

## SALTWATER RECREATIONAL FISHING LICENSE REPORT (from page 25)

The availability of this dedicated revenue source for use in supporting programs and activities that address the priority interests of RI's recreational fishing community is a major benefit associated with the license program. Of particular value is the opportunity to use the state funds to leverage federal funds.

The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service's (USFWS) Sport Fish Restoration Program provides federal funding for saltwater recreational fishing programs. The funding is administered via grants to the state; projects written to these grants require a 25% state match.

The fees generated by the RI saltwater license program are used to leverage an additional \$3 for every \$1 dedicated to projects and activities that enhance recreational saltwater fishing access, as well as science and management programs that directly relate to recreational fishing stocks.

### INFORMATION AND OUTREACH

Since the rollout of the RI Saltwater Recreational Fishing License, DEM has continued to provide information and outreach to the RI angling community.

Since 2013 DEM has contracted with a publishing company to create a Saltwater Recreation Fishing Guide for distribution throughout the state.

DEM continues to provide information at public events such as a booth in the RISAA's New England Saltwater Fishing Show, an ideal opportunity to interact directly with the recreational fishing community.

DEM will provide updates through the RISAA news magazine on how license monies are being spent such as improvements to boat ramps and construction updates.

In 2017 DEM started funding the Annual Youth Fishing Camp run by the R.I. Saltwater Anglers Association, and its popularity has prompted DEM to continue support in 2018.

### EXPENDITURES - 2017

During the 2017 fiscal year, a total of \$214,858 was spent on the RI Marine Recreational Fishing Program (see table) as follows:

### 2017 Saltwater Recreational Fishing License Expended

Category	FY16 Carryover	FY17 Revenue	FY17 Available	FY17 Expended
Enhanced MRIP Data Collection	\$99,524	\$0	\$99,524	\$20,821
Boating/Fishing Access I	\$106,339	\$41,526	\$147,865	\$80,000
Boating/Fishing Access II	\$23,062	\$20,763	\$43,825	\$5,898
Rec Fisheries Support	\$7,722	\$20,763	\$28,485	\$6,672
Fish Stock Assessment Support	\$0	\$124,579	\$124,579	\$92,357
Artificial Reef	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Public Education, Information, and Outreach	\$32,569	\$0	\$32,569	\$9,110
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$269,225</b>	<b>\$207,631</b>	<b>\$476,856</b>	<b>\$214,858</b>

- \$20,821 was used to hire two additional seasonal field interviewers to accomplish additional MRIP intercept interviews.
- \$80,000 was used to provide funding for the new ramp installation at Goddard Memorial State Park.
- \$92,357 was used for personnel and equipment costs in support of the Division's finfish surveys for stock assessments.
- \$6,672 was used for the management of the Marine Recreational Fisheries Program.
- \$5,898 was used to support the Division's boating/fishing

### 2018 Saltwater Recreational Fishing License Program Budget

Category	FY17 Carryover	FY18 Revenue	FY 18 Available	FY18 Budgeted
Enhanced MRIP Data Collection	\$78,703	\$10,000	\$88,703	(\$10,000)
Boating/Fishing Access I	\$67,865	\$40,000	\$107,865	(\$75,000)
Boating/Fishing Access II	\$37,927	\$10,000	\$47,927	(\$10,000)
Rec Fisheries Support	\$21,813	\$10,000	\$31,813	(\$10,000)
Fish Stock Assessment Support	\$32,221	\$100,000	\$132,222	(\$100,000)
Artificial Reef	\$0	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0
Public Education, Information, and Outreach	\$23,459	\$20,000	\$43,459	(\$7,740)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$229,767</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>	<b>\$461,989</b>	<b>(\$212,740)</b>

access site maintenance program.

\* Mount Hope-regrade ramp area and remove old dock and gangway

\* Narrow River Ramp- graded parking area and replaced handicap only signs

\* Pawcatuck River Boat Ramp, Westerly- removed debris and trash

reported by enforcement and made temporary repairs to the broken section of the ramp on several occasions

- \* Sakonnet Point boat ramp-replaced signs
- \* Galilee Boat Ramp-checked periodically and replaced signs
- \* Charlestown Breachway- signs and graded road
- \* Ft. Adams - transported gravel for fill
- \* Gull Cove-picked up trash from citizen cleanup
- \* All ramps - posted signs for no parking and trailers only
- \* Camp Cronin - Installed signs and trash removal following reopening

\* Contracted portable sanitary facilities at Quonochontaug, Camp Cronin, Galilee, and Deep Hole salt water fishing access areas from April through October

\* Removed trash from portajons at Cronin, Deep Hole and Quonochontaug

\* Weekapaug fishing access-grade road and parking area-signage and trash. Removed trash following volunteer cleanup

\* Charlestown Breachway-repair and regrade boat ramp. Removed PWC signs

\* Quonochontaug- signs replaced and trash removal. Removed PWC signs

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