

NYS Marine & Coastal District Small Grants Program: 2020-2021

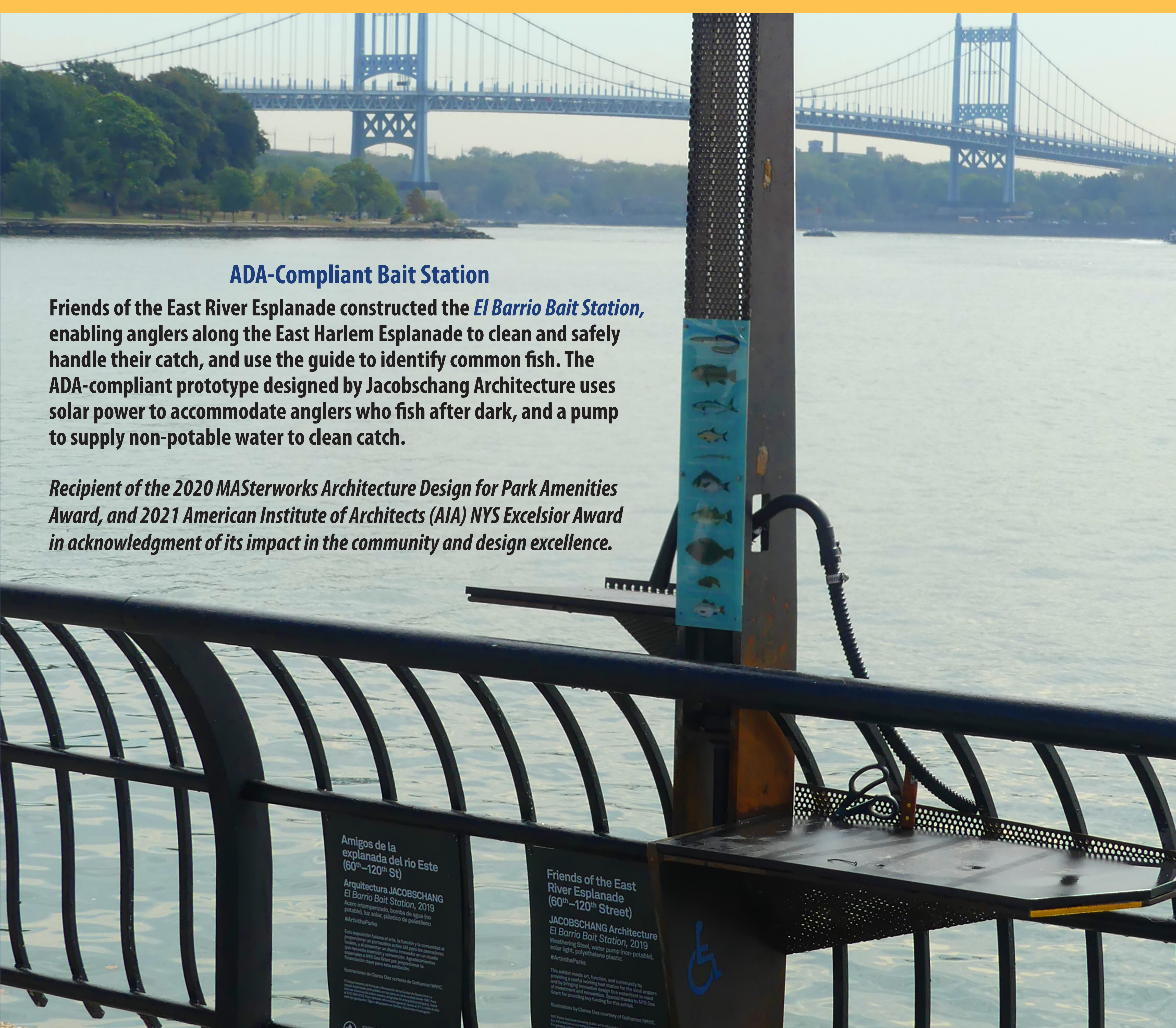
The Marine and Coastal District Small Grants Program supported six awards for the 2020-2021 cycle, and we are proud to highlight two of these projects.



ADA-Compliant Bait Station

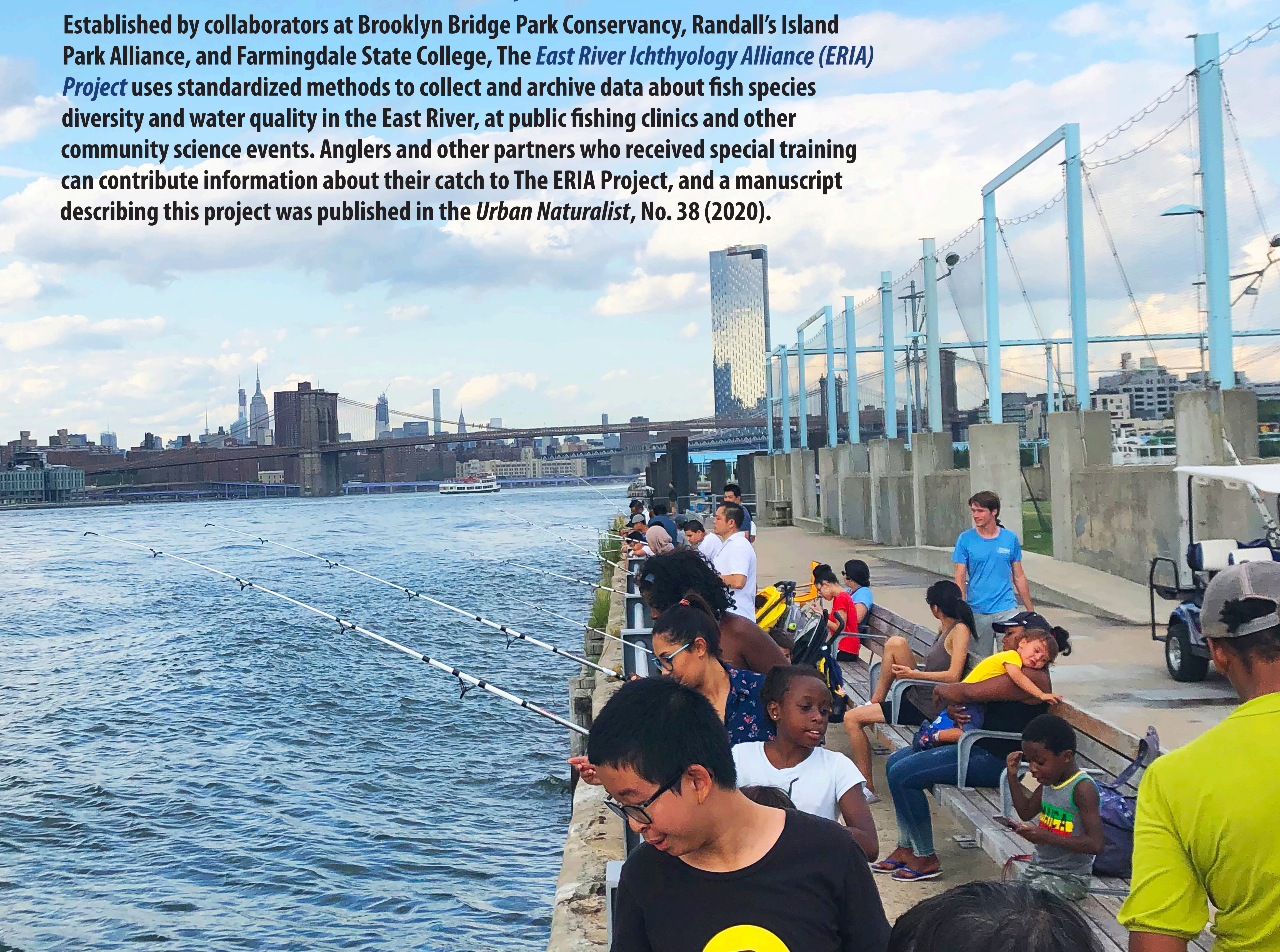
Friends of the East River Esplanade constructed the *El Barrio Bait Station*, enabling anglers along the East Harlem Esplanade to clean and safely handle their catch, and use the guide to identify common fish. The ADA-compliant prototype designed by Jacobschang Architecture uses solar power to accommodate anglers who fish after dark, and a pump to supply non-potable water to clean catch.

Recipient of the 2020 MASTERWORKS Architecture Design for Park Amenities Award, and 2021 American Institute of Architects (AIA) NYS Excelsior Award in acknowledgment of its impact in the community and design excellence.



The ERIA Project

Established by collaborators at Brooklyn Bridge Park Conservancy, Randall's Island Park Alliance, and Farmingdale State College, The *East River Ichthyology Alliance (ERIA) Project* uses standardized methods to collect and archive data about fish species diversity and water quality in the East River, at public fishing clinics and other community science events. Anglers and other partners who received special training can contribute information about their catch to The ERIA Project, and a manuscript describing this project was published in the *Urban Naturalist*, No. 38 (2020).



Purchase the NY State Marine and Coastal District License Plate to continue support of marine recreational fishing education projects.



Marine and Coastal District License Plate

The New York State Marine and Coastal District License Plate was released to establish a small grants program, which is administered by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation in partnership with New York Sea Grant. Six awards were supported in the first cycle to conduct a range of projects to educate anglers about marine resources.

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The New York State Marine and Coastal District License Plate supports not-for-profit organizations that apply to the Marine and coastal district of New York conservation, education, and research small grants program, established under NYS Environmental Conservation Law Article 13, Title 5 Section 13-0501. This fund is used to "promote sport fishing, increase participation in recreational angling, increase public awareness and appreciation of aquatic natural resources, encourage conservation of fisheries resources, or promote research relating to the marine and coastal district of New York". A three-member Board appointed by the governor, temporary president of the senate, and speaker of the assembly, oversees this fund, and this grant program is presently being administered through New York Sea Grant.



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