

## NOTICE OF DEVELOPMENT OF RULEMAKING

### FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

**DIVISION** Habitat and Species Conservation and Division of Law Enforcement

**RULE NO.:** 68-1.003      **RULE TITLE:** Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Grants Program

#### **PURPOSE AND EFFECT:**

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission is the State Administrative Agency for the Boating Infrastructure Grant (BIG) Program, which is the program funded through Sport Fish Restoration by the US Fish and Wildlife Service to construct facilities for transient vessels 26' or larger. The Program Guidelines, which are made a part of the rule, are being changed to conform to the revisions in the federal rule, 50 CFR Part 86, Boating Infrastructure Grant (BIG) Program. The federal rule changes added clarity and plain language to include: 1)The period required to operate and maintain a facility has been changed from a 20-year period to the period of useful life that is established in the grant application by explanation or justification, 2)Dredging costs have changed from 10 percent of the cost or \$200,000, whichever is less, to a maximum of \$200,000, 3)The definition of a transient user was changed from a 10-day stay or less to a 15-day stay or less, 4)Roads, parking lots, and other landward facilities that are not necessary for transient users are now ineligible for grant funding under the rule, 5)Defines further how the project must be pro-rated when facilities being funded will also benefit other ineligible facilities, 6)Changes the name for the two Tiers in the Program, 7)Changes the maximum funding for each tier, and 8)Changes the scoring criteria.

#### **SUBJECT AREA TO BE ADDRESSED:**

68-1.003(12) Boating Infrastructure Grant Program, Program Guidelines

**RULEMAKING AUTHORITY:** Art. IV, Sec. 9, Florida Constitution Section 327.04, F.S., Section 327.47, F.S., and Section 379.106, F.S.

**LAW IMPLEMENTED:** Art. IV, Sec. 9, Florida Constitution and Section 379.106 F.S.

#### **IF REQUESTED IN WRITING AND NOT DEEMED UNNECESSARY BY THE AGENCY HEAD, A RULE DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP WILL BE NOTICED IN THE NEXT AVAILABLE FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE REGISTER;**

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this workshop/meeting is asked to advise the agency at least 5 calendar days before the workshop/meeting by contacting the ADA Coordinator at (850) 488-6411. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency by calling (850) 488-9542.

**THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT AND A COPY OF THE PRELIMINARY DRAFT, IF AVAILABLE, IS:** Deborah Furrow, Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, 620 S Meridian Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399, Telephone: 850-488-5600 or Email: [BIGP@MyFWC.com](mailto:BIGP@MyFWC.com).

**THE PRELIMINARY TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT IS AVAILABLE AT NO CHARGE FROM THE CONTACT PERSON LISTED ABOVE.**