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REQUEST TO EMERGENCY COMMISSION
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Date 2/28/2012	Department Number 720	Department Name ND Game and Fish Dept.	
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PART A: BACKGROUND

1. Was any portion of this request presented to the last legislative session? (If yes, please explain legislative action in narrative) ☐ Yes ☒ No

2. Is any portion of this request a new program? (If yes, please explain in narrative) ☐ Yes ☒ No

3. Will the legislature be asked to continue this program in the next biennium? ☐ Yes ☒ No

PART B: FTE

4. Will this program require an increase in authorized FTE? ☐ Yes ☒ No
 If yes, how many?

PART C: INCREASE IN APPROPRIATION LINE ITEM

7. Will this program require state general fund money for a match in this biennium? ☐ Yes ☒ No
 If yes, estimate the amount of general fund money needed and explain its source in the narrative

8. Will this program require state general fund money in the next biennium? ☐ Yes ☒ No
 If yes, estimate the amount of general fund money needed in the next biennium.

9. Source of Funds for increased spending authority (check applicable box) Federal Aid in Sportfish Restoration Act
☒ Federal ☐ State Contingency Funds ☐ Other

10. Is this a pass-through from another agency? ☐ Yes ☒ No If yes, from which agency?

11. If this program is federally funded, will the legislature be asked to continue it if federal funds are no longer available? ☐ Yes ☒ No
 If yes, estimate the amount of general fund money needed in the next biennium.

12. Specify below the line item to be increased and the amount of the increase.

Line Item	Amount
72060 Grants Line	\$2,500,000

PART D: INTRA-AGENCY LINE ITEM TRANSFER

FROM - Line Item	TO - Line Item	Amount

PART E: NARRATIVE (attach separate sheets if necessary)

The department is requesting a \$2.5M increase in our grants line item for boating access along the Missouri River. See attached sheets for details. These costs are attributed to damages of the 2011 flood and the extent was not known during the 2011 legislative session. The department has access to federal aid in Sportfish Restoration Act funding through the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and will be reimbursed for 75% of the cost. The 25% will come from existing state Game and Fish operating funds.

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North Dakota Game and Fish Department
2/29/12

The flood of 2011 created a multitude of damages, some of which are ongoing especially along the Missouri River in the Bismarck-Mandan area. While the reprieve from a fourth consecutive harsh winter has been welcome, the above average temperatures have created additional challenges with river flows and loss of boating access facilities. Given the proximity of spring and the good fishing that occurs in the Missouri River, boating access will be of utmost priority in the next 2-3 months.

Following is a brief recap of the work required on Missouri River boating access sites in priority order with associated costs:

1. McLean Bottoms (Rifle Range ramp)

This access area lies south of Bismarck and will require total reconstruction of the ramp and protection of the parking area using steel piling. Without this work there will be no access on this area in 2012.

Cost=\$1,500,000

2. Kimball Bottoms (Desert)

This area also lies south of Bismarck and is similar to McLean Bottoms in that total reconstruction of the ramp will be required as well as shoreline stabilization to protect the public facility. A temporary ramp was placed in the fall of 2011 but was minimal and will not be sufficient for traffic in 2012. This is tentative since we are working with Burleigh County Park Board. They are in the process of hiring an engineer to design a project.

Cost=\$500,000

3. Kneifel Landing

This access point lies north of Bismarck and will require removal of approximately 3-4 feet of sediment and re-establish the parking area/access west of the ramp. This ramp is prioritized as high as it is because of the location. Without it there is only one ramp in the area north of Bismarck. This is also tentative and we are working with the Burleigh County Park Board and are in the process of hiring an engineer to design a project.

Cost=\$400,000

4. Highway 85 ramp (south of Williston)

Reconstruction of this ramp is required due to high flows and inundation last year. It is the only boating access area in the immediate Williston area and receives high use.

Cost= \$80,000

5. Graner Bottoms

This access area lies south of Mandan on the Missouri River and, like the other ramps on the river, requires reconstruction of the ramp and removal of sand from the area.

Cost=\$200,000

6. Sanger (Cross Ranch State Park)

This access lies south of Hensler and is within the Cross Ranch State Park. And removal from the parking lot is required and re-gravelling. We are coordinate with ND Parks and Rec.

Cost=\$32,000

7. Fox Island

This is an extremely popular access site in south Bismarck. Some recovery work has already been accomplished on this area but the parking lot will require a pavement overlay due to the long period of inundation.

Cost=\$163,000

8. Grant Marsh access area

We are working with the Bismarck Parks District on this issue. Work required is chip and seal and re-striping of the parking lot. Again due to long period of inundation.

Cost=\$54,000

9. Stanton

This access area lies near the UPA power plant near Stanton. It requires asphalt and concrete turnaround repairs.

Cost=\$24,000

The total cost of the above projects is \$2,953,000. We have re-prioritized some funding, but will still require approximately **\$2,500,000** in additional spending authority to accomplish the work this biennium.

The projects qualify as 75% federal and 25% state. The state funds would originate from the Game and Fish Department, which is a special fund agency.