

**Sport Fish Recreational Boating and Angler Access**

**FY2025 Request: \$3,000,000**  
**Reference No: AMD 30432**

**AP/AL:** Appropriation  
**Category:** Natural Resources  
**Location:** Statewide  
**Impact House District:** Statewide (HD 1 - 40)  
**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2024 - 06/30/2029

**Project Type:** Construction  
**Recipient:** NA  
**House District:** Statewide (HD 1 - 40)  
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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 (SFR) apportionment funds comprised of 75 percent federal assistance and 25 percent non-federal match. Federal regulations require that 15 percent 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.

<b>Funding:</b>	<u>FY2025</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>FY2027</u>	<u>FY2028</u>	<u>FY2029</u>	<u>FY2030</u>	<u>Total</u>
1002 Fed Rcpts	\$2,250,000						\$2,250,000
1024 Fish/Game	\$750,000						\$750,000
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$3,000,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$3,000,000</b>

<input 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
0% = Minimum State Match % Required		<input checked="" 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
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Prior Funding History / Additional Information:**

- Sec11 Ch11 SLA2023 P89 L25 HB281 \$9,000,000
- Sec11 Ch1 SLA2022 P104 L31 HB69 \$3,000,000
- Sec11 Ch1 SLA2021 P104 L31 HB69 \$3,000,000
- Sec1 Ch1 SLA2020 P4 L14 SB19 \$3,000,000
- 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 and is an expenditure that is required as part of grant stipulations associated with Dingell-Johnson grant award funds. However, the SFIN at the end of the 2022 session added an additional \$6M to our ask making it a \$9M appropriation.

**Project Description/Justification:**

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.

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 SFR Act (16 USC 777-777k), also known as the Dingell-Johnson/Wallop-Breaux program, mandates that at least 15 percent of the federal funds available to the State be set-aside for boating access improvement and development projects. The annual amount of the federal receipts request is based on a set five-year, 15 percent average of Alaska's federal apportionment of SFR funds. Any portion of the 15 percent set-aside for boating access projects that is unused reverts 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.

Sites are selected so that all regions of the state receive a share of this program. Site development projects are accomplished in cooperation with local government units and other State agencies.

This project will provide new access sites and will renovate or upgrade existing 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 minimal 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 (ADA).

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 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.

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. One of the performance measures of this goal is to complete construction of a total of five priority boating access projects per year over a five-year period. Additional and enhanced recreational boating access facilities are needed to provide improved sport fishing opportunity throughout the state.

**What was accomplished?**

Continued enhancements, renovation, and improvements to recreational boating access sites across the state that benefit a wide variety of users both resident and non-resident.

**Funding:**

<b>Line Item</b>	<b>Amount</b>
1000 - Personal Services	
2000 - Travel	
3000 - Services	3,000,000
4000 - Commodities	
5000 - Capital Outlay	
7000 - Grants	
<b>Total Request</b>	<b>3,000,000</b>