

SALTWATER RECREATIONAL FISHING LICENSE REPORT (from page 12)

✓ Supervised and provided oversight at annual float removal and winter storage of docks at Mt Hope, Haines Park, Galilee and Fort Adams boat ramps with contract vendor- Steel Giraffe. Assisted with the spring installation.

✓ Colt Park-checked periodically and removed trash, contracted dock services;

✓ Goddard Park-contracted dock services and removed debris from ramp area;

✓ Narrow River Ramp- graded parking area and installed new regulation signs;

✓ Pawcatuck River Boat Ramp, Westerly- removed debris and trash reported by enforcement and made repairs to dock bumpers. Continued to monitor ramp damage;

✓ Sakonnet Point boat ramp-replaced signs;

✓ Galilee Boat Ramp-repair parking lot, contracted dock services, checked periodically and replaced signs;

✓ Ft. Adams - transported gravel for fill and contracted dock services;

✓ Gull Cove-picked up trash from citizen cleanup and signage.

• \$8,036 was used for public education, information, and outreach, including production of the fifth annual Rhode Island Recreational Saltwater Fishing Guide, the one page laminated fishing abstract, and other outreach materials.

2019 BUDGET

The budget for FY19 is described in table above. It is anticipated that the restricted receipt account will receive another \$200,000 from FY19 license sales, and the proposed FY19 Programmatic Budget, as set forth below, is based on that amount. The revenue will be allocated into each of the budget categories based on projected short and long term spending.

1. Enhanced MRIP Data Collection (\$15,000).

Proposed to continue and expand the recreational catch

and effort data collection program for RI (under the MRIP sampling umbrella) by providing funding for add-on intercept surveys to increase overall precision of the overall catch estimates and better enable mode-specific (i.e. shore-based) estimages.

2. Boating/Fishing Access I (\$75,000)

Proposed for major renovations at the Quononchontaug boat ramp. This heavily used ramp suffered heavy damage during the winter of 2017 and needs to be completely replaced and regraded.

3. Boating/Fishing Access II (\$10,000)

Proposed to continue the Division's boating/fishing access site maintenance program.

4. Recreational Fisheries Management Support (\$10,000)

Proposed to continue to provide staff time, equivalent to a full-time employee for the Division's Recreational Marine

Fisheries Program. Staff will coordinate a range of projects and activities that relate directly to priority marine recreational fishing issues.

5. Fish Stock Assessment Support (\$150,000)

Proposed to support the continuation of

finfish stock assessment surveys of recreationally important species in Rhode Island waters.

6. Artificial Reef Support (\$20,000)

The Division is exploring the installation of small scale artificial reefs adjacent to state fishing pier locations throughout the state. It is anticipated artificial reef work to begin in 2019 and will set aside \$20,000 in this budget category in anticipation of projects in 2020.

*RISAA supports these projects, the first of which would involve placing small concrete reef balls off Sabin Point and later off the Rocky Point fishing pier. (to page 31)

2019 Recreational Saltwater License Program Budget

Category	FY18 Carryover	FY19 Revenue	FY 19 Available	FY19 Budgeted
Enhanced MRIP Data Collection	\$76,271	\$0	\$76,271	(\$15,000)
Boating/Fishing Access I	\$114,652	\$40,000	\$154,652	(\$150,000)
Boating/Fishing Access II	\$48,904	\$0	\$48,904	(\$10,000)
Rec Fisheries Support	\$33,510	\$10,000	\$43,233	(\$10,000)
Fish Stock Assessment Support	\$63,083	\$120,000	\$183,083	(\$150,000)
Artificial Reef	\$11,697	\$20,000	\$31,697	(\$10,000)
Public Education, Information, and Outreach	\$38,816	\$20,000	\$58,816	(\$10,000)
TOTAL	\$386,655	\$200,000	\$586,655	(\$365,000)



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