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Memorandum

To: Director

From: Assistant Director, Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration

Subject: Boating Infrastructure Grant Program Award Recommendations, Fiscal Year 2014

This memorandum seeks your approval of awards for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2014 Boating Infrastructure Grant (BIG) program. The Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program (WSFR) recommends fully funding 27 Tier 1 and 16 Tier 2 projects totaling $16,760,066 in Federal awards. Applicants and their partners propose to construct, renovate, or maintain boating infrastructure facilities and associated amenities for transient, non-trailerable recreational boats at least 26 feet long.

The BIG program offers two levels of funding, Tier 1 and Tier 2. Through Tier 1, each State, Commonwealth, territory, and the District of Columbia (States) may receive up to $100,000 each year by submitting an eligible application to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service). Projects may be competitive within the States. Twenty-Seventy States requested a total of $2,485,306 in BIG Tier 1 funds (Enclosure 1). We recommend fully funding all Tier 1 applications.

Tier 2 is nationally competitive and typically for larger-scale projects with a maximum Federal award of $1.5 million. Fifteen States requested a total of $16,841,448 for 24 Tier 2 projects. WSFR recommends fully funding 16 Tier 2 projects for a total Federal share of $14,274,760. Brief descriptions of all submitted Tier 2 proposals are attached for your review (Enclosure 2). Enclosure 3 contains the list of recommended Tier 2 projects in spreadsheet format.

Both the Tier 1 and Tier 2 subprograms require at least 25 percent cost share, and many proposed Tier 2 projects include more than the minimum requirement. Non-Federal cost share for the sixteen recommended Tier 2 projects totals $11,307,044.

The appropriate Regional Office and Headquarters reviewed each Tier 2 application for eligibility. The Tier 2 recommendations were based upon combined numerical scores assigned by a review team consisting of WSFR Regional BIG Coordinators and members of the Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council (SFBPC). The SFBPC’s review letter is enclosed (Enclosure 4).
The Tier 2 projects will contribute approximately 489 new slips, plus other amenities—including restrooms, fuel and pump-out stations, and navigational aids—for the use and enjoyment of the transient non-trailerable recreational boating public.

If you have specific questions please contact Mr. Tom Busiahn, Chief, Division of Policy and Programs, Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration at (703)358-2231.

Concur: ____________________________ Date: 3/3/15

Deputy Director

Concur with Changes: ____________________________ Date: ________

Attachments
May 7, 2014

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More than $16 Million in Grants
Will Boost Recreational Boating Across the Nation

Infrastructure projects provide opportunities for outdoor recreation, create jobs

Recreational boaters received good news today when the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announced more than $14.27 million in Boating Infrastructure Grant (BIG) program competitive grants to 10 states and the District of Columbia. The Service also will provide approximately $2.48 million to 27 states, commonwealths and territories willing to match smaller, non-competitive grants dedicated to boating infrastructure projects.

“Anglers and boaters make these grants possible, helping communities build and enhance facilities that provide recreational opportunities while supporting jobs and economic growth,” said Fish and Wildlife Service Director Dan Ashe. “These funds pay for floating docks, fixed piers, mooring buoys, sewage pump-out stations and other infrastructure that benefits fish and wildlife habitat while providing access for outdoor recreation.”

“BIG grants are an impactful, win-win solution for boaters, businesses and states. Providing recreational boaters with the infrastructure and facilities they need to enjoy the water through their own tax dollars is a proven success. In turn, waterside communities and their small businesses benefit from the economic footprint left by visitors who boat there,” said Thom Dammrich, chairman of the Sport Fish and Boating Partnership Council and president of the National Marine Manufacturers Association.

Grantees use BIG funds to construct, renovate and maintain facilities with features for transient boaters (those staying 10 days or fewer) who pilot vessels that are 26 feet or more in length and are used for recreation. Grantees also may use funds to produce and distribute information and educational materials about the program and about recreational boating. Funding for the BIG program comes from the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund, which boaters and manufacturers support through excise and other taxes on certain fishing and boating equipment and gasoline.

For example, a BIG grant of $1.5 million, matched with $1.5 million in non-federal funding, will enable the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of Watercraft to partner with the city of Cincinnati to install 28 new slips on the Ohio River. In Corpus Christi, Texas, a grant to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department of more than $500,000, matched by $282,000 in non-federal funds from the city, will support construction of 35
new slips for eligible transient boaters in the Corpus Christi Municipal Marina. This cost-effective project also includes installation of shore power and potable water.

Projects receiving competitive grants are:

- **Anacostia River Boating Facility, Washington, D.C.** – BIG grant: $1,167,586; non-federal match: $1,167,586; total project cost: $2,335,172
- **Harborage Marina Transient Slips, St. Petersburg, Fla.** – BIG grant: $919,851; non-federal match: $971,850; total project cost: $1,891,701
- **Marathon Marina Dock Rehab, Marathon, Fla.** – BIG grant: $1,500,000; non-federal match: $871,258; total project cost: $2,371,258
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- **Sandy Hook Bay Marina, Monmouth County, N.J.** – BIG grant: $692,890; non-federal match: $243,448; total project cost: $936,338
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- **Perkins Pier Marina Enhancement, Burlington, Vt.** – BIG grant: $1,499,706; non-federal match: $999,804; total project cost: $2,499,510

For more information on each of the grant projects, visit: http://wsfrprograms.fws.gov/Subpages/GrantPrograms/BIG/BIG_Funding.htm.

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## FY 2014 Tier 1 Boating Infrastructure Grant Program Applications

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Project Summaries
Boating Infrastructure Grant Program FY 2014
Total Amount Available: $14,274,760

1) Anacostia River Boating Facility, Washington, D.C. (recommended)

The District of Columbia’s Division of Planning and Economic Development will continue
development of the District’s southeastern waterfront as part of a larger plan for urban renewal at
this historic site on the Anacostia River. This project will establish a new secure and ADA
compliant docking facility for 26 eligible vessels. Development of this site provides access to
numerous attractions within D.C., such as the Nationals baseball stadium, the U.S. Naval
Museum, and the monuments and other historic attractions provided by the National Park
Service.

Federal Funds requested: $1,167,586; Non-Federal match: $ 1,167,586; Total: $ 2,335,172

2) Harborage Marina Transient Slips, St. Petersburg, Florida (recommended)

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission will partner with Marinas International
in support of a project to construct new transient slips at the Harborage Marina, located on St.
Petersburg’s downtown waterfront. Due to economic pressure to develop waterfront parcels for
residential housing, this area has experienced a net decrease in the number of slips available to
the recreational boating public. With this project, 33 new slips will be developed for use by
eligible transient recreational boaters traveling along the Florida coastline and the Gulf of
Mexico.

Federal Funds requested: $919,851; Non-Federal match: $971,850; Total: $1,891,701

3) Marathon Marina Rehabilitation, Marathon, Florida (recommended)

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission will partner with the Marathon Marina
and other partners in the City of Marathon to rehabilitate existing docks for eligible transient
boaters which have reached the end of their useful life. The marina is located in an idyllic island
setting between Key Largo and Key West. By replacing the Marathon Marina’s east dock and
fuel pumps, the partners will provide 20 transient slips as well as a transient boater support
building, fuel pumps, and other amenities for transient boaters. This building includes office
space for managing fuel sales as well as a restroom and shower facilities for eligible boaters.

Federal Funds requested: $1,500,000; Non-Federal match: $871,258; Total: $2,371,258

4) City Lights Marina Transient Dock, Savannah, Georgia (recommended)
The Coastal Resources Division of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources will provide funding to private partners to develop a new marina on Hutchinson Island, located in the Savannah River adjacent to the City of Savannah. The partners will create new transient dockage for up to 42 eligible vessels ranging in length from 26 to 200 ft. Utilities will be installed to these slips, including potable water, shore power, fire protection and wireless internet service. In addition, a state-of-the-art, in-slip fueling system will be installed to provide convenient fueling for eligible vessels. This project will provide safe dockage in downtown Savannah for vessels up to 80 feet in length, which is currently unavailable to boats of this size.

**Federal Funds requested:** $1,500,000; **Non-Federal Match:** $1,592,518; **Total:** $3,092,518

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5) **Kittery Point Boatyard Rehab and Expansion, Kittery Point, Maine (recommended)**

The Maine Department of Transportation will join with the Kittery Point Yacht Yard Corporation to rehabilitate and expand an existing marina facility to attract and accommodate transient boaters traveling Maine’s marine waterways. The project consists of a walkway, pier, ramp and float system which will serve up to 15 transient vessels. This marina is located in one of the most protected and accessible sections of the Piscataqua River watershed, and is a recognized harbor of refuge for boaters escaping inclement weather. Improvements will be ADA compliant and include shore power and potable water.

**Federal Funds Requested:** $165,504; **Non-Federal Match:** $93,496; **Total:** $259,000

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6) **Harbor Shores Transient Marina, Benton Harbor, Michigan (recommended)**

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Division of Parks and Recreation will partner with a private development corporation to build the Harbor Shores Transient Marina on the St. Joseph River, which lies adjacent to the City of Benton Harbor. The project will create 33 new slips for eligible vessels, including all utilities such as electricity, water, and pump-out services. In addition, the project will provide boaters with access to showers, restrooms and laundry facilities. The proposed marina is part of a larger brownfield redevelopment effort which has transformed a blighted industrial site into a successful mixed-use development providing an economic stimulus to the communities it serves.

**Federal Funds Requested:** $699,500; **Non-Fed Match:** $701,578; **Total:** $1,401,078

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7) **State Harbor Dock Renovation, East Tawas, Michigan (recommended)**

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Division of Parks and Recreation will remove, replace, and expand boating infrastructure at the East Tawas State Harbor Dock. This existing facility is in need of repair and upgrades to meet ADA standards and to meet increasing demand
from eligible cruising vessels traveling Michigan’s Lake Huron between Detroit and Mackinaw City. The project will result in 52 slips with utilities, shoreline improvements, and an ice suppression system. The facility also serves as a harbor of refuge and is a key economic driver to the City of East Tawas.

**Federal Funds Requested:** $1,300,000; **Non-Fed Match:** $950,000; **Total:** $2,250,000

**8) Bishop Park Floating Pier, Wyandotte, Michigan (recommended)**

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Division of Parks and Recreation will partner with the City of Wyandotte to construct a transient marina at Bishop Park along the Detroit River. This location is directly contiguous to the Wyandotte Central Business District, and so this project will have significant economic benefits for small businesses due to an anticipated increase in tourism-related spending during summer months. The project includes walkways, floating piers with utility pedestals and additional amenities, resulting in 21 new slips for use by eligible boaters.

**Federal Funds Requested:** $1,170,500; **Non-Fed Match:** $1,170,500; **Total:** $2,341,000

**9) Sandy Hook Bay Marina Dock Restoration, Highlands, New Jersey (recommended)**

The New Jersey Department of Transportation’s Office of Maritime Resources will provide funding to the Sandy Hook Bay Marina located near the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway along the New Jersey coast. On October 29, 2012, Hurricane Sandy inflicted severe damage to an older section of the marina, although docks and a wave screen built to the latest standards for storm resilience survived with minimal damage. The partners will rebuild and restore 15 transient slips with full services for the benefit of transient visitors, using design standards that are proven to withstand severe storms.

**Federal Funds Requested:** $692,890; **Non-Fed Match:** $243,448; **Total:** $936,338

**10) Key Harbor Marina Transient Dock Restoration, Ocean County, New Jersey (recommended)**

The Office of Maritime Resources, a division of the New Jersey Department of Transportation, will support Key Harbor Marina in their renovation of ten transient slips which were destroyed during Hurricane Sandy, along with other damage estimated to total $1.2 million. The marina is located on Barnegat Bay in Ocean County, New Jersey and is a participating marina in the BIG Blueways Guide in cooperation with multiple States along the eastern seaboard. Additional features of this project include shore power and dock lighting.

**Federal Funds Requested:** $271,565; **Non-Fed Match:** $97,190; **Total:** $368,755
11) Smale Riverfront Park Transient Marina, Cincinnati, Ohio (recommended)

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Watercraft will partner with the City of Cincinnati to construct the Smale Riverfront Park Marina on the Ohio River. The marina will feature a floating dock system for up to 28 eligible vessels, as well as a harbormaster facility with restrooms, laundry, shower facilities, and a pump-out station. The proposed marina will provide a key accessible connection for transient boaters to the downtown core of the City including national museums and two professional sports venues, as well as the Ohio River Trail.

Federal Funds Requested: $1,500,000; Non-Fed Match: $1,500,000; Total: $3,000,000

12) Beaufort Marina Transient Dock Upgrades, Beaufort, South Carolina (recommended)

The South Carolina Department of Natural Resources, Division of Marine Resources will partner with the City of Beaufort to provide updates to a key waypoint and historic destination between Charleston and Savannah, Georgia. Beaufort is the second-oldest city in South Carolina, and it attracts a great number of transient boaters due partly to its location along the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway. The facility will be upgraded to safely accommodate up to 36 eligible vessels by improving the structural integrity of the floating dock system, upgrading a fire suppression system, and replacing damaged equipment.

Federal Funds Requested: $189,287; Non-Fed Match: $107,833; Total: $297,120

13) St. Johns Harbor Marina Transient Dock, Charleston, South Carolina (recommended)

Located along the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway, the St. Johns Yacht Harbor in Charleston, South Carolina affords a variety of recreational activities to visiting sailing and power vessels, including inshore and offshore fishing. To accommodate these boaters and meet the demand, the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources will support the St. Johns Yacht Harbor in the construction of 50 slips and a state-of-the-art marine fueling system. The project will provide transient boaters with easy access to historic downtown Charleston.

Federal Funds Requested: $983,320; Non-Fed Match: $344,774; Total: $1,328,094

14) Municipal Marina Transient Dock, Corpus Christi, Texas (recommended)

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department has partnered with the City of Corpus Christi to expand and enhance a municipal marina located in the heart of the City’s downtown entertainment and tourism district. Due to the high demand for slips in the 30 to 40-foot range, Corpus Christi Municipal Marina will be retrofitted to offer 35 new slips for eligible recreational vessels. This cost-effective project also includes installation of shore power and potable water.
Federal Funds Requested: $502,496; Non-Fed Match: $282,654; Total: $785,150

15) Crown Pointe Marina Dock Rehabilitation, Gloucester, Virginia (recommended)

Located on the north shore of the York River, Crown Pointe Marina provides a stopover for boaters traveling to and from the Chesapeake Bay. The Virginia Environmental Health Services, Division of Marina Programs will provide funds to the marina for dock rehabilitation which will make 13 new slips available to eligible boaters. In addition, the marina will install shore power and renovate a bath house for visitors. Crown Pointe is designated as a Virginia Clean Marina.

Federal Funds Requested: $212,555; Non-Fed Match: $212,555; Total: $425,110

16) Perkins Pier Marina Enhancement, Burlington, Vermont (recommended)

The Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife will provide funds to the City of Burlington to implement a planned downtown redevelopment strategy by expanding an existing marina. The City will install a floating wave attenuator and transient dock system which will make 95 new slips available to eligible transient boaters. The slips will provide boaters with power and water and the wave attenuator will provide protection to boaters from wave action on Lake Champlain.

Federal Funds Requested: $1,499,706; Non-Fed Match: $999,804; Total: $2,499,510

17) Cabin Creek Marina Revitalization Project, Johnson County, Arkansas (not recommended)

Stretching 50 miles along the 450-mile McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System, Lake Dardanelle is part of a larger impoundment constructed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in 1957. At Cabin Creek Park, the Arkansas Department of Health seeks to construct a new transient marina for the benefit of eligible boaters traveling the Lake and river system. Features include a new dock and wave attenuator as well as utilities and services such as a marine sanitation and fueling station.

Federal Funds Requested: $833,659; Non-Fed Match: $292,907; Total: $1,126,566

18) Harbor Park Transient Dock, Middletown, Connecticut (not recommended)

The Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection’s Bureau of Outdoor Programs requests funding to assist the Town of Middletown in developing a new facility for transient boaters on the Connecticut River. The Town plans to implement a multi-phase project, initially installing 185 linear feet of dock space along an existing bulkhead. A future phase would include a mooring field and dockside utilities.
Federal Funds Requested: $191,660; Non-Fed Match: $67,340; Total: $259,000

19) Gulfport Marina Mooring Field, City of Gulfport, Florida (not recommended)

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission proposes to partner with the City of Gulfport to construct a mooring field on Boca Ciega Bay, expanding the Gulfport Municipal Marina for the benefit of eligible transient boaters. The new facility would add 25 mooring buoys, of which 22 will be reserved for transient use. This project seeks to address the issue of unregulated anchoring in the area, which is associated with damage to sea grass colonies, while meeting demand for a transient boater mooring facility.

Federal Funds Requested: $191,176; Non-Fed Match: $70,237; Total: $261,413

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20) North Pier Marina Cruisers’ Dock, Delcambre, Louisiana (not recommended)

The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries proposes to support the North Pier Marina in their plans to build out an existing facility for the benefit of eligible transient boaters. The marina seeks to add 15 slips with shore power, water, and communications. The marina also proposes to construct a new building to house restrooms, showers, laundry, and other amenities for the use and enjoyment of transient boaters traveling the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway.

Federal Funds Requested: $397,000; Non-Fed Match: $353,000; Total: $750,000

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21) Cliff Island Pier Rehab and Expansion, Portland, Maine (not recommended)

The Maine Department of Transportation proposes to partner with the City of Portland to repair and expand floating docks on Cliff Island, approximately six miles offshore from the mainland. The City seeks to replace two deteriorating floats along with their associated ramps and gangways, and expand the docking system with four additional floats. The proposed project would help an island business with increased traffic and support the vacation rental industry while providing updated infrastructure for island residents.

Federal Funds Requested: $258,769; Non-Fed Match: $277,481; Total: $536,250

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22) Charleston Harbor Resort and Marina Utility Upgrade, Charleston, South Carolina (not recommended)

The South Carolina Department of Natural Resources proposes to assist the Charleston Harbor Resort and Marina in a project to upgrade utilities at their facility near historic downtown Charleston. Planned upgrades include installation of shore power, an updated fueling system and other amenities such as restrooms and showers for eligible boaters. Charleston Harbor Resort and
Marina is located next to the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway and offers a full suite of services to transient boaters.

**Federal Funds Requested:** $775,324; **Non-Fed Match:** $504,576; **Total:** $1,279,900

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23) Whitman Hollow Marina Transient Dock, LaFollette, Tennessee (not recommended)

The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency seeks funding to support the construction of a new floating dock for the use and enjoyment of eligible transient boaters in Norris Reservoir’s Big Creek area. This reservoir, created in 1936 by the Tennessee Valley Authority, is a 34,200-acre impoundment of the Clinch and Powell Rivers. The partners propose to build 24 covered slips with shore power, dockside communications, restrooms, and other amenities for boaters.

**Federal Funds Requested:** $350,000; **Non-Fed Match:** $350,000; **Total:** $700,000

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24) Town of LaPointe Transient Dock, LaPointe, Wisconsin (not recommended)

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources seeks to partner with the Town of LaPointe, located on Madeleine Island. This island sits offshore from the Town of Bayfield in Lake Superior. The partners seek to build a new transient dock to meet demand from eligible boaters, while upgrading navigational aids that would improve boating safety for all boaters plying the waters surrounding the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore.

**Federal Funds Requested:** $365,278; **Non-Fed Match:** $128,341; **Total:** $493,619

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