

Memorandum of Understanding
Fees - Sebago Lake /Jordan Bay Boat Launch and Recreation Area
March 20, 2000

The Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife's policy related to "fees at public launch sites" is: that no fees should be charges to Anglers and Boaters. They have already paid more than their fair share.

The US Fish and Wildlife Service's "Federal Aid Policy" related to fees for projects funded with Sport Fish Restoration Program dollars is: that no fees should be charged unless the burdens associated with maintenance costs of the facility requires a User Fee.

If such a User Fee is justified by high operating costs for a facility, then the fees should reflect the costs of management and maintenance equally among users. The exception to this is when the user fees **do not adequately cover the costs of management and maintenance of the facility and the costs in excess of fees collected are subsidized by a Town.**

It has been determined, by both the Program Manager of IFW's Access Program (Bob Williams) and the Program Chief for Lands and Development of the USF&WS (Federal Aid) Sport Fish Restoration Program, that this exception does applies to the Sebago Lake/Jordan Bay facility. The Town will pay additional maintenance costs, in excess of fees collected for beach and swimming activities, to operate and maintain this facility. Higher fees for nonresidents, when related to the additional fees paid by the Town (over fees collected), are intended to fairly share the maintenance burdens of the facility.

The Department and the USF&WS consider fees collected from swimmers and bathers, that facilitates the management and maintenance efforts of the Town for this facility, as a benefit and an enhancement of the Sport Fish Restoration objectives associated with the investments made in this property.

The Town shall not charge fees for any activities associated with Anglers and Boaters. Should the beach be closed to swimming activities and should the area be used for other services to Anglers and Boaters, any fees for these services would be income that accrues to the Sport Fish Restoration Program of the Department of Inland fisheries and Wildlife, not to the Town.

This Memorandum acknowledges the understandings of between the Town of Raymond and the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife for fees associated with the Sebago Lake/Jordan Bay Boat Launch and Recreation Area.

For the Town of Raymond

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Its Town Manager

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For the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

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Its Federal Aid Coordinator/Access Program Manager