Recreating on the Willamette in Portland

SurveyMonkey

1. How old are you? (This is optional, but getting information on how people of different ages are using the river helps us understand trends.)

	Response Percent	Response Count
under 21	0.4%	7
21-34	11.8%	185
35-44	17.8%	279
45-59	**39.3%**	**616**
60 or over	30.6%	480
	answered question	**1,567**
	skipped question	**6**

2. Boater type. Please indicate what type of boating you primarily engage in when you boat in the Willamette in Portland (check one):

	Response Percent	Response Count
Primarily Motorized	**52.3%**	**817**
Primarily Non-motorized	40.8%	638
About equally motorized and non-motorized	6.9%	107
	answered question	**1,562**
	skipped question	**11**

3. Boat Type. What types of craft do you own or operate on the Willamette? (check all that apply)

	Response Percent	Response Count
fishing boat (with motor)	**35.9%**	**562**
ski / wakeboard boat	13.4%	210
cruiser/yacht	17.9%	280
personal motorized watercraft (e.g. jet skis, waverunners, etc.)	4.5%	71
canoe	10.4%	163
kayak	21.8%	341
paddle-board	1.9%	30
dragon-boat, crew shell, or other team-powered craft	23.3%	365
sail-boat	13.9%	218
Other (please specify)	5.8%	91
	answered question	**1,566**
	skipped question	**7**

4. Launch Location. Please indicate about how many times you used the following facilities to get onto the river in 2010.

	1-2	3-4	5-9	10+	Response Count
Columbia Slough (Kelley Point Park)	**54.2% (129)**	22.3% (53)	14.3% (34)	9.2% (22)	238
Cathedral Park	**35.6% (148)**	23.6% (98)	22.1% (92)	18.8% (78)	416
Swan Island Boat Ramp	**39.1% (99)**	27.3% (69)	16.2% (41)	17.4% (44)	253
McCarthy Park ramp/launch	**47.5% (19)**	25.0% (10)	20.0% (8)	7.5% (3)	40
Convention Center Dock (eastbank, S. of Steel Bridge)	**43.1% (25)**	36.2% (21)	15.5% (9)	5.2% (3)	58
Madison Dock (eastbank, N. of Hawthorne Bridge)	**38.2% (26)**	20.6% (14)	10.3% (7)	30.9% (21)	68
Portland Boathouse Dock (the light watercraft dock, on eastbank S. of Hawthorne Br.)	20.6% (52)	14.7% (37)	4.4% (11)	**60.3% (152)**	252
RiverPlace dock or marina	18.0% (75)	16.6% (69)	9.4% (39)	**56.0% (233)**	416
OMSI Dock	**43.7% (38)**	20.7% (18)	14.9% (13)	20.7% (18)	87
Macadam Bay dock	**33.8% (25)**	32.4% (24)	18.9% (14)	14.9% (11)	74
Willamette Park	24.2% (169)	26.3% (184)	21.7% (152)	**27.8% (194)**	699
Oaks Park	**37.2% (58)**	21.8% (34)	17.3% (27)	23.7% (37)	156
Sellwood Riverfront Park dock	**38.7% (92)**	26.5% (63)	20.2% (48)	14.7% (35)	238
Other location (describe below)	23.1% (93)	8.7% (35)	14.9% (60)	**53.3% (215)**	403
				If you marked "Other", please describe:	506

answered question	**1,454**
skipped question	**119**

5. Activities: Please indicate how much time you spent on the River (cumulatively in the 2010 calendar year).

	less than 4 hours	4-15 hours	16 or more hours	Response Count
fishing	11.5% (81)	15.5% (109)	**73.0% (514)**	704
pleasure boating /touring	9.0% (80)	26.6% (237)	**64.4% (573)**	890
bird- / nature-watching	23.2% (88)	32.9% (125)	**43.9% (167)**	380
Skiing, wake-boarding	27.6% (72)	21.1% (55)	**51.3% (134)**	261
racing/competition	17.4% (71)	22.2% (91)	**60.4% (247)**	409
sailing	22.0% (60)	16.5% (45)	**61.5% (168)**	273
personal exercise	13.3% (61)	18.6% (85)	**68.1% (311)**	457
viewing events (fireworks, concerts, etc.)	**40.4% (175)**	37.2% (161)	22.4% (97)	433
Other (please describe, below):	14.6% (20)	8.0% (11)	**77.4% (106)**	137
			If you marked "Other", please describe.	147
			answered question	**1,553**
			skipped question	**20**

6. Destination: Please indicate which segment of the river you spent the MOST time in during 2010 (disregard transit time to/from launch site).

	Response Percent	Response Count
North (downstream) of St. John's Br., to the Columbia	11.9%	184
Between Fremont Br. & St. John's Br.	3.0%	46
Between Marquam Br. and Fremont Br.	6.7%	104
South (upstream) of the Marquam Br.	**40.3%**	**623**
Used multiple segments, no single segment predominant	38.1%	589
	answered question	**1,546**
	skipped question	**27**

7. Boating Experience:

	1 (Low)	2	3 (OK)	4	5 (High)	Rating Average	Response Count
Using a scale of 1 (low) to 5 (high), please indicate your overall level of satisfaction/enjoyment with your boating experience on the Willamette.	1.6% (22)	4.3% (58)	35.1% (479)	**35.8% (488)**	23.2% (317)	3.75	1,364
						answered question	**1,364**
						skipped question	**209**

8. Problems with SETTING: Please indicate how severely the following issues affect your boating experience on the Willamette, using the following scale: ...1 = not severe; presents little or no problem -- (not a bother) ...2 = moderately severe; -- (can be annoying, but manageable) ...3 = severe; presents frequent problems, or big problems on occasion (is unsafe or disruptive, seriously degrades recreational experience)

	1 (not severe)	2 (moderate)	3 (severe)	Response Count
Too crowded	41.5% (580)	**50.8% (709)**	7.7% (108)	1,397
Too far between destinations / access points	**67.0% (894)**	24.9% (332)	8.2% (109)	1,335
Lack of information (web sites, river signage, guides) on where to go and what to do.	**68.6% (921)**	24.1% (324)	7.2% (97)	1,342
Unsightly or dirty areas or riverbanks	37.5% (517)	**44.3% (611)**	18.1% (250)	1,378
Poor river water quality	25.0% (351)	**45.5% (638)**	29.5% (413)	1,402
Channel hazards (rocks, pilings, logs, etc.)	**49.6% (654)**	39.7% (524)	10.7% (141)	1,319
Other (describe below)	25.2% (80)	17.9% (57)	**56.9% (181)**	318
			If you marked "Other", please describe.	280
			answered question	**1,473**
			skipped question	**100**

9. Problems with BEHAVIOR: Please indicate how severely the following issues affect your boating experience on the Willamette, using the following scale: ...1 = not severe; presents little or no problem -- (not a bother) ...2 = moderately severe; -- (can be annoying, but manageable) ...3 = severe; presents frequent problems, or big problems on occasion (is unsafe or disruptive, seriously degrades recreational experience)

	1 (not severe)	2 (moderate)	3 (severe)	Response Count
People who don't know, or don't follow, the rules (e.g., yield the right of way, share the channel, etc.)	27.5% (400)	**47.7% (692)**	24.8% (360)	1,452
Lack of courtesy on docks or ramps	**58.3% (808)**	32.6% (451)	9.1% (126)	1,385
People boating when intoxicated	**57.8% (801)**	31.9% (442)	10.3% (143)	1,386
Excessive boat/exhaust noise	**55.8% (789)**	28.1% (398)	16.1% (228)	1,415
Excessive radio/stereo noise from another boat	**54.4% (772)**	29.2% (415)	16.4% (233)	1,420
Violations of speed limits	**45.8% (648)**	32.6% (461)	21.7% (307)	1,416
Excessive boat wakes	**37.0% (524)**	33.4% (473)	29.6% (420)	1,417
Other (describe below)	37.4% (73)	17.9% (35)	**44.6% (87)**	195
			If you marked "Other", please describe.	181
			answered question	**1,487**
			skipped question	**86**

10. Problems with FACILITIES OR SERVICES: Please indicate how severely the following issues affect your boating experience on the Willamette, using the following scale: ...1 = not severe; presents little or no problem -- (not a bother) ...2 = moderately severe; -- (can be annoying, but manageable) ...3 = severe; presents frequent problems, or big problems on occasion (is unsafe or disruptive, seriously degrades recreational experience)

	1 (not severe)	2 (moderate)	3 (severe)	Response Count
Hazardous condition at ramp (drop-off, etc)	**70.7% (917)**	23.1% (300)	6.2% (80)	1,297
Lack of maintenance at launch site	**65.1% (846)**	28.0% (364)	6.9% (89)	1,299
Entrance or launch fee too high	**70.8% (906)**	22.0% (282)	7.1% (91)	1,279
Not enough restrooms at launch sites	**55.2% (717)**	33.7% (438)	11.2% (145)	1,300
Not enough convenient access to restrooms from the water (e.g., floating restrooms, waterfront restrooms accessible from river)	**46.8% (614)**	38.5% (505)	14.8% (194)	1,313
Not enough parking for cars	**54.1% (694)**	34.8% (447)	11.1% (142)	1,283
Not enough parking for boat trailers	**54.2% (674)**	29.8% (370)	16.0% (199)	1,243
Not enough boarding floats	**66.1% (809)**	26.3% (322)	7.6% (93)	1,224
Lack of short-term tie-ups	**49.2% (631)**	35.6% (457)	15.2% (195)	1,283
Lack of secure tie-ups (i.e., transient moorage for motorboats or “bike racks” for paddling craft, allowing boaters to disembark and enjoy shore-based activities with less worry over theft or vandalism)	**54.3% (693)**	26.3% (336)	19.4% (248)	1,277
Lack of adequate marine law enforcement/safety patrol	**53.0% (705)**	29.9% (398)	17.1% (228)	1,331
Lack of shuttles	**86.2% (1,050)**	10.2% (124)	3.6% (44)	1,218
Not enough conveniently located rental facilities	**85.6% (1,044)**	11.1% (135)	3.3% (40)	1,219
Lack of fueling stations	**58.2% (730)**	27.8% (349)	14.0% (175)	1,254

Lack of natural areas or picnic sites to access from water	**54.1% (692)**	34.1% (436)	11.8% (151)	1,279
Lack of riverbank fishing areas or fishing piers	**70.3% (839)**	19.3% (230)	10.4% (124)	1,193
Other (describe below):	**63.0% (104)**	9.7% (16)	27.3% (45)	165
			If you marked "Other", please describe.	108
			answered question	**1,439**
			skipped question	**134**

11. Needs: Overall, what would make your Willamette boating experience better? (Check all that apply.)

		Response Percent	Response Count
Nothing—it's fine as-is		11.1%	163
Improve existing facilities		39.6%	581
Develop additional facilities		**42.1%**	**618**
Increase level of law enforcement		37.9%	556
Other (please specify)		25.1%	368
		answered question	**1,468**
		skipped question	**105**

12. Future Destinations: If more suitable access facilities were provided, how likely would you be to boat to and visit:

	Unlikely	Somewhat Likely	Very Likely	Response Count
Portland Saturday Market	**49.7% (647)**	28.7% (374)	21.5% (280)	1,301
OMSI	**49.5% (638)**	34.2% (441)	16.3% (210)	1,289
RiverPlace shops, cafes and businesses	31.5% (413)	**35.9% (471)**	32.6% (428)	1,312
South Waterfront shops, cafes and businesses	**35.9% (465)**	34.4% (445)	29.7% (385)	1,295
Oaks Bottom Wildlife Refuge	**38.9% (507)**	36.1% (470)	25.0% (326)	1,303
Shops and cafes at a newly redeveloped Centennial Mills	**48.7% (603)**	32.7% (405)	18.6% (230)	1,238
Parts of Ross Island, if acquired and designed for public use	23.8% (321)	34.3% (463)	**42.0% (567)**	1,351
St. Johns	**53.3% (671)**	31.0% (390)	15.7% (197)	1,258
Linnton	**63.9% (764)**	24.5% (293)	11.6% (139)	1,196
Other (describe below):	**62.6% (87)**	16.5% (23)	20.9% (29)	139
			If you marked "Other", please describe.	91

answered question	**1,423**
skipped question	**150**

13. Trends. Please indicate whether over the next 5 years you expect your primary boating use of the Willamette in Portland to

	Response Percent	Response Count
increase	**54.3%**	**806**
decrease	4.0%	60
stay about the same	41.6%	618
	answered question	**1,484**
	skipped question	**89**

14. Please share any additional comments regarding recreating on Portland's stretch of the Willamette.

	Response Count
	499
answered question	**499**
skipped question	**1,074**