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## Clean Vessel Act Grants Help Keep Marine Waters Clean and Healthy

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service acting Director Rowan Gould announced today \$12.8 million will be awarded to 31 states, including Oregon and Washington, under the Clean Vessel Act grant program in 2010. The grants will be used to fund the construction and installation of sewage facilities and floating restrooms, purchase boats and provide educational programs for recreational boaters.

“Clean Vessel Act funding supports the construction of facilities in communities that depend largely on recreational boating for their economy – and depend on clean water for their health and the health of their environment,” said Gould. “In a time of economic uncertainty, these grants will also provide an immediate investment in construction jobs and infrastructure that will provide lasting value for recreational boaters, state agencies, and local communities.”

Grants awarded in the Service’s Pacific Region total more than \$758,000.

The Oregon State Marine Board will receive \$198,597 to help with the operation and maintenance costs at 40 coastal and 31 inland public facilities statewide including 34 stations, 39 dump stations and 19 floating restrooms. The Board also will educate boaters on the location and necessity of using pump-outs, dump stations and floating restrooms, and will work with marine dealerships in giving new boaters information on proper vessel waste disposal.

The Washington Department of Parks and Recreation will receive \$559,885 to install or replace new sewage and dump station facilities at 19 marinas, and to provide operation and maintenance funding for 46 coastal marinas and 25 inland marinas throughout the state. They are also planning a campaign to increase the visibility and impact of the Pump-out Logo among boaters.

Funding for Clean Vessel Act grants comes from the Sport Fishing and Boating Trust Fund, formerly known as the Aquatic Resources Trust Fund, which is supported by excise taxes levied on certain fishing and boating equipment and boat fuels.

To date, the program administered by the Fish and Wildlife Service has awarded more than \$172 million to states to install thousands of sewage stations. In addition, many states now rely upon mobile sewage boats to make the sewage collection process more efficient and convenient for boaters. A number of states also have begun installing floating restrooms and pump-out stations in high use areas of lakes and coastal waters.

Some of the other major grants awarded through this program in 2010 include:

**Alabama:** \$288,566 – The Alabama Department of Environmental Management plans to install 10 sewage stations throughout the state for its inland and coastal waters. In addition, the agency plans to maintain its efforts to inform boaters about the importance of proper sewage disposal and its benefits to the aquatic environment.

**Arkansas:** \$236,675 – The Arkansas Game and Fish Commission plans to purchase several sewage boats, install sewage and dump stations, and provide funds for the operation, maintenance, repair and rehabilitation of existing sewage stations as needed to keep these stations functioning at lakes and rivers across the state, including Lake Norfolk, Lake Ouachita, Bull Shoals Lake, Beaver Lake, Greer’s Ferry Lake and the Arkansas River.

**California:** \$2,462,451 – The California Department of Boating and Waterways plans to construct, install, upgrade and/or renovate four coastal pump-outs and one coastal dump station facility. They will also purchase a boat for use along the coast and install nine floating restrooms and two pump-outs or dump stations along inland waterways. The funds will also support operation and maintenance for all coastal and inland pump-out/dump stations and pump-out boats.

**Connecticut:** \$1,490,061 – The Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection plans to install two new pump-out or waste reception facilities, upgrade or replace four pump-out facilities, purchase two new pump-out boats, and renovate two others at facilities in Bridgeport, Darien, Groton, Derby, Stonington, Milford, Stamford, Norwalk and along Candlewood Lake. They will also support the operation and maintenance of pump-out facilities at up to 40 marina facilities along the coast and several others on Candlewood Lake, and provide education for boaters and marine facility operators regarding the importance of proper sewage disposal.

**Florida:** \$1,917,042 – The Florida Department of Environmental Protection plans to install 51 pump-out facilities for inland and coastal waters, provide operation and maintenance of existing pump-outs, and provide education for boaters and marine facility operators regarding the importance of proper sewage disposal.

**Georgia:** \$71,388 – The Georgia Department of Natural Resources will purchase one sewage pump-out boat for use at Port Royale Marina on Lake Lanier.

**Indiana:** \$189,345 – The Indiana Department of Environmental Management plans to increase the number of pump-out stations at a number of marinas and increase awareness of the Clean Vessel Act. The Department will also encourage marinas to increase public awareness about the importance of boaters adhering to acceptable sewage disposal.

**Maine:** \$334,619 – The Maine Department of Environmental Protection plans to continue operation and maintenance support of existing pump-out systems and to install approximately 10 new or improved pump-out systems along the coast of Maine, specifically in the towns of York, Kennebunk/Kennebunkport, North Haven, Vinalhaven, Harpswell, Saint George, Brooksville, Brooklin, and Deer Isle.

**Maryland:** \$745,000 – The Maryland Department of Natural Resources plans to install 10 new pump-outs facilities, renovate 22 pump-out facilities, provide operation and maintenance funding for existing pump-out facilities, and educate boaters and marina operators about the importance of proper sewage disposal. The Department will also undertake a statewide pump-out inspection program where staff will be visiting every pump-out in the State, conducting operational testing, and updating database information to ensure that they are

providing accurate pump-out information. Projects will be located throughout the tributaries of the Chesapeake Bay and coastal bays.

**Massachusetts:** \$1,029,458 – The Division of Marine Fisheries plans to install or renovate two sewage pump-out facilities, purchase two sewage pump-out boats, and provide operation and maintenance funding for existing sewage pump-out boats and facilities along the Merrimack River and in the cities of Rockport, Marblehead, Marshfield, and Tisbury. The agency will also continue its efforts to educate boaters about the importance of proper sewage disposal.

**Missouri:** \$48,000 – The Missouri Department of Conservation plans to provide pump-out facilities at up to three marinas. The facilities will provide services on Missouri's large lakes or major rivers. All pump-out facilities will be located at privately owned marinas or state park marinas open to the general public.

**Nevada:** \$ 39,242 – The State of Nevada plans to repair and upgrade existing sewage pump-out and waste reception facilities in the Hemenway Harbor area of Lake Mead.

**New York:** \$715,645 – The New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation plans to install 16 sewage pump-out facilities, renovate or upgrade 24 pump-out or waste reception facilities, and support operation and maintenance of existing facilities to ensure availability for recreational boaters along New York's inland and coastal waters.

**North Carolina:** \$75,879 – The North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources plans to install two new sewage pump-out facilities and renovate five sewage pump-out facilities throughout the state's inland waters and to continue its efforts to educate boaters about the importance of proper sewage disposal.

**South Carolina:** \$278,232 – The South Carolina Department of Natural Resources plans to install or renovate sewage pump-out facilities and floating restrooms throughout the state's coastal and inland waters.

**Tennessee:** \$1,106,369 – The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency plans to install 27 sewage pump-out facilities and to renovate four sewage pump-out facilities throughout the state. The agency will also continue its efforts to educate boaters about the importance of proper sewage disposal and its benefits to aquatic environments.

**Utah:** \$3,500 – The Utah Division of Wildlife Resources will fund administrative costs associated with managing the Clean Vessel Act grants in the state.

**Virginia:** \$917,139 – The Virginia Department of Health plans to install approximately 33 sewage pump-out facilities along the state's inland and coastal waterways, support operation and maintenance of existing pump-out facilities, continue the sewage pump-out inspection program, and educate boaters about the importance of proper sewage disposal.

**Wisconsin:** \$105,000 – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources will provide financial assistance awards for the construction or replacement of sanitary pump-out and waste reception facilities along coastal waters of Wisconsin. Wisconsin will continue educational efforts to improve pump-out and waste reception facility use by improving communications with marina operators.

**Virginia:** \$917,139 – The Virginia Department of Health plans to install approximately 33 sewage pumpout facilities along the state's inland and coastal waterways, support operation and maintenance of existing pumpout

facilities, continue the sewage pumpout inspection program, and educate boaters about the importance of proper sewage disposal.

The complete list of all 31 states receiving grants and their programs in online at:  
<http://wsfrprograms.fws.gov/Subpages/GrantPrograms/CVA/CVA2010Funding.pdf>

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