

STATE PARKS and CUSTOMS and BORDER PROTECTION

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For now State Parks has no plans to close marine parks, raise permit costs or increase moorage rate for the balance of the current biennium (which ends June 31st); however there could be changes after the legislature meets.

Permit costs and moorage rates for the next biennium will be reviewed in March with any proposed changes to be submitted for approval in May.

Annual marine state parks moorage permits for 2011 are now available and may be purchased online. Now might be a good time to purchase an annual permit as a hedge against possible fee increases. Go to www.boat.wa.gov, click on boat moorage and scroll down to **State Parks Moorage Fees**.

For boaters planning to visit Canadian waters in 2011 now might be a good time to purchase a US Customs user fee decal, rather than waiting till the last minute.

If your boat is 30ft. or longer you need the decal (cost \$27.50) for re-entry into the U.S.

If you were mailed a decal renewal notice, follow the information on the card and go to <https://dtops.cbp.dhs.gov>. If you can't remember your password or user ID call (317) 298-1245 and they can help. If you have your old decal number or account number it helps. You can also go to www.cbp.gov, click on Travel and get information.

Boaters are reminded that the Winter Puget Sound Dungeness Crab Catch Record Card must be mailed in or the catch (or lack of) record reported online by February 1st. There is a \$10 penalty for not doing so. More information can be found by going to www.fishhunt.dfw.wa.gov.

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