



Wildlife Conservation Board's Public Access Program 2019 Proposal Solicitation Notice

The Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB) is preparing to release the 2019 Proposal Solicitation Notice (PSN) for the Public Access Program (Program). WCB is seeking high quality grant proposals that enhance public access to wildlife-oriented recreational activities such as boating, fishing, and hunting. The 2019 PSN supports the following priorities.

Boating Access

The Public Access Program will prioritize projects that enhance boating and fishing access. Boaters include those who own and/or rent motorized and non-motorized boats such as power boats, sail boats, kayaks, and others. Projects may include, but are not limited to, boat launching ramps, docks, and associated amenities such as parking lots, restrooms, fish cleaning stations, and access roads. Projects should be compatible with ADA to the extent possible.

Wildlife-oriented Recreation

The Public Access Program will prioritize projects providing public access and use of public lands for wildlife-related recreational activities such as hunting, fishing, and wildlife viewing. Example projects may include accessible fishing platforms, piers, or observation decks, hunting blinds, trails, boardwalks, interpretive facilities and signs. The program may also include accessible trails to observation decks and platforms, restrooms, and parking lot improvements. Projects which provide mobility-impaired and/or ADA access will be prioritized.

Federal, state, and local government entities, non-profit organizations, or public districts are eligible to apply for public access grants. The Program does not provide funding for property acquisition, maintenance activities, or mitigation requirements.

Potential applicants may contact the WCB Program manager between June 5 and June 21, 2019, to consult about project ideas, developing competitive proposals, and questions about the Program, WCB, and the solicitation and grant process. WCB will not be answering specific questions about the scoring criteria and application at this time.

The PSN will be posted on the WCB website and the Program web page. All application materials will be provided at that time. The staff consultation period closes when the PSN is released.

A frequently Asked Questions document will be posted on the Program web page that will provide information about the Program, WCB, and the solicitation and grant process.

Contact Heather McIntire WCBPublicAccess@wildlife.ca.gov or (916) 445-9728 for additional information.