

MEMORANDUM



To: Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commissioners
From: Colonel Curtis Brown, Director, Division of Law Enforcement
Date: February 19, 2020
Subject: Consent Agenda Draft Rule – Boating Infrastructure Grant Program

Purpose:

Obtain approval to advertise amendments to Rule 68A-1.003(12), F.A.C. to incorporate revised Boating Infrastructure Grant Program Guidelines (dated 2/2019) and FWC/BIGP-APP, Boating Infrastructure Grant Program Grant Application (dated 2/2019).

Why:

Review of the existing grant guidelines and application revealed that there was unclear information as to the submission requirements for a grant application. Staff propose adding some details in order to ensure applicants fully understand the requirements.

Top Points:

- 1) Grant application packages must consist of at least (3) three hard copies, of which at least (1) one must be an original signed copy.
- 2) Grant application packages must include (1) one portable, editable electronic copy.
- 3) Grant application packages must be submitted to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Division of Law Enforcement, Boating and Waterways Section, 620 South Meridian Street, Room 235, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1600 no later than 5 PM EST on the date published in the grant notification.

Affected Parties:

Eligible applicants include local governments, Native American tribes, port districts, nonprofit organizations, private organizations, state agencies, and some special purpose districts, if legally authorized to acquire and develop public outdoor recreation facilities.

Summary:

To provide clarification concerning how to apply for Boating Infrastructure Grants, the Boating Infrastructure Grant Program Guidelines (dated 2/2019) and FWC/BIGP-APP, Boating Infrastructure Grant Program Grant Application (dated 2/2019) are being amended to incorporate clearer instructions for submitting an application package; specifically, the required number and format of copies, as well as the deadline and location for submission. If the rule amendments are approved, staff propose to both advertise the proposed rule change and file for adoption as soon as possible as allowed by s. 120.54(3) Florida Statutes, without further public hearing.

Staff Recommendation:

Approval of the proposed draft rule.

Staff Contact and/or Presenter:

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