



Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund (ENRTF) M.L. 2019 ENRTF Work Plan (Main Document)

Today's Date: August 24, 2018

Date of Next Status Update Report: March 1, 2020

Date of Work Plan Approval: June 5, 2019

Project Completion Date: June 30, 2021

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PROJECT TITLE: Accessible Fishing Piers

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Location: Statewide

Total Project Budget: \$320,000

Amount Spent: \$0

Balance: \$320,000

Legal Citation: M.L. 2019, First Special Session, Chp. 4, Art. 2, Sec. 2, Subd. 09f

Appropriation Language:

\$320,000 the first year is from the trust fund to the commissioner of natural resources to provide accessible fishing piers in locations that have a high potential to serve new angling communities, underserved populations, and anglers with physical disabilities. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2021, by which time the project must be completed and final products delivered.

I. PROJECT STATEMENT: Provide approximately eight new accessible fishing piers in locations that have a high potential to serve new anglers, racial or ethnic minorities and/or disabled anglers. Data shows that 40% of people with fishing licenses do not own a boat (approximately 480,000 anglers) and therefore the demand for fishing piers is increasing. The estimated economic impact of fishing in Minnesota is \$2.4 billion and supports over 35,000 jobs.

II. OVERALL PROJECT STATUS UPDATES:

First Update March 1, 2020

Second Update September 1, 2020

Third Update March 1, 2021

Fourth Update September 1, 2021

Fifth Update March 1, 2022

Final Report between project end (June 30) and August 15, 2022

III. PROJECT ACTIVITIES AND OUTCOMES:

Providing angling opportunities to children and families, individuals and racial and ethnic minorities is one of the primary goals of the MN Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Recruitment, Retention and Reactivation program. Fishing piers, when available, are the classroom to teach children and adults fishing skills and outdoor education. Three DNR programs will benefit including; MinnAqua (aquatic education), “I Can Fish”, and Fishing in the Neighborhood (FiN). Various groups will also benefit including scout troops, local sportsman’s clubs, 4-H clubs, youth camps and surrounding neighborhoods.

Accessible fishing pier facilities make fishing safe, easy and fun for all ages especially children, elderly, disabled, veterans, families, small and large groups, and anyone who doesn’t own a boat or just wants to watch others fish or enjoy the scenery. Fishing piers resolve some of the barriers to fishing, including access (having a place to go) and physical (the need for a less physically demanding experience). Fishing from a pier can be both relaxing and exciting; one minute everyone is enjoying nature and the next celebrating a fish reeled in.

ACTIVITY 1 Title: *Provide eight new accessible fishing piers statewide*

Description: This request will provide approximately eight new fishing piers in partnership with various cities and counties for placement at parks or public riparian lands where there is a high potential to serve minority communities, disabled and new anglers.

ACTIVITY 1 ENRTF BUDGET: \$277.200

Outcome	Completion Date
<i>1. Island Lake Reservoir, St. Louis County, MN Power - Island Lake Park, fishing pier and shore fishing area as part of phase 4 recreational improvements; currently people fish from a bridge causing pedestrian/vehicle conflicts.</i>	<i>June 30, 2020</i>
<i>2. St. James Lake in Watonwan County, City of St. James, in city park with diverse use</i>	<i>June 30, 2020</i>
<i>3. Benton Lake, Lincoln County, City of Lake Benton, an earthen/rock jetty structure is used for shore fishing and would be safer with ADA path and fishing platform</i>	<i>December 2020</i>

Outcome	Completion Date
<i>4. Kraemer Lake in Stearns County, at new Kraemer Lake County Park 15 miles from St. Cloud, high potential to serve new and diverse anglers</i>	<i>December 2020</i>
<i>5. Duck Lake, Blue Earth County, in Duck Lake County Park, popular county park where heavy shore fishing is impacting the shoreline vegetation and beach users</i>	<i>December 2020</i>
<i>6. Gull Lake in Cass County, City of East Gull Lake, at popular shore fishing area</i>	<i>December 2020</i>
<i>7. Sauk River, Stearns County, City of Cold Spring, adds a 2nd pier in Lions Park that receives heavy angling use and many groups</i>	<i>June 30, 2021</i>
<i>8. Pleasant Lake in Otter Tail County (DNR public access) recommended for local Veterans group who meet regularly and shore fish at this location</i>	<i>June 30, 2021</i>

Activity 2 Title: Program Administration

Description: Funding will be used to support personnel costs for administering the programs and DNR direct and necessary costs associated with this funding. Program staff personnel are involved in providing technical expertise, developing and managing cooperative/partnership agreements, ordering fishing piers and parts, installing fishing piers, fiscal management, operations and maintenance, closing out the grant and final reporting.

As shown in the Detailed Project Budget, work program approval is requested for personnel expenses to be incurred by DNR personnel involved in overseeing all aspects of the program. The requested amount represents approximately 13% of the proposed total budget.

Activity 2 ENTRF Budget: \$42,800

Outcome	Completion Date
<i>1. Administration tasks related to fishing pier projects: partner agreements, purchasing, close out and reporting.</i>	<i>June 30, 2021</i>
<i>2. Technical expertise related to fishing pier projects; site preparation, delivery, placement and installation.</i>	<i>June 30, 2021</i>

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IV. DISSEMINATION:

Description: Upon the completion of each project outcome, a press release will be submitted to local newspapers informing the public about the new fishing pier and acknowledging the partner(s) and ENTRF. A sign acknowledging the ENTRF will be posted on or near the entrance of each fishing pier. Fishing pier locations will be added to the DNR’s online and paper maps showing facilities available for public use.

The Minnesota Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund (ENRTF) will be acknowledged through use of the trust fund logo or attribution language on project print and electronic media, publications, signage, and other communications per the [ENRTF Acknowledgement Guidelines](#).

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V. ADDITIONAL BUDGET INFORMATION:

A. Personnel and Capital Expenditures

Explanation of Capital Expenditures Greater Than \$5,000:

8 Fishing piers * Average cost of \$34,500 each, state contract purchase with MINNCOR Industries or other vendor (to be determined). Each fishing pier will last 20 to 25 years with only minor maintenance and repairs.

Explanation of Use of Classified Staff:

Existing classified staff will perform the work. The staff work in the Division of Parks and Trails, are assigned to work on a variety of programs, and are funded by various sources. The fishing pier projects in this proposal are to be incorporated into their work plan for the season. Classified staff work with the existing fishing pier program. These staff and ongoing maintenance is supported by the Game and Fish Fund. This funding will be available for maintenance when the project ends.

Total Number of Full-time Equivalent (FTE) Directly Funded with this ENRTF Appropriation:

Approximately 0.25

Enter Total Estimated Personnel Hours for entire duration of project: 468	Divide total personnel hours by 2,080 hours in 1 yr = TOTAL FTE: 0.225 or .23
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Total Number of Full-time Equivalent (FTE) Estimated to Be Funded through Contracts with this ENRTF Appropriation: 0

Enter Total Estimated Contract Personnel Hours for entire duration of project: 0	Divide total contract hours by 2,080 hours in 1 yr = TOTAL FTE: 0
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VI. PROJECT PARTNERS:

A. Partners outside of project manager’s organization receiving ENRTF funding

Name	Title	Affiliation	Role
City of East Gull Lake	East Gull Lake	Partner	Potential \$10,000 donation to project costs and general maintenance

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City of St. James	St James Lake	Partner	Potential \$10,000 donation to project costs and general maintenance
Blue Earth County	Duck Lake	Partner	Potential \$14,000 donation to project costs and general maintenance
City of Lake Benton	Benton Lake	Partner	TBD and general maintenance
Stearns County	Kreamer Lake	Partner	TBD and general maintenance
City of Cold Springs	Sauk River	Partner	TBD and general Maintenance
MN Power	Island Lake Reservoir	Partner	TBD and general maintenance

B. Partners outside of project manager’s organization NOT receiving ENRTF funding
None

VII. LONG-TERM- IMPLEMENTATION AND FUNDING: A small amount of state Game and Fish funds is used to operate and maintain the DNR’s fishing pier program and pays for staff time, supplies, maintenance and replacement of fishing piers. The program is hugely successful because of the many partnerships with local units of government (LUGs). Currently, there are 355 public fishing sites; 275 are partner owned sites and 80 are on state-owned land. Since 1984, the fishing pier program has relied on funds from competitive capital funding sources to grow the program and add new fishing piers (and shore fishing sites) such as LCMR, Bonding, and Legacy. In a typical year each existing fishing pier is checked, and repaired as needed. Older aging piers and piers damaged by storms or ice are prioritized for major rehabilitation or replacement at a rate of 2 to 4 each year.

VIII. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:

- Project status update reports will be submitted March 1 and September 1 each year of the project
- A final report and associated products will be submitted between June 30 and August 15, 2022

IX. SEE ADDITIONAL WORK PLAN COMPONENTS:

- A. Budget Spreadsheet**
- B. Visual Component or Map**
- C. Parcel List Spreadsheet**
- D. Acquisition, Easements, and Restoration Requirements**
- E. Research Addendum**

Attachment A:
 Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund
 M.L. 2019 Budget Spreadsheet
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 Project Length and Completion Date: 12-31-2021
 Today's Date: 12-12-2018



ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND BUDGET	Budget	Amount Spent	Balance
BUDGET ITEM			
Personnel: .225 FTE = 468 hours	\$ 29,000	\$ -	\$ 29,000
70% Wages \$20,300			
30% Benefits \$8,700			
Professional/Technical/Service Contracts			
NA (moved to capital expenditures)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Equipment/Tools/Supplies			
Items needed on site to safely install a fishing piers:	\$ 1,203	\$ -	\$ 1,203
Screws, nuts, bolts, washers, drill bits, saw blades, safety glasses, etc.			
Capital Expenditures Over \$5,000			
8 Fishing Piers	\$ 276,000	\$ -	\$ 276,000
Fee Title Acquisition			
NA	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Easement Acquisition			
NA	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Professional Services for Acquisition			
NA	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Printing			
State will cover printing costs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Travel expenses in Minnesota			
DNR fleet and equipment rates vary per vehicle and heavy equipment	\$ 2,400	\$ -	\$ 2,400
Other:			
Direct and Necessary expenses	\$ 11,397	\$ -	\$ 11,397
People support (FTE) \$1,477			
Safety support (FTE) \$306			
Financial support (all other costs) \$3,957			
Communication Support (allotments)\$1,251			
IT Support (FTE) \$3,346			
Planning Support (allotments) \$1,059			
		\$ -	\$ -
COLUMN TOTAL	\$ 320,000	\$ -	\$ 320,000

OTHER FUNDS CONTRIBUTED TO THE PROJECT	Status (secured or pending)	Budget	Spent	Balance
Non-State: Donations	Pending	\$ 34,000	\$ -	\$ 34,000
State: Game and Fish funds (as needed)	Secured	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
In kind: Labor and supplies from partners	Pending	\$ 40,000	\$ -	\$ 40,000

PAST AND CURRENT ENRTF APPROPRIATIONS	Amount legally obligated but not yet spent	Budget	Spent	Balance
Current appropriation: NA		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Past appropriations: NA		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -