

Citizen Resolution # 720522

(For Hearing Officer completion)



Fair Appropriations of Marine Fuel Tax Receipts

The Fuel Tax Transfer (gasoline/diesel tax which is currently receipted from power watercraft users in Wisconsin) is approximately 13 million dollars per year. The main source of revenue to the water resources account is an annual transfer of motorboat fuel tax revenue. Of this a very small fraction (typically less than 2%) is afforded to access for the watercraft users. This is woefully unfair and does not adequately allow for development, maintenance or improvement of landings and access areas for watercraft enthusiasts. Often conflicts occur between users due to congested boat landings and parking areas. 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 likely not be necessary.

By agreeing to the resolution you support enactment of legislation to utilize 75% of the fuel tax funds for the access and enjoyment for the watercraft users.

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