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SOBA Newsletter

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Job Announcement

Natural Resource Program Coordinator - Fishing & Boating Access Program Coordinator

The Idaho Department of Fish and Game has posted an open competitive job announcement for the position of Natural Resource Program Coordinator – Fishing & Boating Access Program Coordinator.

Location: Boise, Idaho

Announcement Closing Date: 08/02/2021 @ 11:59 PM Mountain

Please apply online and take the qualifying exam [here](#).



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Grant Opportunity

Boating Infrastructure Grants (BIG) Program NOFO

Deadline Sept. 20, 2021

Recreational boating is a popular activity; there are approximately 11.8 million registered motor boats in the United States. Of this total, an estimated 584,000 are at least 26 feet long. The Sportfishing and Boating Safety Act of 1998 established the Boating Infrastructure Grants (BIG) Program to provide funding for the construction, renovation and maintenance of boating infrastructure facilities for transient recreational vessels at least 26 feet long that are operated, leased, rented, or chartered primarily for pleasure. Subsequent reauthorizations of the Act allow

expenditures from the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund and the continuation of the BIG Program.

Boating infrastructure means the structures, equipment, accessories, and services that are necessary or desirable for a facility to accommodate eligible vessels. Transient vessels are those passing through or by a place, staying up to 15 days.

Projects completed using BIG funds must provide public access, but may be publicly or privately owned.



This package is the [Notice of Funding Opportunity \(NOFO\) for Fiscal Year \(FY\) 2022 BIG Tier 1 State grants](#).

This package is the [Notice of Funding Opportunity \(NOFO\) for Fiscal Year \(FY\) 2022 BIG Tier 2 National grants](#).

2021 SOBA Education & Training Symposium

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The [States Organization for Boating Access \(SOBA\)](#) Education & Training Symposium brings together state boating officials, consultants, engineering firms, manufacturers, suppliers, publishers and other businesspersons interested in boating access. Register now for the [2021 Education and Training Symposium](#) taking place virtually **August 30 – September 1**. Registration is now open and you can [register online](#). Deadline for registration is **Friday, August 27th, 2021**.



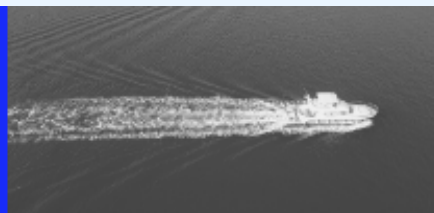
Symposium agenda has been published. [Check out the online agenda](#) to plan your experience The symposium will kick off on **Monday, August 30th**, at 1:00 PM (EDT) with the Business Meeting, followed by Federal Training in the afternoon. On Tuesday, August 31st, join us for Opening Ceremonies at 1:00 PM (EDT), followed by breakout sessions for the remainder of the afternoon. The virtual Education & Training Symposium will conclude Wednesday, September 1st, at 4:00 PM (EDT).

SOBA is offering [sponsorship opportunities](#) for the upcoming annual Education and Training Symposium. Select a sponsorship level that fits your needs. Only two Platinum sponsorships are available. [LEARN MORE](#)

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Partner Update

Recreational Boating & Fishing Foundation (RBFF)

2021 Special Report on Fishing

The Recreational Boating & Fishing Foundation's (RBFF) 2021 Special Report on Fishing has revealed fishing grew in popularity with nearly 55 million participants,



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including 4.4 million first-timers, picking up a rod as Americans searched for safe activities to relieve their stress and anxiety during the COVID-19 pandemic. This latest report brings the fishing industry even closer to its goal of reaching 60 million participants within the 60-month period ending in December 2021. [READ MORE](#)

Women Making Waves Excursion with Dick's Sporting Goods

Women continue to hit the water in droves with female angler participation at 19.7 million in 2020 – an all-time high. To continue evolving the fishing and boating community into a more inclusive space, Take Me Fishing campaign partnered with DICK'S Sporting Goods to host a group of influencers on a two-day outdoor excursion July 20-21 prior to ICAST in Orlando, FL. [READ MORE](#)

National Fishing & Boating Week Wellness Deficit

A new study from Take Me Fishing and Discover Boating uncovers a wellness deficit in America as recreational activities begin reopening amid improving public health conditions. Based on the findings, the two organizations launched their summer-long Get On Board campaign during National Fishing and Boating Week, June 5 through 13, to help Americans from all walks of life fill their wellness deficits by experiencing the benefits of the outdoors firsthand. Research shows that simply getting outside or being near water lowers stress and anxiety. [READ MORE](#)

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Who We Are

An organization devoted to the acquisition, development and administration of public recreational boating facilities nationwide. The States Organization for Boating Access (SOBA) provides a forum for the exchange of views, ideas, concepts and experiences related to all aspects of recreational boating facilities.

Our Mission

To encourage, promote and support federal and state programs that provide safe, high-quality and environmentally sound public recreational boat access to the waterways of the United States and its territories.

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