

## REC LICENSE REPORT (from page 1)

The report includes 2020 expenditures of net income including:

- \$ 23,736 Enhanced MRIP Data Collection
- \$138,475 Boating/Fishing I
- \$ 27,595 Boating/Fishing II
- \$ 0 Rec Fisheries Support
- \$154,881 Fish Stock Assessment Support
- \$ 0 Artificial Reefs
- \$ 14,494 Public Education, Information and Outreach
- \$359,183 TOTAL EXPENDED

The funds used to **Enhance MRIP** data collection is used to hire 3 part-time data collectors during the summer. Also to note is that every dollar listed above is matched 3-1 with federal dollars from the US Fish & Wildlife.

In **Boating/Fishing Access I** is used for major projects such as in the past the Goddard Park and Galilee boat ramps. In 2020 part of the funds went to the final touches on Quonny boat ramp which made it wider, changed the orientation so it no longer puts boats directly into the channel, and added a new seasonal finger pier

**Boating/Fishing Access II** is used for maintenance-type things like having a crew that picks up trash, grades roads, puts in porta-potties and makes repairs. For example in 2020, the dock at Colt State Park was falling apart and this paid for repairs.

A major problem this year was at the newly rebuilt Camp Cronin park which is really nice, but drew large crowds in 2020. Unfortunately, many of those who used the park did not take care of it, left much trash and DEM was forced to hire two park rangers to post there for the summer. They will have to staff the park again in 2021.

**Rec Fisheries Support** category is no longer used.

**Fish Stock Assessment Support** is basically used for DEM staff report to work solely on recreational fisheries issues, such as outreach, meetings with RISAA, etc. and this year was partially used to help pay for the new DEM research vessel.

**Artificial Reef Support.** No funds used in 2020 although potentially in the future. It helped with funding for the artificial reef off Sabin Point, and an artificial reef project is wanted for the fishing pier at Rocky Point to enhance the fishing there, but DEM is getting pushback from "some stakeholders" (shellfishermen). The project is still in the planning.

**Public Education/Outreach.** Used to help with printing the annual RI Recreational Fishing Magazine, printing stickers to hand out at fishing shows, etc.

## PROPOSED FOR 2021 BUDGET

The amounts budgeted for 2021 are the same as the 2020 expenditures. Some of the **Boating/Fishing Access 1** funds will be used (with 3-1 federal match) to do some coastal resiliency work at Quonny boat ramp to shore up/improve the road where erosion damaged the area.

The next major project will be the Main Street boat ramp in Westerly. Currently the pier is underwater at high tide the concrete slab ramp has moved over time.

All other categories will remain the same. The only change will be in "Outreach" DEM F&W will try to improve their presence and outreach on social media.

The RISAA Board approves the 2021 budget proposal.



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