

Memorandum



Date: May 1, 2026

To: Honorable Chairman Anthony Rodriguez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

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Mayor

Subject: Report on Adaptive Fishing Piers or Floating Docks at all County Owned and Operated Parks Where Fishing is Available to Park Patrons – Directive 251481

Agenda Item No. 2(B)(3)
May 19, 2026

Executive Summary

On June 3, 2025, the Board of County Commissioners (Board) adopted Resolution No. R-562-25, sponsored by Senator René García, directing the County Mayor or the County Mayor's designee to install adaptive fishing piers or floating docks at all County owned and operated parks where fishing is available to park patrons who utilize wheelchairs or other mobility aids to fish at County parks and to identify legally available funds for the installations. If the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee is unable to identify legally available funds, a report shall be provided, setting forth the reasons why funds have not been identified or cannot be used or allocated for such purpose.

The Miami-Dade Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Department (PROS) offers fishing opportunities at 12 park sites. Of the 12 sites, one site has an existing adaptive floating dock, known as the People's Dock at Deering Estate. There is also a partially funded active capital project to replace the fishing pier at Pelican Harbor Marina with an adaptive fishing pier, anticipated to be completed in February of 2028. Additionally, the East Greynolds Park fishing pier will be replaced with an adaptive fishing pier in coordination with the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) as part of their S-29 project.

The estimated cost to adapt an existing fishing area or to install a new adaptive fishing pier or floating dock at an individual County park site ranges between \$600,000 to \$1,100,000 depending on complexity and size. For the remaining 9 sites, the estimated total cost to modify or install new adaptive fishing piers or floating docks ranges between \$5,400,000 and \$9,900,000. Additionally, certain park sites will require funding for site remediation. In total, as much as \$13,900,000 in capital funding may be needed for construction, modification, or retrofits. Funding is currently unavailable and would need to be identified in future years.

Action needed to complete adaptive piers for fishing is listed in the table below:

	Park Name	Fishing Type	Action Needed for Adaptation
1.	Deering Estate (The People's Dock)	Hybrid Floating Dock and Fixed Pier	Completed (Existing Adaptive Dock)
2.	Pelican Harbor Marina	Fixed Pier (Concrete)	Replacement (Active Project In Progress)
3.	East Greynolds Park	Fixed Pier (Wood)	Replacement (Included in the SFWMD S-29 Project)
4.	A.D. "Doug" Barnes Park	Shore Fishing (Concrete Pads)	Modification or Retrofit Required

5.	Black Point Park and Marina	Shore Fishing (Concrete Seawall)	Modification or Retrofit Required
6.	Haulover Park	Shore Fishing (Concrete Seawall)	Modification or Retrofit Required
7.	Homestead Bayfront Park	Shore Fishing (Concrete Seawall)	Modification or Retrofit Required
8.	Larry & Penny Thompson Memorial Park	Fixed Pier (Concrete)	Modification or Retrofit Required
9.	Matheson Hammock Park	Fixed Dock (Wood)	Modification or Retrofit Required
10.	Amelia Earhart Park	Fixed Dock (Wood)	Replacement Required
11.	Tropical Park	Fixed Dock (Concrete)	Replacement Required
12.	Bill Sadowski Hammock Preserve	Shore Fishing (Primitive)	New Buildout Required

Projected Fiscal Impact

The design and permitting phases for the active fishing pier capital project at Pelican Harbor Marina are funded and PROS is seeking grant funding from the Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND) for construction.

The estimated cost to adapt existing fishing areas, install a new adaptive fishing pier or floating dock at an individual park site ranges between \$600,000 and \$1,100,000, inclusive of planning, design, procurement, and construction, depending on site complexity and size. The estimated total cost to modify or install new adaptive fishing piers or floating docks at the nine park sites needing adaptation action ranges between \$5,400,000 and \$9,900,000. Additionally, any construction at Black Point Park and Marina or Larry & Penny Thompson Memorial Park will require an estimated additional \$2,000,000 per site for remediation. In total, as much as \$13,900,000 in capital funding may be needed to construct or adapt at the 9 sites that require action.

Funds are currently unavailable and will need to be identified. Potential funding opportunities may include FIND grants, applicable for design and construction. PROS will work with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to identify available funding sources to utilize as match funds.

This memorandum will be placed on the next available Board meeting agenda, without committee review, pursuant to rule 5.06(j) of the Board's Rules of Procedure. If additional information is needed, please contact Christina White, Director, Miami-Dade County Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Department at Christina.White@miamidade.gov or 305-755-7903.

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