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TO: Grant-in-Aid and State Harbors

FROM: Jason Fleming, Resource Management Section Chief, Parks and Recreation Division

DATE: July 30, 2025

SUBJECT: 2026 Waterway's Rate Schedules and Annual Reporting

**2026 Rate Schedules:**

The 2026 Waterways Rate Schedules are attached. There was an increase of approximately 10% across the schedule from the 2025 rates. This is the first significant change to both rate schedules in over 10 years, so we recognize that staffing, utilities, and supplies have all risen during this time.

Note: Many of you have worked with Linnae Dawson for many years. We are excited for Linnae, as she has accepted a new position with our division at a specialist level. That leaves us with a vacancy. I will be filling the role until such time the position can be filled. For those who have not worked with me in the past, I have worked with waterways operations within the Department for over 25 years and will try to provide the same excellent service that Linnae provided.

The attached rate schedules provide the parameters for you to select the rate column that best fits the needs and amenities of your facility. Transient rates are based on the length of the vessel while seasonal rates are based on the length of the slip. Per your agreement with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), you are required to provide your chosen seasonal and transient rates annually. Please **email** your selected seasonal and transient **rates for the 2026 season to Jason Fleming** ([flemingj@michigan.gov](mailto:flemingj@michigan.gov)) by **November 1, 2025**.

**PLEASE NOTE:** If your location uses the **Central Reservation System (CAMIS)**, you must also copy **Jeremy Spell**, CRS analyst ([spellj@michigan.gov](mailto:spellj@michigan.gov)) and the DNR Harbor support email box ([DNR-HarborSupport@michigan.gov](mailto:DNR-HarborSupport@michigan.gov)) on your rate email, to ensure your rates are built correct in the CAMIS system. Rates must be submitted **prior to your 6-month reservation window opening**.

If the attached rates are **not adequate** for your operations, please notify me via email to discuss your needs.

**Annual Reporting Requirements:**

Per your agreement with DNR, you are also required to provide reports to the DNR.

At the end of your fiscal year, please email the attached Financial Summary of Operations to Kevin Klco ([KlcoK@michigan.gov](mailto:KlcoK@michigan.gov))

By the end of the 2025 calendar year, please email your Facility Information Sheet to both Kevin Klco ([KlcoK@michigan.gov](mailto:KlcoK@michigan.gov)) and Jason Fleming ([flemingj@michigan.gov](mailto:flemingj@michigan.gov))

**Additional Reminders:**

1. All grant agreements require DNR **approval** for seasonal slips. If the DNR has previously approved seasonal slips at your facility, you may continue with those slips indefinitely unless there is a conditional term on the approval or as otherwise noted by the DNR.
2. Seasonal slip agreements, current seasonal assignments, seasonal waiting lists, as well as current and past transient harbor logs may be requested by the DNR at any time.
3. Requests for events, special uses, increased seasonal slips or commercial use need to be approved by the DNR. These activities may also need to go to the Michigan State Waterways Commission (MSWC) for review and advisement before being approved. The MSWC meets every other month. Requests need to be **received at least 4 weeks prior to a scheduled meeting** to be included on that meeting agenda so it is recommended that you submit requests as soon as possible to Jason Fleming ([flemingj@michigan.gov](mailto:flemingj@michigan.gov)).

Please contact Jason by email (preferred) at ([flemingj@michigan.gov](mailto:flemingj@michigan.gov)) or by phone, at 517-290-2200 if you have any questions, comments, or concerns.

Attachments

cc: Ms. Kristen Kosick, DNR  
Ms. Jacklin Blodgett, DNR  
Mr. Michael Desnoyer, DNR  
Mr. Kevin Klco, DNR  
Mr. Jeremy Spell, DNR  
Ms. Linnae Dawson, DNR