

Policy on User Fees

Whenever possible, the Program will endeavor to provide access sites at no charge to users.

When the cost to manage a high use access site becomes too great on the state or local entity responsible for the site, a fee for its use will be considered. It will be our policy to encourage the same fees for all users.

When local entities or others who have received state assistance for the development of the facilities propose establishing a user fee, the user fee shall be approved by either the Bureau of Parks and Recreation or the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

Parameters For Approval of User Fees

- o The current maximum fee for launching and or parking is \$6.00.
- o Town residents and nonresidents can be charged the same fee.
- o When differential fees are charged for town residents and nonresidents:
 - a. fees charged to nonresidents cannot exceed twice that charged to town residents; and
 - b. when there is no charge for town residents but a fee is charged to nonresidents, nonresident fees cannot exceed fees charged for residents at comparable State or State-assisted local public facilities (currently \$3.00).
- o Annual permit systems available to town residents must also be available to nonresidents and the period of availability must be the same for both residents and nonresidents.
 - a. The maximum fees for annual permits are \$60 for nonresidents and \$30 for town residents.
- o Annual fee revenues at facilities where both nonresidents and town residents are charged cannot exceed annual operation and maintenance costs for the facility, exclusive of capital costs.
- o Fee revenue at facilities where only nonresidents are charged cannot exceed operation costs for the facility.