Vessel Turn-In Program

Helping prevent boats from becoming derelict

Has your dream boat become a nightmare? If you own a boat that's in poor condition or no longer functions but is not legally derelict or abandoned, you might be eligible for DNR's Vessel Turn-in Program (VTIP)

In 2014, DNR instituted the Vessel Turn-in Program to prevent boats from becoming derelict or abandoned and potentially harming water quality and/or threatening public safety. DNR will help owners dispose of their vessels safely and legally, and may even cover the costs.

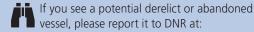
To participate in the program, you must:

- ▶ Meet the requirements on the VTIP Eligibility Criteria checklist.
- Submit an application to the Department of Natural Resources
- Remove personal belongings from the boat.
- ▶ Meet a DNR representative at the vessel for an evaluation (DNR staff will schedule this evaluation after the application is received).

If you want to dispose of your boat safely and legally but don't have the resources, you may qualify for the Vessel Turn-in Program, managed by the Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) at:

Email: dvrp@dnr.wa.gov or Phone: 360-902-BOAT (2628)

Emergency contacts



Derelict Vessel Removal Program (State) 360-902-1574 or email: dvrp@dnr.wa.gov

If the vessel is in an emergency, call 911 or the US Coast Guard (USCG) on Channel 16 VHF-FM

US Coast Guard 24-hour emergency

206-217-6001 (Puget Sound to Neah Bay to Bellingham) **503-861-2242** (Columbia River and SW Washington)

USCG will be involved for search and rescue and pollution events.





Removing derelict and abandoned vessels that threaten the health or safety of people and wildlife.

Derelict Vessel Removal Program

Removing vessels that pose threats to the health and safety of Washington's waterways

n addition to vigorous use of commercial navigation through much of the state, the people of Washington have embraced recreation that involves sailboats and powerboats. However, an increasing number of recreational and commercial vessels are found abandoned

or in such disrepair that they are in danger of sinking. In response to this growing problem, the 2002 State Legislature authorized many public agencies to remove and dispose of abandoned and derelict vessels.

As steward of the state's 2.6 million acres of

aquatic lands, the state Department of Natural Resources (DNR) manages the Derelict Vessel Removal Program (DVRP). DNR removes and disposes of derelict vessels, offers expertise to help other agencies with removal efforts, and reimburses them most of the vessel removal and disposal costs.

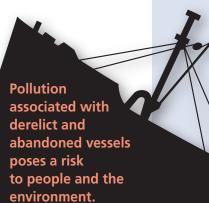
What damage can a derelict or abandoned vessel cause?

Derelict and abandoned vessels are more than an eyesore. They can be real threats. Pollution associated with vessels poses a risk to people and the environment. Contamination is mainly caused by fuel spills (gas or diesel), which occur when a vessel sinks or breaks up.

Drifting, beached, broken-up or sunken vessels can threaten human safety, be a navigational hazard and have an impact on aquatic habitats.

▲ The 'Holiday' was the first vessel removed under the program. Posing a significant threat to navigation, it was removed from lower Budd Inlet by DNR in 2003.







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habitats.

Removal Program? What is the DNR's Derelict Vessel

Remove and dispose of derelict or removing vessels up to 200 feet long.

or safety highest on the list. sinking or posing a threat to human health notenidseW ni bnuot slassav banobnada

public entity.

time and equipment use provided by the

can be in in-kind services such as personnel and disposal. The remaining 10 percent to 90 percent of the cost of vessel removal Reimburse authorized public entities up

🛂 Manage program operations

a priority basis with those in danger of State's waters. DNR removes vessels on

three main responsibilities associated with

The Derelict Vessel Removal Program has

degree of threat. is assigned to the vessel based on criteria that classify the The program addresses vessels of 200 feet or less. Priority navigation channels, or that present environmental risks. vessels that are in danger of sinking, breaking up, blocking vessel removal account funds is given to removing derelict fresh water ecosystems and wildlife, priority for derelict

removal priorities?

and pollutants are removed and disposed of.

available. Sunken vessels are raised using a

sbod the most environmentally sound methods

Derelict vessels are removed from the water

combination of lift bags and high pressure pumping,

What are the derelict vessel

In order to protect the health of people, marine and

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authorized to

removed by Washington Derelict vessels may be

▶ Port Districts agencies: DNR or other public

with ownership,

Jurisdiction over Laws are in Revised Code of The state's Derelict Vessel

management or other

Fish and Wildlife

■ State Parks and

Park Districts

aquatic lands

■ Metropolitan

To state Department of

Recreation Commission

▼ City, town or county

a \$1/ft fee that also funds the some commercial vessels pay funding. Starting in 2015, provide most of the program's of the vessel visitor permit fee vessel registration fee and \$5 \$3 of the annual recreational remove vessels?

funding come from? Where does program

funding account balance.

Also linked are the Derelict

available at dnr.wa.gov/

and application forms are

Washington (RCW) 79.100.

guidelines, reporting,

Program information,

derelictvessels.

Vessel Inventory, and program

to establish the vessel status and

Derelict Vessel Removal Program abandoned vessel problem on steps to address the derelict or Authorized public entities take

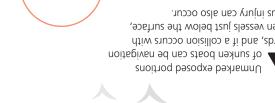
Send the reporting form to the aquatic lands in their jurisdiction:

Send pre-custody letters to

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What can authorized

serious injury can also occur. sunken vessels just below the surface, hazards, and if a collision occurs with





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and water

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and other aquatic

life; and contaminate

marine mammals, waterfowl

leaked they can injure or kill

Derelict vessels may contain

other toxic substances. If

large quantities of oil or

aquatic lands,

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Vessels

the bottom can that settle on

environment, disrupt the aquatic

crushing sensitive sconting or

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eelgrass or kelp habitats like

betreent of the associated with removal and disposal. reimbursement of costs associated Seek from the vessel owner

contract with a private company or

▶ Remove and dispose of vessel, or

possession and custody of vessel.

requirements and take temporary

● Follow Derelict Vessels Act notice

removal and disposal costs. of qu to the DVRP for up to

unwilling to undertake removal, it If an authorized agency is unable or

may ask DNR to take the lead.

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owners of the vessel.

receive priority ranking.

feeds people, too. wildlife, and enter the food web that the organisms that feed larger fish and coatings slough off the vessel and mix with sediments in the area. They can contaminate

Anti-fouling paints and other toxic

3 Maintain the derelict vessel inventory

began in 2002. the vessels reported since the program database that holds information on all of

authorized public entities and the public.

Provide guidance and assistance to

■ Manage the Derelict Vessel

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