Sport Fish Recreational Boating Access **FY2010 Request: $3,100,000**
Reference No: 30432

AP/AL: Appropriation **Project Type:** Construction
Category: Development
Location: Statewide **Contact:** Charles Swanton
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Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2009 - 06/30/2014

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:
This annual request authorizes the Division of Sport Fish to continue to construct and upgrade boating and sport fish access facilities statewide from funds comprised of 75% federal assistance and 25% Fish and Game Fund state match. Projects include: boat launches, mooring floats, parking lots, restrooms, fish cleaning facilities, and other services for recreational boaters.

Funding:	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	Total
Fed Rcpts	$2,325,000	$2,325,000	$2,325,000	$2,325,000	$2,325,000	$2,325,000	$13,950,000
Fish/Game	$775,000	$775,000	$775,000	$775,000	$775,000	$775,000	$4,650,000
Total:	$3,100,000	$3,100,000	$3,100,000	$3,100,000	$3,100,000	$3,100,000	$18,600,000

☑ State Match Required ☐ One-Time Project ☐ Phased - new ☐ Phased - underway ☑ On-Going
25% = Minimum State Match % Required ☐ Amendment ☐ Mental Health Bill

Operating & Maintenance Costs:

	Amount	Staff
Project Development:	0	0
Ongoing Operating:	0	0
One-Time Startup:	0	
Totals:	0	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:
The last ten years of funding were: FY2009 - $3,100; FY2008 - $2,800.0; FY2007 - $2,800.0; FY2006 - $2,000.0; FY2005 - $2,000.0; FY2004 - $2,600.0; FY2003 - $1,000.0; FY2002 - $1,600.0; FY2001 - $1,000.0, FY2000 - $2,700.0

Project Description/Justification:
Sport Fish Restoration (SFR) funds require a match of one state dollar for every three federal dollars, or a state match of 25% of the total project cost. This request includes the required match from the Fish and Game Fund. The required match dollars are an investment that produces an instant threefold return. Since federal SFR funds are derived from excise taxes on the sale of sport fishing tackle and state Fish and Game Funds are the receipts from the sale of sport licenses, this capital request is a true user pay/user benefit approach to providing access facilities.

The facilities that result from this project improve recreational boating and sport fishing access to the fish and wildlife resources of the state. The Federal Assistance in Sport Fish Restoration Act (16 USC 777-777k), also known as the Wallop-Breaux (W-B) / Dingell Johnson (D-J) program mandates that 15% of the federal funds available to the state be set aside for boating access improvement and development projects. Any portion of the 15% set-aside for boating access projects that is unused reverts back to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and is lost to the state. Therefore, it is in the state's best interest to utilize these funds.

The annual amount of the federal receipts request is based on a five-year running 15% average of Alaska's federal apportionment W-B funds. The actual CIP request may not equate to 15% of the current W-B apportionment since the CIP request is submitted prior to the issuance of the final federal apportionment.

Sites will be selected so that all regions of the state receive a share of this program. Site development projects will be accomplished in cooperation with local government units and other state agencies. It has been the experience of this department that local communities are very supportive of better access facilities.

This project will provide some new access sites and will renovate or upgrade other sites. Many of the existing access sites throughout the state have either reached the end of their useful life and/or do not meet current standards. These sites no longer adequately serve the public and are very expensive to maintain. The facilities provided by this project will be designed for low maintenance over a service life of 20 years. The facilities will also be accessible to users with disabilities in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

User fees can be established for new and renovated facilities to place them on a self-supporting basis. User fees will be charged where feasible and will be used to offset the cost of site operation and maintenance. Under federal regulations, user fees-charged at a facility developed with federal funds must be used for the operation, maintenance, or improvement of the facility. Fees collected in the excess of actual site costs must be credited back to the federal program. This ensures that the users of the facility benefit from the fees they pay. With the combination of local community support and user fees, it is not anticipated that future operating budget requests will be needed to support the sites developed under this project.