

# FINAL REPORT

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## 2001 Project Abstract

For the Period Ending June 30, 2004

**TITLE:** Water Recreation: Boat Access, Fishing Piers and Shore Fishing

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**FUND:** Minnesota Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund

**LEGAL CITATION:** ML 2001, 1<sup>st</sup> Special Session, Ch. 2, Sec. 14, Subd. 5 (e)

**APPROPRIATION AMOUNT:** \$ 910,000

### Overall Project Outcome and Results

This project provides the public with access to lakes and rivers statewide. Access includes boat access, fishing piers and shore fishing improvements. Access opportunities are provided to people with or without a boat, to people of all ages and race, and to people with a diverse range of physical abilities.

In various regions of the state, five water access sites were developed, three parcels of land were purchased to provide new or expanded access, fifteen fishing piers were purchased and installed, three existing piers were modified, and two shore fishing sites were constructed. Access sites are treated with best management practices to protect shorelines, uplands and wetlands.

Minnesotans greatly appreciate public access to the state's lakes and rivers as evidenced by the large number of boats registered and fishing licenses sold. It's no secret that our lakes and rivers are an integral part of the social and economic fabric of the state. Studies have shown that water access sites are not just for boaters, but are used by birdwatchers, people who want to view the lake, or as a place to stop and relax. Fishing piers are popular places for children to recreate and to pick up a life long interest in fishing and the outdoors. Boaters benefit by having additional access to water through high quality boat launch facilities that are safe and convenient. Local units of government gain benefit via grants and technical assistance for providing new or improved access.

### Project Results Use and Dissemination

The public water access sites, fishing piers and shore fishing areas will be identified on the DNR's system of water access maps and the DNR website. Signs will be posted on each access site, fishing pier and shore fishing project giving attribution to the environment and natural resources trust fund.

Date of Report: October 20, 2004

**LCMR Final Work Program Report**

Date of Work Program Approval: June 2001

Project Completion Date: June 30, 2004

**I. PROJECT TITLE**

Water Recreation: Boat Access, Fishing Piers, and Shore Fishing.

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**Total Biennial Project Budget**  
**LCMR Appropriation:** \$910,000                      **Amount Spent:** \$907,680                      **Balance:** \$2,320

**Legal Citation:** ML 2001, [Chap. 2 ], Sec. [ 14 ], Subd. 5e .

**Appropriation Language**

5 (e) Water Recreation: Boat Access, Fishing Piers, and Shore fishing. \$455,000 the first year and \$455,000 the second year are from the trust fund to the commissioner of natural resources to acquire and develop public water access sites statewide, to construct shore fishing and pier sites, and to restore shore lands at public accesses. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2004, at which time the project must be completed and final products delivered, unless an earlier date is specified in the work program.

**II. and III. FINAL PROJECT SUMMARY**

Progress was successful and complete as planned for Results 1, 2, and 3. Five water access sites were developed, three access site parcels were purchased, fifteen fishing piers were purchased and installed, three existing piers were modified, and two shore fishing sites were constructed. It should be noted that the fishing pier and shore fishing monies were greatly benefited and leveraged with donations in the amount of \$121,837. As noted in Result Number 1, \$2,320 from the appropriation was unspent.

**IV. OUTLINE OF PROJECT RESULTS**

**Result 1**

Boat access development  
 LCMR Budget:.....\$300,000  
 Balance: .....\$ 2,320

**Completion Date:** June 30, 2004

**Result Status**

Five water access sites were developed to include the following:

(1) A new site was built on Perry Lake, Crow Wing County for a cost of \$13,034. This new site provided the first and only bona fide public access to the 160 acre lake. (2) Lake Vermilion, St. Louis County for a LCMR cost of \$126,323.60. Other program funds were used to help fund this \$320,000 rehabilitation project done in cooperation with the City of Tower. The City provided the land and will perform the annual maintenance. (3) Mule Lake, Cass County for a cost of \$71,538.09. This project provided a new site to replace an existing inadequate site on the 501 acre lake. (4) Leech Lake, Cass County for a cost of \$65,831.31. This project was a rehabilitation of an existing DNR site. LCMR monies were combined with other program funds for a total project cost of \$95,146. (5) Comfort Lake, Chisago County for a cost of \$17,030. LCMR monies were coupled with other program funds for a total project cost of \$48,714. This project was a rehabilitation and expansion on a lake 220 acres in size. Professional service fees from LCMR monies involving the above listed projects were \$3,923. Other program funds paid for the majority of professional service fees involving these projects. A minimal amount of money was unspent when the construction contract amount for the Mule Lake project was reduced after June 30, 2004.

**Result 2**

Boat access acquisition

LCMR Budget: ..... \$400,000

Balance: ..... \$ 0

**Completion Date:** June 30, 2004

**Result Status**

Three parcels of land were purchased with the budget of \$400,000. The lands purchased are: (1) East Solomon Lake, Kandiyohi County for \$32,500 which will provide for site expansion; (2) Farm Island Lake, Aitkin County for \$254,100 which will provide a new public access; (3) Marion Lake, Otter Tail County for \$113,380 which will provide for site expansion. A title recording fee for Mule Lake, Cass County was paid in the amount of \$20.

**Result 3**

Fishing Piers and Shore fishing sites

LCMR Budget: ..... \$210,000

Balance: ..... \$ 0

**Completion Date:** June 30, 2004

**Result Status**

Attachment B lists the fishing piers and shore fishing structures that were constructed and installed. The amount of donations from clubs and local units of government should be noted as significant. The fishing pier program remains very popular with anglers and local units of government responsible for providing recreation opportunities.

**V. TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET**

**All Results: Development:** ..... \$510,000

**All Results: Acquisition:** ..... \$400,000

**TOTAL BUDGET:** ..... \$910,000

**VI. PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE SPENDING**

**A. Past Spending**

LCMR: 1999 Public Boat Access and Fishing Piers .....\$1,310,000  
Capitol: 1998 Acquisition and Development:.....\$2,000,000

**B. Current and Future Spending**

LCMR: 2003 Boat Access, Fishing Piers and Shore fishing.....\$1,150,000

**Water Recreation Account:** .....\$100,000

In kind work will be provided by Trails and Waterways. Local units of government provide in-kind and cash contributions through the use of public land, construction assistance, and site maintenance on the majority of the projects.

**C. Project Partners**

**Result 1, 2**

Some of the projects will have local governments, counties, lake associations, and etc. as partners. The provision of public access sites often is developed with partners. On some projects local governments will operate and maintain the site after development as well as contribute monies to help develop the site.

**Result 3**

Piers and shore fishing sites are completed in cooperation with local governments. The state constructs the site or pier and the local government provides daily maintenance and oversight and sometimes contributes money to help purchase the pier.

**D. Time**

Because the project involves land acquisition and/or site development, we anticipate the project will take 3 years: completion June 30, 2004.

**VII. DISSEMINATION**

The DNR provides maps of the location of boat accesses and fishing piers. Often news releases are announced locally as new sites are constructed.

**VIII. LOCATION**

Statewide

*ATTACHMENT A:* financial spreadsheet.

*ATTACHMENT B:* fishing pier and shore fishing list.

ATTACHMENT A

Project Title: Boat Access Fishing Piers and Shorefishing

Project Number:

LCMR Recommended Funding: \$910,000

Attachment A Deliverable Products and Related Budget												
2001 LCMR Project Biennial Budget										Objective/ Result		
	Result 1 Budget:	Result 1 Current invoice:	Result 1 Balance:	Result 2 Budget:	Result 2 Current Invoice:	Result 2 Balance:	Result 3: Budget:	Result 3 Current Invoice:	Result 3 Balance:	PROJECT TOTAL: \$910,000		
Budget Item (Title of Result)										BUDGET TOTAL:	CURRENT INVOICE TOTAL:	BALANCE TOTAL:
I Boat Access Development	300,000	\$0	2,320							300,000		\$0
II Boat Access Acquisition				400,000	\$0	\$0				400,000		\$0
III Fishing Piers & Shorefishing Sites							210,000	\$0	\$0	210,000		\$2,320
<b>COLUMN TOTAL</b>	<b>\$300,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$2,320</b>	<b>\$400,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$210,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$910,000</b>		<b>\$2,320</b>

## Attachment B

Final Report on Fishing Piers & Shore Fishing Projects 2001 LCMR Trust Fund					
Lake / River	County	Size	Year Install	LCMR	Donation / Other Funding
Ham	Anoka	64'	2004	\$ 1823.00	\$ 16,453.00
Sallie	Becker	64'	2003	\$ 8881.00	\$ 6000.00
Sallie	Becker	Shorefishing	2003	\$ 8000.00	\$ 8000.00
Madison Lake	Blue Earth	64'	2002	\$ 8763.00	\$ 7500.00
Gull Lake	Crow Wing	Additional Pier Section	2003	\$ 4116.00	
Ruth Lake	Crow Wing	84'	2002	\$ 19,585.00	
Thomas Lake	Dakota	64'	2003	\$ 12,281.00	\$ 6,000.00
Thompson	Dakota	84'	2003	\$ 1438.00	\$ 20,000.00
Lanesboro Bass Pond	Fillmore	64'	2002	\$ 16,745.00	
Long Lake	Hennepin	104'	2002	\$ 10,207.00	\$ 10,000.00
Minnetonka / Kings Point	Hennepin	64'	2003	\$ 18,191.00	
Whaletail	Hennepin	104'	2003	\$ 14,496.00	\$ 10,000.00
Pokegama	Itasca	104'	2002	\$ 22,578.00	
Winsted Lake	McLeod	84'	2003	\$ 16,643.00	\$ 5,000.00
Sarah	Murray	44'	2002	\$ 11,569.00	\$ 2,250.00
Hiniker Pond	Nicollet	Modified	2003	\$ 1998.00	\$ 15,134.00
Chester Woods Park	Olmsted	80'	2003	\$ 18,749.00	\$ 5,000.00
Cannon Lake	Rice	Platform	2003	\$ 3123.00	
McColl Pond	Scott	64'	2003	\$ 8279.00	\$ 10,000.00
Bass Lake	Todd	Additional Pier Section	2002	\$ 2535.00	\$ 500.00
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>\$ 210,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 121,837.00</b>