

Transient Boat Moorage Facility Development**FY2003 Request: \$500,000**
Reference No: 35714**AP/AL:** Appropriation
Category: Development**Project Type:** Construction**Location:** Statewide**Contact:** Kelly Hepler**House District:** Statewide (HD 1-40)**Contact Phone:** (907)267-2195**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2002 - 06/30/2007**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

This project will provide funds to the Division of Sport Fish for new transient moorage docks for large recreational boaters. The work will be accomplished by working cooperatively with local communities, the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities and Alaska State Parks.

Funding:	<u>FY2003</u>	<u>FY2004</u>	<u>FY2005</u>	<u>FY2006</u>	<u>FY2007</u>	<u>FY2008</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fed Rcpts	\$500,000						\$500,000
Total:	\$500,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$500,000

<input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - new	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - underway	<input type="checkbox"/> On-Going
0% = Minimum State Match % Required		<input type="checkbox"/> Amendment	<input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Bill	

Operating & Maintenance Costs:

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Staff</u>
Project Development:	0	0
Ongoing Operating:	0	0
One-Time Startup:	0	0
Totals:	0	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:**Project Description/Justification:**

The federal receipts in this project are available from the Boating Infrastructure Grant Program (BIG P) amendment to the Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Act (16 USC 777-777k). The SFR act is more commonly known as the Wallop-Breaux (W-B) program and is administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS). BIG P is a nationwide program that makes funds available to states for the construction of transient moorage for recreational boats over 26 feet in length. These boats, which are commonly referred to as non-trailerable, are usually powered by diesel engines and therefore facilities to support them do not qualify for funding under the SFR 15% set-aside for recreation boating access. Unlike other programs administered by the FWS, BIG P funds are not apportioned to each state in a predetermined amount. Project proposals are evaluated on a competitive, nationwide basis.

The federal funds in this project can provide financial assistance for up to 75% of the total cost of an eligible project. Projects can involve the construction or renovation of any type of facility that will provide transient moorage for a boat. The most popular design for transient moorage in coastal areas is the standard 12'x 120' log reinforced floating dock. This is a proven design that has been used in many locations throughout Southeast and Prince William Sound. Once installed, this type of dock is virtually maintenance free for a design life of twenty years. The federal funds must be matched with at least 25% of the total project cost from a non-federal source. This can be in the form of money, materials or in-kind services. Local cooperators will be required to provide the match for the federal funds as a condition of project funding.

The goal of the federal program is to provide large recreational boats with basic amenities at stopover ports. These would in effect be "rest stops" along the waterway. The long range vision is to have transient docks located at intervals of one day's passage along the nations most popular waterways in a fashion similar to shelters along a trail. The guiding principals of the program are to provide an economic benefit to the community; enhance cultural, historical, scenic, and natural resource

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access opportunities; strengthen community ties to the water; and maintain boating as a family oriented recreational opportunity. Suggestions for moorage locations will be solicited from coastal communities. Prime candidates for transient moorage are communities such as Ketchikan and Valdez. Most recreational boats touring the Inside Passage pass through Ketchikan. Additional transient moorage would not only help relieve current crowded conditions in the harbors but would also encourage boats to stop for supplies and to take in the local sights. New road access to Whittier is expected to greatly increase the amount of recreational fishing that takes place on Prince William Sound. Transient moorage in Valdez would give boaters on the sound a destination port and a harbor of refuge in adverse weather.

Local cooperators will have the option to charge moorage fees to offset any administrative or maintenance costs they might incur. The legislation creating the federal program strictly requires the moorage to be managed for transient use only. Seasonal or long term rental of moorage is not allowed. Moorage must be available on a first come, first served basis with a ten day limit. Since very little recreational boating occurs in our marine water during the winter, communities can manage the floats to provide winter lay-up moorage for local boats.