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## Memorandum

To: Director

From: Assistant Director, Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration *Hannibal Bolton*

Subject: Boating Infrastructure Grant Program Award Recommendations, Fiscal Year 2013

This memorandum seeks your approval of awards for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2013 Boating Infrastructure Grant (BIG) Program. The Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program (WSFR) recommends fully funding 25 Tier 1 and 16 Tier 2 applications submitted to construct, renovate, or maintain boating infrastructure facilities and associated amenities for transient, nontrailerable recreational boats at least 26 feet long.

The BIG program includes two funding tiers, Tier 1 and Tier 2. Through Tier 1, each State, Commonwealth, territory, and the District of Columbia may receive up to \$100,000 each year by submitting an eligible application to the Service. Twenty-four States and one territory requested a total of \$2,293,099 in BIG Tier 1 funds in FY 2013 (Enclosure 1). We recommend fully funding all Tier 1 applications.

Tier 2 is a competitive funding tier for larger scale projects with a maximum Federal award of \$1.5 million. Fifteen States requested a total of \$11,279,438 for 16 Tier 2 projects. We recommend fully funding each of these 16 Tier 2 applications. Brief descriptions of the recommended Tier 2 projects are attached for your review (Enclosure 2). Enclosure 3 contains the list of Tier 2 projects in a spreadsheet format.

Both Tier 1 and Tier 2 grants require at least 25 percent cost share, and many Tier 2 grants include greater than the minimum 25 percent cost share. Non-Federal cost share for the 16 recommended Tier 2 projects totals \$11,707,535.

The appropriate Regional Office and Headquarters reviewed each Tier 2 application for eligibility. WSFR sent the applications to the Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council's "Tier 2 Review Team." They concur with this recommendation, and their review letter is forthcoming.

The Tier 2 projects will contribute approximately 345 new slips, 46 moorings, plus at least 11 other facilities—including restrooms, fuel and pump-out stations, and navigational aids—for the use and enjoyment of the transient nontrailerable recreational boating public.

If you have specific questions please contact Steve Barton, 703-358-2237.

Concur: 

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Enclosures

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## U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Awards more than \$13 Million in Grants to Boost Recreational Boating in Communities Across Nation

*Infrastructure projects provide opportunities for outdoor recreation, create jobs*

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service today announced more than \$11.2 million in competitive grants to 15 states for projects to support recreational boating through the Boating Infrastructure Grant (BIG) program. The Fish and Wildlife Service will also release approximately \$2.4 million to 25 states, commonwealths, and territories willing to match a smaller, non-competitive grant program known as “BIG Tier 1” funding.

Grantees use Boating Infrastructure Grant funds to construct, renovate, and maintain facilities with features for transient boats (those staying 10 days or less) that are 26 feet or more in length and used for recreation. Grantees may also use funds to produce and distribute information and educational materials about the program and recreational boating.

“These grants, funded by fishing and boating enthusiasts, have helped communities across the nation build and enhance recreational boating facilities that provide recreational opportunities while supporting jobs and economic growth,” said Fish and Wildlife Service Director Dan Ashe. “This program is a win-win situation for recreational boaters, conservation initiatives and job creation.”

“The BIG Grants have major impacts – not only do cruising boaters get the benefit of facilities that they help to pay for, waterfront communities and their small businesses also get an economic boost from visitors who enjoy boating,” said Thom Dammrich, chairman of the Sport Fish and Boating Partnership Council and president of the National Marine Manufacturers’ Association.

For example, a BIG grant of nearly \$1.5 million, matched with nearly \$1 million in non-federal funding, will enable the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission to partner with the Bucks County Riverfront Program to install 25 new day slips on the Delaware River between Philadelphia and Trenton, New Jersey. The ADA-compliant project, part of a larger effort to improve the waterfront in Bristol Borough, will also include new educational signage, lighting, and breakwater structures to protect the facility.

And in Chattanooga, Tennessee, a grant of nearly \$1.3 million, matched by nearly \$3.9 million in non-federal funding from the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency and the City of Chattanooga, will go toward the construction or extension of guest dockage at four prominent locations along the south shore of the Tennessee River. Each location will include up to 10 slips, for a total of 40 new slips for eligible vessels.

Funding for the Boating Infrastructure Grant program comes from the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund, formerly known as the Aquatic Resources Trust Fund, which boaters and manufacturers support through excise and other taxes on certain fishing and boating equipment and gasoline.

Projects receiving competitive grants are:

- **Shoal Bay Marina Redevelopment, Logan County, Ark.** – BIG grant: \$1,215,841; non-Federal match: \$721,175; total project cost: \$1,937,016
- **City of Rio Vista Guest Dock, Rio Vista, Calif.** – BIG grant: \$225,000; non-Federal match: \$75,000; total project cost: \$300,000
- **Thamesport Marina Transient Docks, New London, Conn.** – BIG grant: \$1,430,975; non-Federal match: \$502,775; total project cost: \$1,933,750
- **Gulfport Casino Dock Redevelopment, Gulfport, Fla.** – BIG grant: \$112,613; non-Federal match: \$268,137; total project cost: \$380,750
- **Madeira Beach Municipal Marina Redevelopment, Madeira Beach, Fla.** – BIG grant: \$322,516; non-Federal match: \$499,550; total project cost: \$822,066
- **Lahaina Roadstead Offshore Mooring Installation, Lahaina, Hawaii** – BIG grant: \$248,500; non-Federal match: \$248,500; total project cost: \$497,000
- **Belfast Harbor Waterfront Rehabilitation, Belfast, Maine** – BIG grant: \$120,897; non-Federal match: \$120,897; total project cost: \$241,795
- **Annapolis City Dock Improvement, Annapolis, Md.** – BIG grant: \$1,500,000; non-Federal match: \$2,703,478; total project cost: \$4,203,478
- **Seaport Landing Marina Transient Boat Access, Lynn, Mass.** – BIG grant: \$267,700; non-Federal match: \$100,000; total project cost: \$367,700
- **Port Austin State Harbor Dock Renovation, Port Austin, Mich.** – BIG grant: \$747,250; non-Federal match: \$747,250; total project cost: \$1,494,500
- **Ironton Riverfront Boat Ramp and Docks, Ironton, Ohio** – BIG grant: \$636,000; non-Federal match: \$212,634; total project cost: \$848,634
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- **Deltaville Marina Transient Pier, Deltaville, Va.** – BIG grant: \$743,891; non-Federal match: \$261,367; total project cost: \$1,005,258

For more information on each of the grant projects, visit

[http://wsfrprograms.fws.gov/Subpages/GrantPrograms/BIG/BIG\\_Funding.htm](http://wsfrprograms.fws.gov/Subpages/GrantPrograms/BIG/BIG_Funding.htm)

*The Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program (WSFR) is a 75-year partnership to benefit fish and wildlife, and provide Americans with access to the outdoors through a self-imposed investment paid by manufacturers and users of gear bought by anglers, boaters, hunters, and shooters and managed by Federal and State fish and wildlife agencies. Fishing and hunting licenses and motorboat fuel tax also support fish and wildlife. For 75 years, the Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program has provided more than \$14 billion for fish and wildlife, supplied jobs for many Americans, and benefitted local economies through boating, fishing, hunting, and shooting activities.*

*The mission of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is working with others to conserve, protect, and enhance fish, wildlife, plants, and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people. We are both a leader and trusted partner in fish and wildlife conservation, known for our scientific excellence, stewardship of lands and natural resources, dedicated professionals, and commitment to public service. For more information on our work and the people who make it happen, visit [www.fws.gov](http://www.fws.gov). Connect with our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/usfws](http://www.facebook.com/usfws), follow our tweets at [www.twitter.com/usfwshq](http://www.twitter.com/usfwshq), watch our YouTube Channel at <http://www.youtube.com/usfws> and download photos from our Flickr page at <http://www.flickr.com/photos/usfwshq>*

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## 2013 Boating Infrastructure Grants

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**Shoal Bay Marina Redevelopment, Logan County, Ark.** – BIG grant: \$1,215,841; non-Federal match: \$721,175; total project cost: \$1,937,016

- The Arkansas Department of Health will provide support to several contributors to redevelop the Shoal Bay Marina, which was destroyed by fire about 15 years ago. Features will include 19 new slips, pump-out services, shore power, seven mooring buoys, navigational aids and security lighting for transient nontrailerable recreational vessels. The development will link transient vessel traffic between Little Rock Yacht Club in Arkansas and the City of Tulsa, Okla., along the Arkansas River and Lake Dardanelle.

**City of Rio Vista Guest Dock, Rio Vista, Calif.** – BIG grant: \$225,000; non-Federal match: \$75,000; total project cost: \$300,000

- The California Department of Boating and Waterways will support efforts of the City of Rio Vista to replace a deteriorated dock for transient nontrailerable recreational vessels. The dock will provide seven slips for eligible vessels, increasing opportunities for transient boaters to visit and enjoy the central San Francisco-San Joaquin Delta area.

**Thamesport Marina Transient Docks, New London, Conn.** – BIG grant: \$1,430,975; non-Federal match: \$502,775; total project cost: \$1,933,750

- The Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection's Bureau of Outdoor Programs will support the Thamesport Marina in Greens Harbor, New London in creating dockage space for up to 54 transient nontrailerable recreational vessels. The marina provides easy boating access to Long Island Sound, drawing boaters to enjoy the cultural, scenic, and historic sites of the City of New London and beyond.

**Gulfport Casino Dock Redevelopment, Gulfport, Fla.** – BIG grant: \$112,613; non-Federal match: \$268,137; total project cost: \$380,750

- The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission will support the City of Gulfport to construct a floating dock with 10 slips for transient nontrailerable recreational

vessels up to 45 feet long. This ADA compliant project will serve as an economic catalyst for revitalization of downtown Gulfport.

**Madeira Beach Municipal Marina Redevelopment, Madeira Beach, Fla.** – BIG grant: \$322,516; non-Federal match: \$499,550; total project cost: \$822,066

- The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission will support the City of Madeira Beach in a project to replace and upgrade facilities for transient nontrailerable recreational vessels. The project will provide 14 slips and four moorings, as well as additional amenities such as pump-out stations and a fuel dock for eligible vessels.

**Lahaina Roadstead Offshore Mooring Installation, Lahaina, Hawaii** – BIG grant: \$248,500; non-Federal match: \$248,500; total project cost: \$497,000

- The Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation will partner with the Lahaina Yacht Club and the Malama Kai Foundation to design and install 20 new permanent offshore moorings for transient nontrailerable recreational vessels in the designated Lahaina Roadstead mooring area. These moorings will expand a marina at maximum capacity while improving safety and protecting the area's coral reefs.

**Belfast Harbor Waterfront Rehabilitation, Belfast, Maine** – BIG grant: \$120,897; non-Federal match: \$120,897; total project cost: \$241,795

- The Maine Department of Transportation will partner with the Town of Belfast and the Front Street Shipyard to construct 18 new slips and 15 new moorings for transient nontrailerable recreational vessels, providing additional berths for a total of 33 eligible vessels. Additional amenities include shore power, wireless internet, and two new restrooms and shower facilities.

**Annapolis City Dock Improvement, Annapolis, Md.** – BIG grant: \$1,500,000; non-Federal match: \$2,703,478; total project cost: \$4,203,478

- The Maryland Department of Natural Resources, Division of Boating Services will support the City of Annapolis in a project to rebuild deteriorated facilities for transient nontrailerable recreational vessels at the City Dock. The project will provide space for 18 eligible boats while replacing utility services such as power and water.

**Seaport Landing Marina Transient Boat Access, Lynn, Mass.** – BIG grant: \$267,700; non-Federal match: \$100,000; total project cost: \$367,700

- The Commonwealth of Massachusetts will support the City of Lynn's Seaport Landing Marina in a project to develop new dockage for transient nontrailerable recreational vessels. Currently, there are no adequate public facilities within Lynn Harbor for transient

boaters to safely dock their boats. The project will install 12 ADA compliant slips and provide a deep-water safe harbor.

**Port Austin State Harbor Dock Renovation, Port Austin, Mich.** – BIG grant: \$747,250; non-Federal match: \$747,250; total project cost: \$1,494,500

- The Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Division of Parks and Recreation seeks to provide a safe and convenient stop for transient nontrailerable recreational vessels traveling between Detroit/Port Huron and Mackinaw City. The project will add up to 42 slips, utility pedestals, water and related amenities, which will increase use of the State Harbor by eligible boaters by an estimated 75 percent.

**Ironton Riverfront Boat Ramp and Docks, Ironton, Ohio** – BIG grant: \$636,000; non-Federal match: \$212,634; total project cost: \$848,634

- The Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Watercraft will support the City of Ironton in a project to construct a floating dock for transient nontrailerable recreational vessels with 30 slips, a concrete docking area and retaining wall, sidewalks, shore power, and lighting. The project will encourage transient watercraft use of the Ironton River Front, located along the southeastern Ohio River.

**Port of Arlington Marine Fuel Station and Utility Upgrade, Arlington, Ore.** – BIG grant: \$190,191; non-Federal match: \$129,809; total project cost: \$320,000

- The Oregon State Marine Board's Boating Facilities Program will support a project in the Town of Arlington to build a new fuel station and other features at a key location on the Columbia River. Currently, there is no accessible fuel for transient nontrailerable recreational vessels traveling between the Port of The Dalles and the Port of Umatilla, a distance of 100 miles. The ADA compliant facility will also provide shore power and water.

**Bristol Borough Waterfront Improvement, Bristol, Pa.** – BIG grant: \$1,492,195; non-Federal match: \$999,355; total project cost: \$2,491,550

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**Ann Street Public Pier Project, Newport, R.I.** – BIG grant: \$740,000; non-Federal match: \$260,000; total project cost: \$1,000,000

- The Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management, Division of Fish and Wildlife, will support the City of Newport in a project to build a floating dock to accommodate up to 22 transient nontrailerable recreational vessels. The project also includes installation of utilities and a public dinghy dock in the heart of Newport's downtown area.

**Downtown Chattanooga Transient Docks, Chattanooga, Tenn.** – BIG grant: \$1,285,868; non-Federal match: \$3,857,607; total project cost: \$5,143,475

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- The Virginia Department of Health's Marina Programs Division will partner with the Town of Deltaville to build a new floating dock with finger piers at Deltaville Marina, on Jackson Creek, providing access to the Chesapeake Bay. The project will provide a total of 34 boat slips for transient nontrailerable recreational vessels. Shore power will also be extended to these new slips.