliary, etc.):** Engaging partners can multiply the effectiveness of a marine law enforcement program's effectiveness by increasing its area of influence and leveraging the resources of partners. Partnering activities include meetings, conference calls, event participation, and actual on-water time. Agencies should report the hours spent working with Prevention Partners conducting RBS activities in their jurisdictions as well as meetings, conference calls etc.
    - Small Agency, 1 hour
    - Medium Agency, 3 hours
    - Large Agency, 5 hours

**Media Contacts:** Agencies should distribute recreational boating safety content through their own social media channels, social media channels of their partners, or the news media.

- **Owned Media:** This is the number of hours spent on this activity and the number of posts or articles distributed through communication channels that are owned and managed by the agency, like the agency website, social media channels (Facebook, Twitter), newsletters, etc.
  - Small Agency, 4 hours
  - Medium Agency, 8 hours
  - Large Agency, 16 hours
- **Earned Media:** This is the number of hours spent on this activity and the number of articles broadcast through media channels that are not managed by the agency. Examples include stories in the newspaper, radio, television. Agencies should also count the number of recreational boating safety posts on the social media channels of partner organizations when the agency can show that the posts are the result of its interaction with that partner.
  - Small Agency, 4 hours
  - Medium Agency, 8 hours
  - Large Agency, 16 hours
- **Campaigns; Operation Dry Water, Spring Aboard, National Safe Boating Week, and Safe Paddling Week:** See the SOAR web form for reporting requirements, and goals for all agencies regardless of size is participation in these campaigns. The State Parks Recreational Boating Safety Communication staff will distribute content to all agencies for each of the campaigns, making participation quick and simple. These campaigns can have a powerful impact if all agencies participate.
  - The Operation Dry Water campaign is a national campaign focused on the deterrence of boating under the influence. Participation in this campaign is mandatory for all agencies that receive a federal assistance grant. It is a combination of emphasis patrols and media the weekend before the Fourth of July.
  - The Spring Aboard campaign is a national campaign designed to encourage all boaters to take a recreational boating safety class. It occurs in late March.
  - National Safe Boating Week is a nationally observed week focused on encouraging all boaters to wear their lifejackets. In addition to media posts, agencies are encouraged to

participate in "Wear IT" events. More information will be distributed in the late winter about this campaign to help agencies effectively participate. This campaign is sponsored by the National Safe Boating Council.

- Safe Paddling Week is a new campaign being sponsored by the Washington State Parks Recreational Boating Safety Program. The purpose of the week is to elevate awareness around basic paddling safety behaviours such as always wearing a PFD, obtaining training etc.

**EXHIBIT G**

**DATA ENTERED ON THE A-299 FORM**

**Washington State Parks & Recreation Commission – Recreational Boating Program**

**Request for Boating Safety Program Approval**

**Application Year:**

**2025**

<b>AGENCY INFO</b>	
<b>Agency Name</b>	<b>Agency Size</b>
Whatcom County Sheriff's Office	Large
<b>Agency Signing Officer Title</b>	<b>Signing Officer First Name</b>
Sheriff	Donnell
<b>Signing Officer Last Name</b>	<b>Dedicated Account Number</b>
Tanksley	2960.4336.0084

**STAFFING**

<b>Roles</b>	<b>SAW ID</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>Commission</b>	<b>FT/PT</b>	<b>Email Address</b>	<b>Date of Marine L.E. Training</b>	<b>Training Current?</b>	<b>Non-WA Parks Courses</b>
Boating Safety Officer		Deputy	Erik	Strand	Regular	Part time/Seasonal	estrand@co.whatcom.wa.us	4/10/2014	Yes	
Fiscal Lead			Donna	Duling	N/A	Other	dduling@co.whatcom.wa.us		N/A for this position	

Boating Safety Officer		Deputy	Tyler	Dezeeuw	Regular	Part time/Seasonal	tdezeeuw@co.whatcom.wa.us	5/18/2017	Yes	
Boating Safety Officer, Certified Boating Ed Instructor		Undersheriff	Steve	Harris	Regular	Part time/Seasonal	sharris@co.whatcom.wa.us	5/10/2001	Yes	
Boating Safety Officer		Deputy	Ian	Johnson	Regular	Part time/Seasonal	ijohnson@co.whatcom.wa.us	4/28/2024	Yes	
Boating Safety Officer		Deputy	Troy	Slayton	Regular	Part time/Seasonal	tslayton@co.whatcom.wa.us	5/1/2014	Yes	
Boating Safety Officer		Deputy	Keith	Brown	Regular	Part time/Seasonal	kbrown@co.whatcom.wa.us	4/6/2017	Yes	
Marine Lead, Lead Accident Investigator, Boating Safety Officer, Coordinator of Boating Education, Certified Boating Ed Instructor		Deputy	Michael	King	Regular	Part time/Seasonal	mwking@co.whatcom.wa.us	4/28/2005	Yes	
Boating Safety Officer		Deputy	Mason	Stafford	Regular	Part time/Seasonal	mstafford@co.whatcom.wa.us	4/10/2014	Yes	
Boating Safety Officer		Deputy	Damon	Bruland	Regular	Part time/Seasonal	dbruland@co.whatcom.wa.us	6/14/2007	Yes	
Boating Safety Officer, Certified Boating Ed Instructor		Sergeant	DJ	Osborn	Regular	Part time/Seasonal	dosborn@co.whatcom.wa.us	6/14/2007	Yes	



Boating Safety Officer		Detective	Mark	Jilk	Regular	Part time/Seasonal	mjilk@co.whatcom.wa.us	5/18/2017	Yes	
Boating Safety Officer		Sergeant	Todd	Damon	Regular	Part time/Seasonal	tdamon@co.whatcom.wa.us	4/18/2002	Yes	
Boating Safety Officer		Deputy	Lucas	Heystek	Regular	Part time/Seasonal	lheystek@co.whatcom.wa.us	5/11/2023	Yes	
Boating Safety Officer		Deputy	Trevor	Vander Veen	Regular	Part time/Seasonal	tvanderv@co.whatcom.wa.us	5/13/2021	Yes	
Boating Safety Officer		Deputy	Jayson	Loreen	Regular	Part time/Seasonal	jloreen@co.whatcom.wa.us	5/5/2022	Yes	
Boating Safety Officer		Deputy	Axel	Nielsen	Regular	Part time/Seasonal	anielsen@co.whatcom.wa.us	5/27/2021	Yes	
Boating Safety Officer		Sergeant	Jason	Karb	Regular	Part time/Seasonal	jkarb@co.whatcom.wa.us	4/15/2021	Yes	

<b>Number of Full Time RBS Officer</b>	<b>Number of Part Time/Seasonal RBS Officers</b>
0.00	16.00
<b>Number of Other RBS Officers</b>	<b>Marine Lead Mobile Phone</b>
2.00	360-599-8216

**BOAT PATROL SCHEDULE**

<b>Patrol Season Begins</b>	<b>Patrol Season Ends</b>
5/24/2025	9/4/2025

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Patrol Hours	12.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6.00	12.00
Number of Officers	3.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.00	3.00
Number of Vessels	2.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	2.00

**Total Planned Patrol Hours**  
726.00

**Total Planned Inspections**  
800.00

**RBS EQUIPMENT, VESSELS, AIRCRAFT AND VEHICLES**

Type	Vessel Name	Vehicle/ Aircraft/ Equipment Type	Manufacturer	Sector/ Radio	Model	Length	Propulsion Type	Horse Power	Year	Funds Used for Purchase	% Time Used for RBS
Vessels	PWC		Bombardier	SECTOR equipped,	GTX	10.00	Jet	350.00	2,005	Local,	100.00
Vessels	Munson		Munson	SECTOR equipped,Radi o equipped,	PacMan	19.00	OB	150.00	2,016	Local,	95.00
Vessels	Life Proof		IMS	SECTOR equipped,Radi o equipped,	27	27.00	OB (x2)	600.00	2,020	Local,Other Federal Financial Assistance,	95.00
Vessels	Donzi		Donzi	SECTOR equipped,Radi o equipped,		27.00	OB (x2)	500.00	2,008	Local,	100.00
Vessels	Jet Boat		Heliarc	SECTOR equipped,Radi o equipped,	Custom	20.00	I/O Jet	400.00	1,995	Local,	95.00
Vehicles		Truck	Ford	SECTOR equipped,Radi o equipped,	350HD				2,023	Local,	35.00

<b>Number of Radio Equipped Boats</b>	<b>Number of Non-Radio Equipped Boats</b>
4.00	1.00
<b>Number of Aircraft</b>	<b>Number of Other Patrol Vehicles</b>
0.00	1.00
<b>Number of Vessels SECTOR Equipped</b>	<b>Number of Vessels Non-SECTOR Equipped</b>

5.00	0.00
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**LOCAL ORDINANCES**

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