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Tina Kotek, Governor

June 20, 2024

Boyd Blankenship
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Sweet Home, OR 98682-6853

Re: NOTICE OF PROPOSED SEIZURE OF VESSEL OR 294 FJ

Dear Mr. Blankenship:

A fiberglass motorboat, 16' in length, registration number OR 294 FJ, was observed June 12, 2024, at anchor, 45° 28'48.4" N 122° 39' 51.4" W. This is on the Willamette River in Multnomah County, Oregon. The vessel meets the statutory definition of an "abandoned and derelict vessel" due to due to being left on the waters of the state without authorization and it is imminent danger of sinking.

U.S. Coast Guard records indicate that you were the last registered owner of this vessel. As the owner, it is your responsibility to register the vessel and remove it. If you fail to remove the vessel prior to the date specified in this notice, the OSMB will be authorized to seize the vessel. Furthermore, you may be cited for failure to remove the vessel. If the vessel is seized, you will be liable for the costs of salvage, towing, and storage of the vessel. If the costs of salvage, towing, and storage are not paid, the vessel may be destroyed or sold, and you will remain liable for unpaid costs.

To prevent the seizure of your vessel and possible citation for failure to remove a derelict vessel, you must move the vessel to a location where it can be lawfully kept prior to the following date and time:

<div align="center">July 1, 2024, 12:00 PM</div>

You have the right to request a hearing to challenge the seizure of the vessel. If you wish to request a hearing, you must submit your request in writing to the OSMB prior to the deadline given above. You must indicate the specific grounds on which the seizure of the vessel is challenged.

If you have questions, please contact Phil Hudspeth at the Oregon State Marine Board, at 503-856-2914 or phillip.hudspeth@boat.oregon.gov.

Sincerely,

Phil Hudspeth,
Boating Policy and Environmental Coordinator