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**FINAL REPORT FOR 1997 TRUST FUND**

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**Project Completion Date:** June 30, 1999

**PROJECT TITLE:**  
1997 TRUST FUND Fishing Pier and Public Shore Access  
1997 TRUST FUND Public Boat Access

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<u>I. Approved Request</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Balance</u>
97 TF Fishing Pier & Public Shore Access	\$ 355,000	\$ 65,781
97 TF Public Boat Access	\$ 350,000	\$ 0

**1997 Appropriation Language**

*ML 1997, Chap. 216, Sec. 15, Subd. 17(o).*  
*Fishing Pier and Public Shore Access.* \$ 355,000  
This appropriation is from the trust fund to the Commissioner of Natural Resources to provide increased access to lakes and rivers statewide through the provision of fishing piers and shoreline access.

*ML 1997, Chap. 216, Sec. 15, Subd. 17 (p)* \$ 350,000  
*Public Boat Access*  
This appropriation is from the trust fund to the Commissioner of Natural Resources to accelerate public water access acquisition and development statewide.

**II. PROJECT SUMMARY & RESULTS**

This program will provide the public with access to lakes and rivers statewide. Access includes fishing piers and boat and shoreline access, and will provide fishing opportunities with or without a boat. Cooperation with local units of government will be emphasized where possible. Local governments often provide land, funds and/or maintenance and operation of the facilities.

The program includes land acquisition and development of boat access sites, fishing piers, and shoreline access. Specific projects accomplished are listed for each appropriation in attachments 1 and 2, pages 4 and 5.

### III. OUTLINE OF PROJECT RESULTS:

**Result #1: Fishing Piers - 16 piers were installed with this funding.** A total of \$236,188 LCMR funding was spent on fishing piers. See specific list of project results as Attachment 1. Please note the \$47,000 in donations/matching funding made by the cooperators/ partners. The remaining funds were encumbered, but not spent, due to the vendor's inability to deliver all of the piers before the end of 1999.

Fishing pier proposals from local governments, angling clubs, and other groups were evaluated annually on a competitive basis to determine priorities. Criteria include physical characteristics such as topography, water depth, and shoreline suitability; biological considerations such as fish type and aquatic vegetation; other considerations such as available parking and cash match. All projects are on public land and have a local unit of government as a cooperator/partner.

**Result #2: Shore Fishing Sites - Three shore fishing access sites were constructed with 97 Trust Funds.** A total of \$53,031 LCMR funds were spent on these shore fishing sites, See specific list of project results as Attachment 1. Please note other funds were also used to complete these projects. The remaining LCMR funds were encumbered, but not spent, because the contractor had a delayed start and was unable to complete all of the work before the end of 1999.

Shore fishing sites were selected through an evaluation process similar to fishing piers. They must be on public land and have a local unit of government as a cooperator/partner.

**Result #3: Boat Access Development -** See specific list of results as Attachment 2. Please note the donations made by the cooperators/partners.

Public boat access sites were constructed on Lake of the Woods at Warroad and Pelican Lake at Orr. Both projects were cooperative ventures to rehabilitate and modernize existing sites. Each city involved provided land and/or money to make the projects a reality.

	<u>Previously Approved Budget</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Completion Date</u>
97 TF	\$ 350,000	\$ 0	November 30, 1999

#### **Result #4: Boat Access Acquisition**

No sites were acquired for public boat access due to a shortage of LCMR funds. Acquisitions are based on willing sellers and availability of land suitable for boat access. Emphasis is being placed on sites in the metropolitan area due to the high demand for boating and fishing.

### IV. DISSEMINATION:

Local newspaper coverage will keep the public informed of the status and completion of projects. They will be added to statewide maps available to the public free of charge.

### V. CONTEXT:

#### A. Significance:

Fishing piers have unique significance in that they provide angling opportunities for people without a boat including special populations such as persons with disabilities, the elderly, and children. Providing fishing opportunities from fishing piers and shorelines in metropolitan areas will be emphasized because of the

benefits offered to large and diverse populations. Shore fishing in the Twin Cities metro area alone provides one-half million hours of fishing during the open water season. Shore fishing has a high minority participation, about 25%, with large lakes accounting for 50% of the fishing by minorities.

Boat access to lakes and rivers continues to be in high demand as evidenced by the high number of boats registered and fishing licenses sold. Research done by the University of Minnesota in 1994 has indicated that two-thirds of the state's boat owners launch a boat at a free public access site at least once each year. In 1995, the state had over 748,000 boats registered, the highest per capita boat ownership in the nation. Also, in 1994, there were 890,000 resident and 240,000 non-resident fishing licenses sold.

B. Time:

All projects funded with Trust Fund money will be completed by November 30, 1999.

C. Budget Context:

1997 Trust Fund Monies:

Budget:	\$705,000
Acquisition:	\$0
Development:	\$350,000
Fishing Piers & Shore fishing:	\$355,000

**VI. COOPERATION:**

Typical commitments from local government cooperators are the provision of land, performance of maintenance, site design assistance, and cash contributions. The fishing pier and shore fishing projects differ in the type and amount of local assistance, but all projects have an emphasis on local cooperation.

**VII. LOCATION:**

Fishing pier and shore access sites are statewide and priorities are determined annually based on submission by local cooperators and site and lake suitability. Boat access acquisition and development sites are statewide.

**VII. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:**

Periodic work program progress reports will be submitted not later than December 1, 1997, December 1, 1998, and November 30, 1999. A final work program report and associated products will be submitted by November 30, 1999, or by the completion date as set in the appropriation for LCMR funding.

This is the final report for 1997 Trust Fund monies allocated through LCMR to the Water Recreation Program in the DNR's Trails and Waterways Unit.

## ATTACHMENT 1

### Fishing Pier and Shore Fishing Projects Funded With 1997 LCMR Funds:

	County	Size	Total cost	LCMR Total
<b>Region 1</b>				
Agnes/Henry	Douglas	84'	\$19,170.00	\$13,845.00
<b>Region 2</b>				
Hill Lake	Itasca	64'	\$16,295.00	\$16,295.00
<b>Region 3</b>				
Birch Lake	Stearns	84'	\$19,170.00	\$19,170.00
Gull Lake	Cass	44'L	\$16,295.00	\$14,736.00
<b>Region 4</b>				
Jefferson (West)	Le Sueur	64'	\$16,295.00	\$16,295.00
South Double	Cottonwood	44'	\$13,419.00	\$13,419.00
Kansas	Watonwan	64'	\$16,295.00	\$16,295.00
Cedar Lake	Martin	64'	\$16,295.00	\$16,295.00
Fox Lake	Rice	84'	\$19,170.00	\$8,520.00
<b>Region 5</b>				
<b>Region 6/Metro</b>				
Cornelia	Hennepin	84'	\$19,170.00	\$9,835.00
Bush Lake	Hennepin	84'	\$19,170.00	\$19,170.00
Medicine	Hennepin	64'	\$16,295.00	\$11,293.00
Minnewashta	Hennepin	84'	\$19,170.00	\$19,170.00
Mitchell	Hennepin	104'	\$22,046.00	\$22,046.00
Rum River (grant)	Anoka	n/a	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Schwanz	Dakota	84'	\$19,170.00	\$9,805.00
			\$277,425.00	\$236,188.00
<b>Shore Fishing '97TF</b>				
Root (partial)	Fillmore	SF	\$80,496.00	\$37,919.00
Ringo (Partial)	Kandiyohi	SF	\$127,413.00	\$14,701.00
Minnetonka SA (partial)	Hennepin	SF	\$95,556.00	\$411.00
			\$303,465.00	\$53,031.00
		Total piers/SF		\$289,219.00

## ATTACHMENT 2

### BOAT ACCESS DEVELOPMENTS FUNDED WITH 1997 LCMR FUNDS:

Lake	County	State Cost	Local Funds	Local Operation & Maintenance
Pelican Lake (Coop.with City of Orr)	St. Louis	\$ 94,462		Yes
Lake of the Woods (Coop. with City of Warroad)	Lake of the Woods	\$ 255,538	\$ 90,000	Yes
	Total:	\$ 350,000		