



# Abandoned and Derelict Vessels in Oregon



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# Removal Authority



- Enforcement Agency – Law enforcement agency, a federal agency, the State Marine Board, or any public body, as defined in ORS 174.109, that has responsibility for land or water on which an abandoned or derelict vessel is located
- Abandoned
  - Left without permission
- Derelict (added in 2013 legislation)
  - Sunk or in imminent danger of sinking; Obstructing a waterway; endangering life or property; or significant environmental hazard

# Removal Authority



- **Pre-seizure notice – 10 Business Days**
  - Abandoned vessel or a derelict vessel that has not remedied derelict condition
- **Seizure without notice**
  - Presents a hazard to navigation or an imminent threat to public health or safety
- **Post-seizure notice – Not more than 7 days after seizure**
  - Due process for owner – Must submit request for hearing within 10 days

# Marine Board Authority



- **Salvaged Vessel Subaccount:**
  - \$150,000 per biennium allocated
  - Vessels up to 200 GT
  - Reimburse enforcement agency for salvage, towing, storage, and disposal
  - Reimbursement - 90% Rec, 75% Commercial



Cost to Remove (per ft)

15-30ft Vessels:  
\$62 - \$124

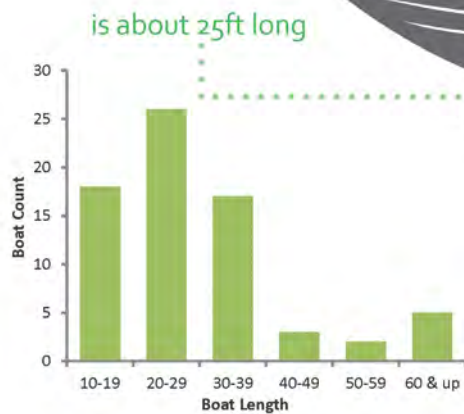
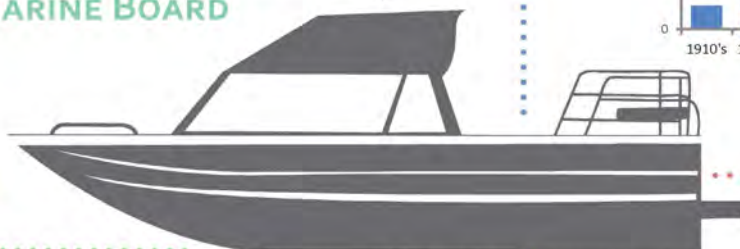
31-50ft Vessels:  
\$142 - \$229

51-100ft Vessels:  
\$171 - \$336



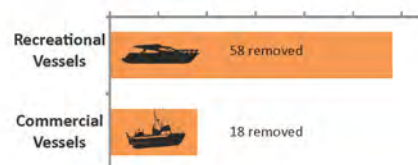
costs about  
\$1,800 to remove

## THE TYPICAL BOAT REMOVED BY THE MARINE BOARD

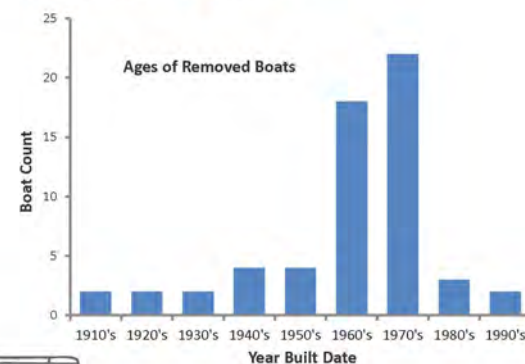


Data represents boats removed by the Marine Board between 2005 and 2015.

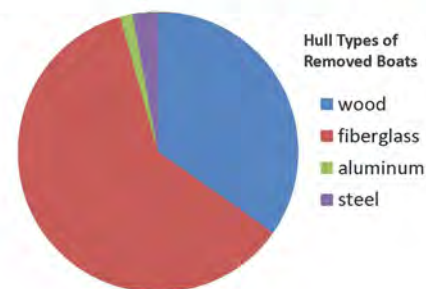
is a recreational vessel



was built in the 1970's

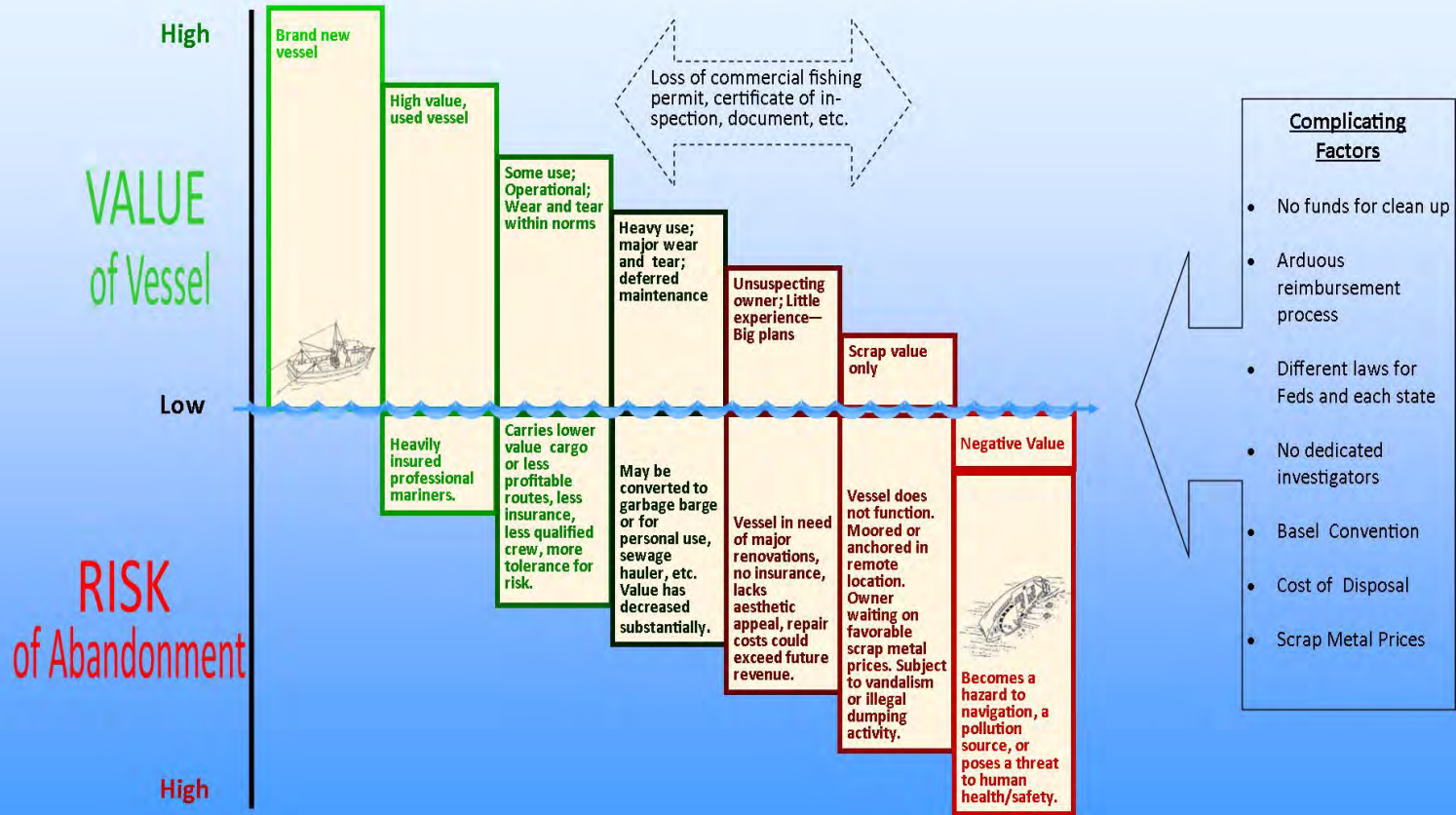


has a fiberglass hull





# SINKING VALUE - RISING RISK



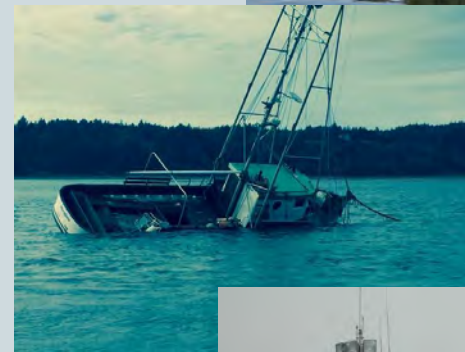
# Vessel Turn-In Program

- Grants to public agencies to sponsor a vessel turn-in program
- Private marina owners can turn-in vessels if they hold the title.
- 2015 VITP – OSMB Sponsored
  - 3 private and 1 public marina participated
  - 9 boats removed
  - Total cost - \$16,600



# Commercial Vessels

- F/V Ina - \$29,571
- F/V Mary Jane - \$9,500
- F/V Recruit - \$5,730
- Average cost this bienium: \$14,933 per vessel





## F/V Western

### History

- Crabbing Vessel – Permit transferred in 2005
- Moored in Charleston
- Denied moorage in Charleston in 2014
- Anchored in Coos Bay
- Vessel sank in January 2015
- Cost to remove - **\$99,000**

70 ft. length  
78 Gross Tons  
Wood hull  
Built in 1934



# FY 2016 - NOAA Debris Removal Grant

- **F/V Western Removal**
  - Applied for grant in 2015
  - \$55K to supplement OSMB and State Lands funds
  - Received notice in August 2016
  - In-water work period begins October 1.



## FY 2016 - NOAA Debris Removal Grant



- Establish an Abandoned and Derelict Commercial Vessel Task Force
- Assistance from Oregon Sea Grant
- Commercial vessel inventory
- Risk analysis
- Identifying options for these vessels
  - Insurance?
  - Removal fund?

# NOAA Debris Removal Grants



- On-the-ground marine debris removal activities...including derelict fishing gear and abandoned and derelict vessels
- FY 2017 Grants now available



<https://marinedebris.noaa.gov/discover-issue/types-and-sources/abandoned-and-derelict-vessels>

<https://marinedebrisblog.wordpress.com/2016/08/15/now-open-fy17-community-based-marine-debris-removal-grant-opportunity/>



Abandoned and Derelict Vessels Removed by the Marine Board



Questions

