

November 27, 2006

Ms. Julie Bennett
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Great Lakes Fishery Trust
600 W. St. Joseph, Suite 10
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Re: Project Number: #2004.626
Project Name: Escanaba River Shore Fishing Access Project
Grant Recipient: City of Escanaba
Grant Period: November 30, 2006

Dear Ms. Bennett:

PROJECT COMPLETION

The Escanaba River Shore Fishing Access Project has now been completed and an official ribbon ceremony was held on October 27, 2006.

PROJECT NARRATIVE

A. Structure.

The completed project consists of a 617' boardwalk, 8' in width, wheelchair accessible from a paved parking area. Connecting to the boardwalk are three elevated fishing piers parallel to the shoreline, which are 32' wide and 22' deep each.

B. Location and Access.

This project is located at the North Shore Boat Launch in Wells Township, One Power Plant Road, Escanaba, Michigan. Power Plant road is accessible from both the North and South by paved highways from the City of Escanaba and Wells Township. Power Plant Road is a paved road as well, and is approximately four tenths of a mile long leading to direct access to the North Shore parking lot, boat launch and fishing access project.

C. Amenities.

Other amenities available at the location of this project are a boat launch, restrooms, handicapped parking, and barrier free access to the boardwalk and connecting fishing piers.

D. Educational Opportunities.

The entire boardwalk system is within wetlands adjacent to the Escanaba River and provides an excellent opportunity to view various wildlife which inhabits this area.

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E. Species of Fish.

The species of fish most commonly caught at this site are walleye, pike, small mouth bass and Chinook salmon. Other smaller species of fish include perch and sunfish. The most opportunistic months for the favored walleye species include May, June, and November. Pike and small mouth bass are caught largely during the months of May, June, October and November. October is the best month for Chinook salmon.

F. DNR Stocking of Fish.

Brown trout, splake and Chinook salmon fingerlings are released every year into the Escanaba River. Walleye are stocked every other year.

G. Fishing Tactics.

The most common form of fishing is bottom casting with night crawlers and minnows. Spoons, wobbling plugs and Hot 'n Tots are other commonly recommended fishing tackle.

H. Overnight Accommodations.

Closely located local overnight accommodations include a Travelodge, Terrace Bay Inn, Super 8 Motel, Lincoln Host Motor Inn, Days Inn, Lakeside Motor Inn, Gladstone Motel, Gladstone City and Pioneer Trail Campgrounds, all located within 8 miles of this project.

I. Additional Projects.

Additional anticipated enhancement projects include toe kick plates along the boardwalk and piers where handrails are not present for wheelchair safety, lighting, and a fish cleaning station.

J. Photos.

See attached prints of completed project and posting of Great Lakes Fishery Trust sign.

K. Financial Report.

The attached report reflects a positive balance of \$20,828.05. Additional documentation is attached regarding statement of expenses and verification of payment, including invoices and cancelled checks.

L. No-Cost Extension Regarding Remaining Funds.

The City of Escanaba would like to request an **extension** for the remaining balance of GLFT funds in the amount of \$20,828.05 until **June 30, 2007**. While the original project is 100% complete, the following are proposed additional projects which will provide enhancement to the original project:

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- i. Toe Kick Plate.** Install a 4"x 4" treated board to be used as a toe kick to both outside edges of the 8' wide boardwalk. Toe kick is to be installed only where there is no handrail currently installed. 4x4 will be fastened with decking screws from underneath the boardwalk. Ends of the 4x4 will be mitered for the best possible fit. Toe kick plate will provide additional safety for those in wheelchairs. Labor, tools, supplies, and equipment are **estimated to cost approximately \$3,755.**
- ii. Lighting.** Install four 6 x 6 x 20' treated poles with light fixtures of 175 watts each. This will increase the recreational enjoyment time available at this project for outdoor enthusiasts and serve as an additional safety measure. Labor, tools, supplies, and equipment are **estimated to cost approximately \$4,300.**
- iii. Fish Cleaning Station.** Install a 60x60 enclosed cabinet with 2 hinged doors and stainless steel surface with wheelchair access. Install 10hp Insinkerator to grind fish waste. Install two hose bib faucets for cleaning. Construct freestanding shingled roofed structure with overhang. Installation of a 1,000 gallon septic tank for fish waste with effluent filter connecting to a second septic tank and drain field, which are already in existence. Fish waste will be pumped one to two times per year, dependent on use, at a cost of \$.06 per gallon. Cost to pump and haul would approximate to \$475.00 for up to 2,000 gallon load to be assumed by the City of Escanaba. This proposed fish cleaning station will provide a clean, safe, and efficient manner for successful anglers to clean their catch. A fish cleaning station will also avoid improper disposal of fish waste around docks, piers, boardwalk, restrooms, parking, and wetlands property. Labor, tools, supplies, and equipment are **estimated to cost approximately \$10,000 to \$20,000.**

I look forward to hearing from you regarding our request for an extension for remaining GLFT funds. If additional documentation is necessary, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone at (906) 786-4141 or by e-mail address below.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures





