

**Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund  
2019 Request for Proposals (RFP)**

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**Project Title:**

**ENRTF ID: 253-G**

Accessible Fishing Piers

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**Category:** G. Land Acquisition for Habitat and Recreation

**Sub-Category:**

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**Total Project Budget: \$** 320,000

**Proposed Project Time Period for the Funding Requested:** June 30, 2021 (2 yrs)

**Summary:**

Provide 7-8 accessible fishing piers in locations that have a high potential to serve new angling communities, undeserved populations and anglers with physical disabilities.

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**Location**

**Region:** Statewide

**County Name:** Blue Earth, Cass, Lincoln, Otter Tail, St. Louis, Stearns, Watonman

**City / Township:**

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**Alternate Text for Visual:**

The State of Minnesota is shown with counties. The water bodies receiving potential fishing pier projects are labeled. Picture of young child fishing from a pier.

_____ Funding Priorities	_____ Multiple Benefits	_____ Outcomes	_____ Knowledge Base
_____ Extent of Impact	_____ Innovation	_____ Scientific/Tech Basis	_____ Urgency
_____ Capacity	_____ Readiness	_____ Leverage	_____ TOTAL _____%
_____ If under \$200,000, waive presentation?			



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**PROJECT TITLE: Accessible fishing piers**

**I. PROJECT STATEMENT**

Provide 7-8 accessible fishing piers in locations that have a high potential to serve new angling communities, underserved populations, and anglers with physical disabilities. The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) estimates that about 40% of people with fishing licenses do not own a boat (480,000 anglers), and the demand for fishing piers has been increasing as a result. The estimated economic impact of fishing in Minnesota is \$2.4 billion and supports more than 35,000 jobs.

**II. PROJECT ACTIVITIES AND OUTCOMES**

Providing angling opportunities to youth and families, especially those from underserved populations is one of the primary goals of the DNR Recruitment, Retention and Reactivation program. Fishing piers, when available, are often used as classrooms for fishing skills and outdoor education. Three DNR programs will benefit including from this project: MinnAqua, "I Can Fish," and Fishing in the Neighborhood (FiN). Various groups will also benefit including scout troops, local conservation clubs, 4-H clubs, youth camps and surrounding neighborhoods.

Accessible fishing piers make fishing safe, easy, and fun for all ages, especially children, senior citizens, people with disabilities, veterans, and anyone who does not own a boat. Fishing piers help overcome two core barriers to beginning anglers: access (having a place to go) and confidence (safe; physically less demanding).

**Activity 1: Provide 7-8 new accessible fishing piers statewide**

This request will provide new fishing piers in partnership with various cities and counties at parks or public riparian lands where there is a high potential for use by under-served communities.

**ENRTF BUDGET: \$277,200**

<b>Outcome</b>	<b>Completion Date</b>
<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 2020</i>
<i>2. St. James Lake in Watonwan County, City of St. James, in city park with diverse use</i>	<i>June 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>
<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 2<sup>nd</sup> pier in Lions Park that receives heavy angling use and many groups</i>	<i>June 2021</i>
<i>8. Pleasant Lake in Otter Tail County (DNR public access) recommended for local Veterans group that meets regularly to shore fish at this location</i>	<i>June 2021</i>

**Activity 2: Program Administration**

Funding will be used to support personnel costs for administering the programs and DNR direct and necessary costs associated with this funding. Program staff are involved in providing technical expertise, developing and



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managing cooperative/partnership agreements, ordering fishing piers and parts, installing fishing piers, fiscal management, operations and maintenance, closing out the grant and final reporting.

**ENRTF BUDGET: \$42,800**

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

**III. PROJECT PARTNERS:**

**A. Partners receiving ENRTF funding**

The following are the highest-priority locations for accessible fishing piers. This list may be modified if a project partner is not able to provide suitable match or maintenance commitments. Changes would be made through work plan amendment with LCCMR staff. Priority project locations, and partner commitments, include:

- City of East Gull Lake, East Gull Lake. Potential \$10,000 donation and general maintenance.
- City of St James, St James Lake. Potential \$10,000 donation and general maintenance.
- Blue Earth County, Duck Lake. Potential \$14,000 donation and general maintenance.
- City of Lake Benton, Benton Lake. Partner commitment TBD.
- Stearns County, Kreamer Lake. Partner commitment TBD.
- City of Cold Spring, Sauk River. Partner commitment TBD.
- Minnesota Power, Island Lake Reservoir. Partner commitment TBD.
- Watonwan County/City of St James, St. James Lake. Partner commitment TBD.

**B. Partners NOT receiving ENRTF funding. None.**

**IV. LONG-TERM- IMPLEMENTATION AND FUNDING:** A small amount of state Game and Fish funds (total statewide appropriation for FY19 is \$333,600) 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 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 supplemental funds from competitive capital funding sources to grow the program and add new fishing piers (and shore fishing sites) such as LCCMR and Bonding.

**V. TIME LINE REQUIREMENTS:**

Two years will be needed to complete the 7-8 fishing pier projects. Each LUG will enter into a formal cooperative agreement with the MN DNR to accomplish the goal. The fishing piers will be installed during "open water season" (May – September). This timeframe will allow for proper site preparation and the development of accessible parking spaces and path to the fishing pier.

**VI. SEE ADDITIONAL PROPOSAL COMPONENTS:**

- A. Proposal Budget Spreadsheet**
- B. Visual Component or Map**
- C. Project Manager Qualifications and Organization Description**

## 2019 Proposal Budget Spreadsheet

Project Title: Accessible Fishing Piers

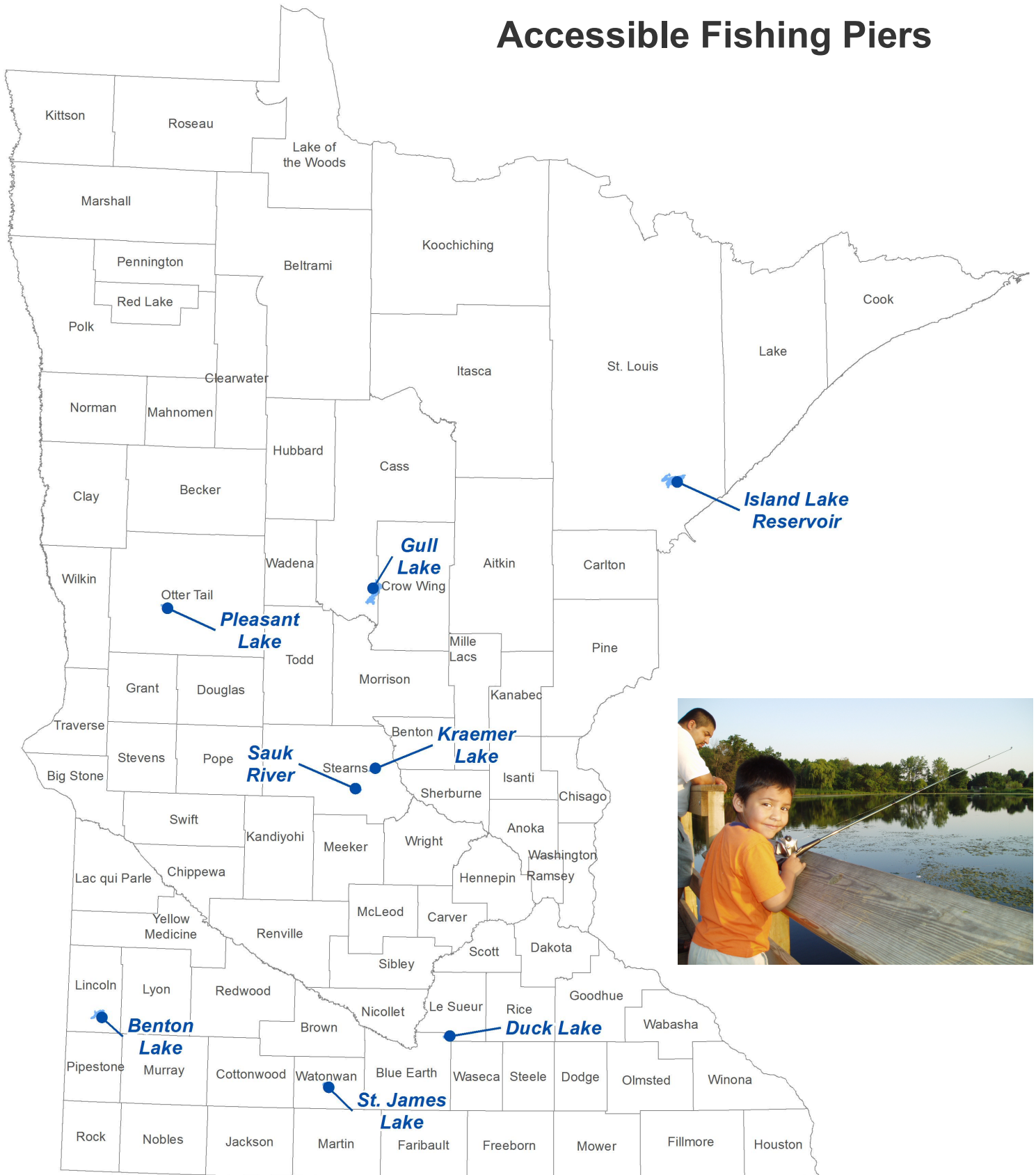
### IV. TOTAL ENRTF REQUEST BUDGET: 2 years

BUDGET ITEM (See "Guidance on Allowable Expenses")	AMOUNT
<b>Personnel:</b> Consultant < .1 FTE (1 person) 48 hours Area Supervisor < .1 FTE (6-8 people) 80 hours Technician - technical expertise: placement, site preparation and installation. .3 FTE 340 hours	\$ 29,000
<b>Professional/Technical/Service Contracts:</b> 8 Fishing piers * Average cost of \$34,500 each, state contract purchase with MINNCOR Industries	\$ 276,000
<b>Equipment/Tools/Supplies:</b> As needed such as extra spud poles and brackets	\$ 1,203
<b>Acquisition (Fee Title or Permanent Easements):</b>	\$ -
<b>Travel:</b>	\$ 2,400
<b>Additional Budget Items:</b> To support the costs related to the program administration *Direct and Necessary expenses: HR Support \$1,477, Safety Support \$306, Financial Support \$3,957, Communication Support \$1,251, IT Support \$3,346 and Planning Support \$1,059, necessary to accomplish funded programs/projects.	\$ 11,397
<b>TOTAL ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND \$ REQUEST =</b>	<b>\$ 320,000</b>
*Direct and Necessary expenses include Department Support Services (Human Resources, IT Support, Safety, Financial Support, Communications Support, and Planning Support). Department Support Services are described in the agency Service Level Agreement and billed internally to divisions based on rate that have been developed for each area of service. These services are directly related to and necessary for the appropriation. Department leadership services (Commissioner's Office and Regional Directors) are not assessed. Those elements of individual projects that put little or no demand on support services such as large single-source contracts, large land acquisitions, and funds that are passed through to other entities are not assessed Direct and Necessary costs for those activities	

### V. OTHER FUNDS (This entire section must be filled out. Do not delete rows. Indicate "N/A" if row is not applicable.)

SOURCE OF FUNDS	AMOUNT	Status
<b>Other Non-State \$ To Be Applied To Project During Project Period:</b>	\$ 34,000	Pending
<b>Other State \$ To Be Applied To Project During Project Period: Potential to use Game and Fish funds to cover personell/supplies/travel not covered by the grant, if needed.</b>		Pending
<b>In-kind Services To Be Applied To Project During Project Period: Partners will assist in different ways: site preparation, site development, ongoing general maintenance and upkeep, promotion of new facility.</b>	\$ 40,000	Pending
<b>Past and Current ENRTF Appropriation: Last ENRTF appropriation in 2004</b>	\$ -	
<b>Other Funding History:</b> State Bonding (last received in 2010), Parks and Trails Legacy Funds were used in 2013 only, Game and Fish Fund is the current funding for operations, maintenance and replacement fishing piers, total statewide appropriation for FY19 is \$333,600		

## Accessible Fishing Piers



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## Project Manager Qualifications and Organization Description

Project Manager: Nancy Stewart  
Affiliation: Department of Natural Resources, Division of Parks and Trails  
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Title: Water Recreation Consultant

### Experience:

Nancy Stewart has worked for the State of Minnesota for over 10 years. She administers the water recreation programs specific to the operation and maintenance of the state's public water access, water trail and fishing pier facilities. She has extensive experience with multiple funding sources and reports including the natural resources fund – water recreation account, Game and Fish Fund, Federal Sport Fish Restoration Account and Bonding.

### Organization Description:

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Parks and Trails Division's vision is to create unforgettable park, trail, and water recreation experiences that inspire the public to pass along the love for the outdoor to the next generation. More information on the Minnesota DNR can be found at [MNDNR.gov](http://MNDNR.gov)