

WHITEFISH DUNES STATE PARK BOAT LAUNCH RAMP AND SAFE HARBOR

WHEREAS: there is no safe boat launch ramp between on Lake Michigan between Sturgeon Bay and Bailey's Harbor for approximately 25 miles; and

WHEREAS: rescue crews need a safe boat launch and landing area to assist and rescue stranded and endangered boaters in that stretch of Lake Michigan; and

WHEREAS: kayaking, sport fishing, cruising and other boating activity along this very popular Door County shoreline is ever increasing; and

WHEREAS: Whitefish Dunes State Park is a DNR owned property in this stretch of Lake Michigan having approximately 13,000 feet of shore on Lake Michigan, and an adequate launch ramp and safe harbor would only occupy about 300 feet, which would be a very small part of the park shoreline; and

WHEREAS: the shoreline area north of the park office and parking lots is a rocky shoreline with deep water and a low bank above the high water line and therefore the construction and maintenance of a boat launch ramp would likely be affordable and feasible:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation at its Annual Meeting on April 20th and 21st, 2018 in Wisconsin Rapids formally requests the Department of Natural Resources to include in the Whitefish Dunes State Park masterplan a boat launch and safe harbor between the state park office and Cave Point County Park and conduct a feasibility study for the project.

Submitted by the WWF Great Lakes Committee
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