



Boating Programs Update

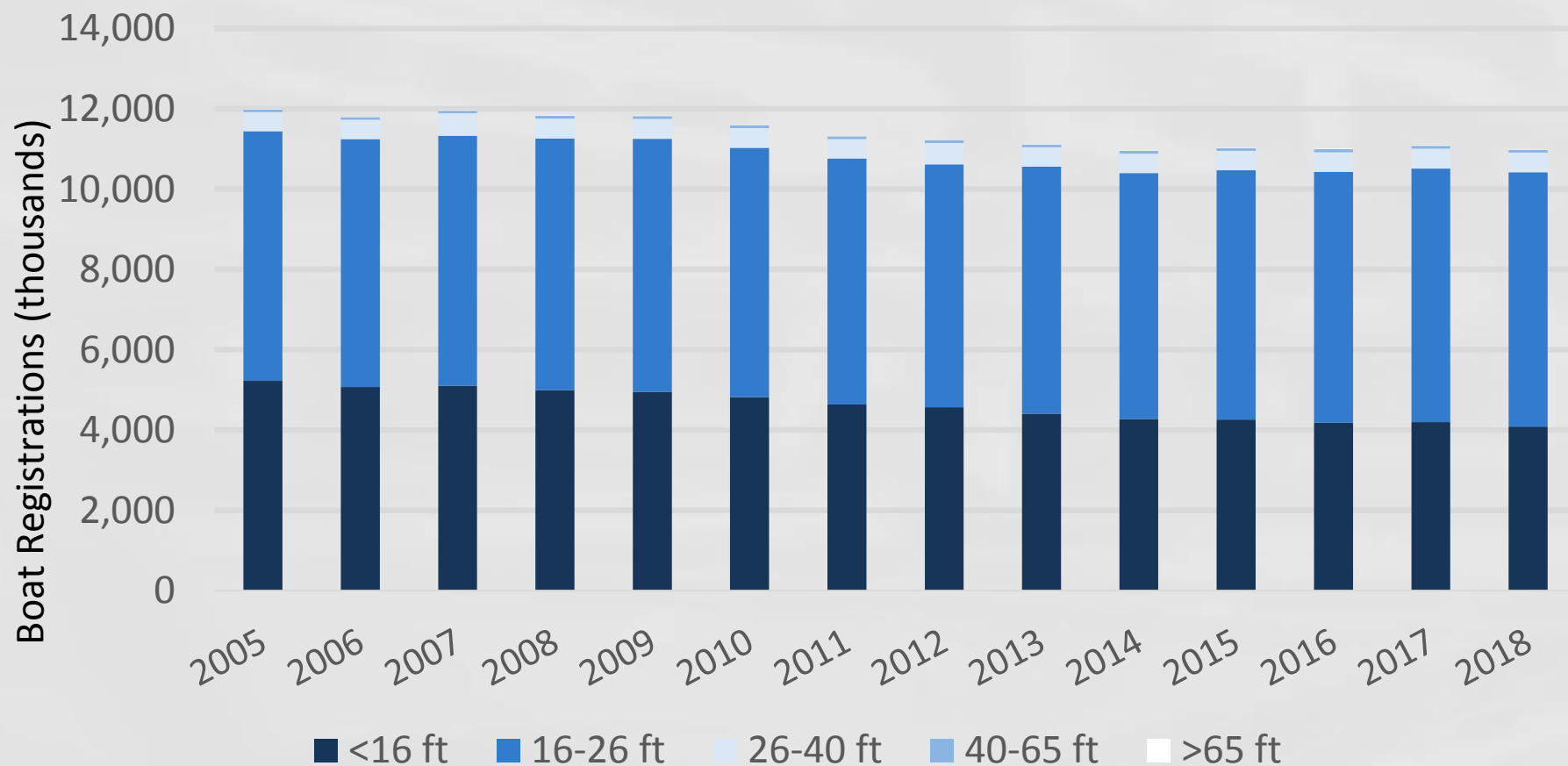


States Organization for Boating Access *Federal Workshop*





U.S. Motor Boat Registrations





Sport Fish Restoration & Boating Trust Fund Receipts



Gas taxes (motorboats & small engines) average 72% of trust fund receipts for past 10 years





Sport Fish Restoration & Boating Trust Fund



Comparing Receipts through 3rd Quarter (\$M)

Year	'13	'14	'15	'16	'17	'18	'19
3rd Quarter Total (Q1-Q3)	388.4	424.5	432.5	427.1	423.6	459.8	458.7
Domestic Fish Tackle (Q1-Q3)	46	86.5	90.2	93.9	83.4	105.3	102.2
TOTAL YEAR (Q1-Q4)	595.6	624.9	635.5	627.7	632.0	649.3	<i>Est 650</i>



Boating Infrastructure Grant (BIG) Program Update



- FY 2019 Statistics:
 - We received 36 Tier 1 applications from 24 states/territories and funded them all for a federal total of \$4,131,546. Match was \$1,736,557.
 - We received 27 Tier 2 applications from 14 states requesting a total of \$21,208,143 in federal funding and funded 20 applications from 11 states for a total of \$16,504,596. Match was \$13,496,825.



Boating Infrastructure Grant (BIG) Program Update



- FY 2020:
 - Deadline to apply is September 16, 2019. The Notices of Funding Opportunity were posted on May 31st which gives applicants 109 days to review them and submit applications.
 - We hope to announce funding by the end of March 2020.



Clean Vessel Act (CVA) Program Update



- FY 2019 Statistics:
 - We received 38 applications from 27 states requesting a total of \$17,848,596 in federal funding.
 - We funded all applications.



Clean Vessel Act (CVA) Program Update



- FY 2020:
 - The deadline for the FY 2020 CVA applications is December 2, 2019. The Notice of Funding Opportunity was posted on August 14th which gives applicants 111 days to review it and submit applications.
 - The CVA NOFO (F19AS00240) is on Grants.gov.
 - We hope to announce funding by May 31, 2020.



FY 2019 BIG and CVA Funding



• 2019 BIG/CVA new Money -	\$25,141,549
• Less: 2019 Sequester:	\$1,558,776
• Plus 2018 Sequester:	\$1,663,397
• Less: Admin:	\$462,172
• Plus: CVA Recoveries:	\$5,646,503
• <u>Plus BIG Recoveries:</u>	<u>\$8,337,848</u>
• Total Available	\$38,768,349



BIG and CVA Funding Split



- The Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act (Public Law 114-94) signed by President Obama on December 4, 2015, combined Clean Vessel Act (CVA) and Boating Infrastructure Grant (BIG) funds into one account and gave the Service additional flexibilities on how to manage the Programs.
- The FAST Act authorized funding the Programs at a combined total of 4% with the restriction that no more than 75 percent of the total funds available to CVA and BIG be utilized for either program.



BIG and CVA Funding Split



- This means that the amounts available for CVA or BIG are not fixed by law but that the Service has some discretion to adjust funding, if desired, for either program.
- The Service solicited feedback from SOBA and from the Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council (Council) on applying the new flexibility.
- Both organizations expressed a desire to fund BIG and CVA equally with the caveat that the Service should not partially fund BIG Tier 2 applications as was done in the past.



BIG and CVA Funding Split



- WSFR agreed with this approach and it has governed our funding recommendations since the FAST Act. Our goal, across time, is fund BIG and CVA 50-50.

FY	TOTAL	BIG	CVA	CARRY OVER	STATUS
17	30,386,582	14,844,055	15,542,527		+ 349,236 CVA
18	28,436,478	13,921,275	14,515,203		+ 296,964 CVA
19	38,768,349	20,637,143.50	17,848,596.50	283,609	+ 1,252,969 BIG
TOTAL	97,591,409	49,402,473.50	47,906,326.50		+ 606,769 BIG
%	100%	50.62%	49.09%	0.29%	



BIG and CVA Funding Split



- Next Steps: We are drafting a formal SOP for consideration by senior management detailing our approach to managing the BIG – CVA funding split with the intent to have a 50-50 funding ratio over time.
- It will also describe how we will notify SOBA and the Council of any changes to this approach.



Boating Access Update



- Each region met the 15% regional averaging for the five year period ending FY 2017.
- The next 5-year period runs through FY 2022.
- As of September 3, 2019 \$622,348 were in danger of reverting at the end of FY 2019 because they were unobligated. States are working with their WSFR counterparts to obligate much of these funds into grants by the end of the FY.
- \$75,614 were reverted due to being de-obligated from an existing grant and the amount not passing through the safety margin.



Questions?



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