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Olympia Port to Receive State Grant for Marina Improvements

OLYMPIA – Port of Olympia commissioners will receive a symbolic check Monday for a grant from the Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation (IAC) for improvements to the guest dock at Swantown Marina.

Interagency Committee Director Laura Johnson will present a giant check to commissioners at their meeting at 5:30 p.m., Monday, at 915 Washington St. N.E., Olympia.

The Port of Olympia will use a Boating Infrastructure Grant to renovate Dock A, the guest moorage floats at its 23-year-old Swantown Marina. To improve services to boaters, the Port will repair the facility to restore it to its original design. Work will include adding new flotation to raise the dock, tightening of all connecting hardware, replacing damaged wood components, adding new safety rails, and fixing damaged deck surfaces. Renovations also will include upgrading the power capacity for 26 guest moorage slips and adding power for 10 slips, allowing for additional overnight moorage for large boats.

The grant is from the Boating Infrastructure Grant (BIG) program, which provides funding for recreational, transient boating facilities targeting the needs of recreational boats 26 feet and larger. Funding for the grants comes from a portion of the federal Aquatic Resources Trust Fund administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

“This grant provides an important source of funds to renovate our guest moorage facilities,” said Port Commission President Steve Pottle. “We appreciate the IAC’s positive action on this project.”

The Swantown project was the only project statewide to be awarded a BIG grant in the tier one category. The Port will contribute \$71,090 for this project.

“Washington has more than 250,000 registered boats,” Johnson said. “We need to make sure that the facilities in the state can accommodate those boaters. This grant will invest money in fixing what we have and making improvements so it’s easier for people to enjoy their time outdoors. It’s vital to keeping Washington a destination for outdoor recreation.”

The Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation was established in 1964 to finance recreation and conservation projects throughout the state. For more information on the agency or its grant programs, visit the Web site: www.iac.wa.gov.

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