

Memorandum of Understanding Among the States in the United State Fish and Wildlife Service's Region 3

Whereas, the States of Iowa, Illinois, Missouri and Minnesota support a vast array of recreational boating facilities on their respective waterways, coastal areas and Mississippi River;

Whereas, the Boating Infrastructure Grant (BIG) Program, provides an opportunity to promote public waterways with transient docking, and services available for vessels greater than or equal to 26 feet;

Whereas, communication amongst states can help to facilitate developing a process for the implementation of the BIG Program that includes the promotion of public/private partnerships and entrepreneurial opportunities.

Whereas, discussions to promote administration of the Program within individual states such as those sponsored by the State Organization for Boating Access (SOBA) have proven fruitful;

Whereas, a more formal commitment amongst states may serve to advance Program administration and enable the transient boater to enjoy each of the state's transient boating facilities, waterways, living resources, and history; and

Whereas, the states party to this Agreement do not intend to establish among them a new or separate legal entity but seek to collaborate as independent agencies to meet the goals of the BIG Program,

NOW THEREFORE, we, the undersigned representing state entities agree to the following:

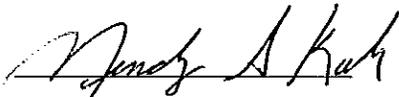
- 1) To cooperate in providing continuity of public access to the shore by increasing and promoting transient slips and related services for vessels greater than or equal to 26 feet;
- 2) To support and administer the BIG Program to improve transient recreational boating opportunities;
- 3) To collaborate on development and use of innovative measures to encourage environmentally friendly marine construction activities and cooperative outreach implementation mechanisms, and to expand interstate agreements between signatory states; and
- 4) To exchange information that assists in the betterment of the overall BIG Program administrative process and project development.

- Addendum To -

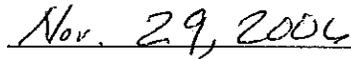
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THIS AGREEMENT ADDENDUM, made this 29th day of November, 2006, acknowledges the State of Michigan, Department of Natural Resources, as an active representative along with the states of Iowa, Illinois, Missouri, and Minnesota in the Boating Infrastructure Grant (BIG) Program.

THE STATE OF MICHIGAN,
Department of Natural Resources



Signature



Date

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