

Sport Fish Recreational Boating and Angler Access

FY2022 Request:

\$0

Reference No:

63786

AP/AL: Appropriation

Project Type: Construction

Category: Natural Resources

Location: Statewide

House District: Statewide (HD 1-40)

Impact House District: Statewide (HD 1-40)

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Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2020 - 06/30/2025

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Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

This project allows the Division of Sport Fish to continue to construct and upgrade recreational power boating and sport fish angler access facilities statewide using Sport Fish Restoration apportionment funds comprised of 75% federal assistance and 25% non-federal match. Federal regulations require that 15% of the annual Sport Fish Restoration Act (Dingell-Johnson/Wallop-Breaux Amendment) apportionment be dedicated to projects that benefit recreational power boaters. Projects include boat launches, mooring floats, parking lots, restrooms, fish cleaning facilities, and other services or like projects.

Funding:	<u>FY2021</u>	<u>FY2022</u>	<u>FY2023</u>	<u>FY2024</u>	<u>FY2025</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>Total</u>
1002 Fed	\$2,250,000						\$2,250,000
Rcpts							
1024	\$750,000						\$750,000
Fish/Game							
Total:	\$3,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,000,000

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - new	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - underway	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ongoing
25% = 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

Prior Funding History / Additional Information:

- Sec1 Ch3 SLA2019 P4 L14 SB19 \$3,000,000
- Sec1 Ch19 SLA2018 P5 L22 SB142 \$3,000,000
- Sec1 Ch1 SLA2017 P4 L30 SB23 \$3,000,000
- Sec1 Ch2 SLA2016 P4 L21 SB138 \$3,000,000
- Sec1 Ch38 SLA2015 P4 L28 SB26 \$3,000,000
- Sec1 Ch18 SLA2014 P52 L33 SB119 \$3,000,000
- Sec1 Ch16 SLA2013 P65 L7 SB18 \$3,000,000

This proposal is a standing capital budget ask for \$3,000,000.

Project Description/Justification:

This project provides new recreational boating access sites and/or renovates and enhances other sites. The facilities that result from this project improve recreational boating and sport fishing angler access to the fish and wildlife resources of the state. The federal assistance in Sport Fish Restoration (SFR) Act (16 USC 777-777k), also known as the Dingell-Johnson/Wallop-Breaux program, mandates

that 15 percent of the federal funds available to the state be set-aside for boating access improvement and development projects. The annual amount of federal receipts requested is based on a set five-year, 15 percent average of Alaska's federal apportionment of SFR funds.

Development and maintenance of sport angler and recreational boating access facilities and improvements is a core function and goal of the Division of Sport Fish Strategic Plan. Additional and enhanced recreational boating access facilities are needed to provide improved and greater sport fishing opportunity throughout the state. Sites are selected so that all regions of the state have the opportunity to receive a share of this program. Site development projects will be accomplished in cooperation with local governments and other state agencies. It has been the experience of the department that local communities are very supportive of better recreation boating access facilities. The facilities are required to be accessible to users with disabilities in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Sport Fish Restoration (SFR) funds require a match of one state dollar for every three federal dollars, or a state match of 25 percent of the total project cost. 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, this capital project is a user pay/user benefit approach to providing access facilities.

User fees can be established for new and renovated facilities to place them on a self-supporting basis. User fees are 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 excess of actual site operation and maintenance costs must be credited back to the federal program. This ensures that the users of the facility benefit from the fees they pay.