

Citizen Resolution # 720221

(For Hearing Officer completion)



Funding for Boat Landing Improvements and Maintenance

RESOLUTION: In 2019-2020, the Fuel Tax Transfer (money received from power watercraft users in Wisconsin) was approximately 13 million dollars. The main source of revenue to the water resources account is an annual transfer of motorboat fuel tax revenue. Of this, only 1.7 % (less than \$250,000) was afforded to access for the watercraft users (aka boat landings). This is woefully unfair. There are approximately 2000 documented boat landings in Wisconsin. This equates to approximately \$100 per boat landing. Many boat landings charge users a daily or yearly landing fee. Currently, many watercraft users spend hundreds of dollars per year as they recreate throughout Wisconsin, using many different landing locations. These landing fees are unnecessary. Boaters pay the fuel tax, the fuel tax should benefit the boaters. If the fuel tax transfer was appropriately allocated towards boat landing improvement and maintenance, the daily and yearly user fees would not be necessary.

Be it resolved: Utilize 75% of the fuel tax funds for the access and enjoyment of the watercraft users. Specifically, maintain, improve, and develop boat landings. This will reduce the number of conflicts between users accessing the waterways and reduce negative water quality impacts by improvement of boat landings. Such improvements would include additional landings, parking, increasing landing width and length, and docks.

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