
On behalf of the States Organization for Boating Access (SOBA) Board of Directors, we invite you to attend and participate in the 2017 Annual Boating Access Conference hosted by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in Anchorage, Alaska, August 28 – 31. The 2017 theme is “Pure and Wild Access” and will focus on the challenges of boating access found in the unique terrain of Alaska and how you can apply them to your own state.

This annual event is the largest gathering of professionals and affiliate organization representatives actively engaged in improving and expanding public boating access throughout the United States. The conference provides a forum for the exchange of views, ideas, concepts and experiences related to all aspects of recreational boating facilities. The conference includes a full day workshop with Federal WSFR staff, the goal of which is to increase knowledge of federal boating grant management regulations, policies and processes. SOBA strives to nurture relationships between agencies and across state lines in order to share knowledge and experiences.

SOBA has convened an annual conference since 1987 to bring together the leading individuals and experts working to improve boating access. Conference participants come from the vast majority of the 50 states, as well as U.S. Territories. Our annual conferences typically attract engineers, educators, state and federal agency administrators and program specialists, natural resources and engineering consulting firms, boating and marine-related manufacturers, specialty material manufacturers, construction contractors, private and non-profit companies, and organizations concerned with boating access.

In addition, many state managers of federal boating facilities grants are in agencies other than the traditional state fish and wildlife agencies, making this a rare opportunity for federal and state agencies to meet face to face and discuss boating issues and the grants pertaining to them.

Thank you for considering this invitation, and we hope to see you in Anchorage.

Sincerely,

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