



## **Wildlife Conservation Board's Public Access Program**

2021 Proposal Solicitation Notice Consultation Period

The Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB) is preparing to release the 2021 Proposal Solicitation Notice (PSN) for the Public Access Program (Program). Potential applicants may contact WCB for a consultation to discuss project ideas, project elements, the application process, or other related topics. Upon release of the PSN the consultation period will end. In addition, WCB will be conducting a webinar on preparing competitive applications.

**Consultation Period:** Now until May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Email the Public Access Program at [WCBPublicAccess@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:WCBPublicAccess@wildlife.ca.gov) to make an appointment.

**Public Access Webinar:** June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 at 10:00 am.

WCB is seeking high-quality grant proposals that enhance public access to boating, fishing, hunting, and wildlife-oriented recreation. The Program will consider both planning and implementation grants. The 2021 PSN supports the following priorities.

### **Boating Access**

The Public Access Program will prioritize projects that enhance boating and fishing access. Projects may include, but are not limited to, boat launches, docks, and associated amenities such as parking lots, restrooms, signage, and access roads.

### **Hunting and Fishing Opportunities**

The Public Access Program will prioritize projects providing public access and use of public lands for hunting and fishing. Projects may include, but are not limited to accessible hunting blinds, fishing platforms, piers, parking lot improvements, signage, and restrooms.

### **Wildlife Recreation**

The Public Access Program will prioritize projects providing public access for wildlife-related recreational activities. Projects should promote wildlife experiences and opportunities. Projects may include, but are not limited to trails, parking lots, observation platforms, restrooms, interpretive and/or way finding signage.

Approximately \$5 million will be available through this PSN. Federal, state, and local government entities, non-profit organizations, or public districts are eligible to apply. The Program does not provide funding for property acquisition, maintenance activities, or mitigation requirements.

The PSN will be released May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021, announced on the WCB website, and posted on the [Program web page](#). All application materials will be provided at that time. Contact the Public Access Program at [WCBPublicAccess@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:WCBPublicAccess@wildlife.ca.gov) for additional information.