

Vessel Registration Fee Proposal

Background

Registration Fees are authorized by 73-18-7(2) UAC and in accordance with 63J-1-504 UAC; therefore, I am proposing a new fee in this public meeting.

Current Situation

Currently, there are two tiers of registration fees

- 1) Statewide Boat Registration Fee - Vessels Less Than 16 Feet In Length - \$20
- 2) Statewide Boat Registration Fee - Vessels 16 Feet And Greater In Length, Including PWCs - \$40

A legislative constituent contacted his legislator to request a free or reduced registration fee for his small inflatable vessel. The constituent argued that over 3-4 years, he would end up paying more in registration fees than the original purchase price of his vessel. Meetings were held, and an agreement was reached to propose a new registration fee for motorized inflatable vessels less than 10 feet long. This change would allow the vessel to be counted for both state and federal funding, which is based on the number of registered vessels each year. The division expects a net loss of \$15 per vessel with this fee.

Recommended Action

We recommend the following fee be added to the Utah Division of Outdoor Recreation's fee schedule for the 2026 legislative session.

- Statewide Boat Registration Fee - Inflatable Motorized Vessels Less Than 10 Feet In Length - \$5 (Effective January 1, 2027)

Boat Dealer Number And Registration Fee

Background

Registration Fees are authorized by 73-18-7(17) UAC and in accordance with 63J-1-504 UAC; therefore, I am proposing a fee increase in this public meeting.

Current Situation

Boat Dealers currently pay \$25 for each decal they purchase for the use of demonstration, servicing, or testing of any vessels that are part of the dealer's inventory and available for immediate sale. This fee was set in March of 2014 by the Utah Parks and Recreation Board and has not been modified since.

Recommended Action

We recommend that the following fee increase be adjusted on the Utah Division of Outdoor Recreation's fee schedule for the 2026 legislative session.

- Boat Dealer Number and Registration Fee - \$30 per decal (Effective no later than July 1, 2026)