**Section 3035.60 Selection Criteria**

a) The following criteria will be taken into consideration by the Department in evaluating and selecting projects for funding. Numerical values will be established for each of the criteria as follows:

1) Financial Cooperation – financial participation by the Local Agency. (0-10)

2) Projected Usage – demand for and anticipated usage of the proposed facility. (0-25)

3) Impact on Business – impact on privately owned boating related business in the area. (0-5)

4) Site Suitability – site related conditions and design features relating to the proposed development grant. (0-20)

5) Program Suitability – is the proposed project in line with the overall purpose of the grant program? (0-10)

6) Ability to Maintain – capability of the applicant to operate and maintain the facility. (0-10)

7) User Fees – are user fees being charged; are they fair and equal; are charges the same for residents and non-residents of sponsor's jurisdiction? (0-5)

8) Cost/Benefit Assessment and User Input Justification – is project justified by local plan or user study reflecting public input and anticipated use level? (0-8)

9) Water Body Served – priority given to providing boater access to major bodies of water in Illinois. (0-15)

10) Current Access Availability – initial access to body of water given priority. (0-7)

b) The Department will review, evaluate and prioritize the applications utilizing the criteria listed above. Awarding of grants is on a competitive basis and made under authority and directive of the Director of the Department of Natural Resources. In arriving at a final determination, the Director will consider the recommendations of Department staff and the criteria listed above.

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