

Chapter 6: Strategies

Linking this Strategy to the Commission's 2010-15 Strategic Plan

As indicated in Chapter 1, the Commission's new strategic plan will begin in 2010 and run through 2015. Several strategies and goals address issues covered in this document. To link the two documents, action steps are described below for the relevant strategies and goals in the Commission's *2010-15 Strategic Plan*.

By June 2015, complete 25 watershed access plans delineated in the *Strategy* priority list.

- ☐ By November 30, 2010, convene the Access Task Group for first meeting. Convene the group annually from 2011 through 2014.
- ☐ By June 30, 2011, complete the first five HUC 8 watershed access plans delineated by the priority list. Incorporate recommendations from the *Strategic Plan for Management of Trout Fisheries* into the evaluation where appropriate. Complete five watershed access plans annually through 2015.
- ☐ By July 30, 2013, incorporate the findings of statewide angler and boater surveys into the HUC 8 watershed evaluation process.

By December 2015, review existing or create new boating and fishing access programs to reflect the priorities of the Commission and its customers.

- ☐ By August 2010, develop a mechanism to solicit Boating Facility Grant applications from high priority HUC 8 watersheds.
- ☐ By June 30, 2011, launch a fishing access improvement grant program patterned after the Boating Facility Grant Program.
- ☐ Continue through November 2014 to work with DCNR and PEC in the implementation of the Statement of Purpose for the Pennsylvania Water Trails Partnership.
- ☐ By July 30, 2013 incorporate findings of statewide angler and boater surveys into existing access programs.

By December 2014, improve public access to at least ten lakes, ten Class A streams, ten Class B, C, and D streams, and ten stocked streams with no wild trout production.

- ☐ By January 2011, create a boundary marker program for private landowners for providing free public access who allow fishing but do not want to place their land in a public fishing access easement program.
- ☐ By July 2011, begin implementation of the recommendations to improve public access within the five HUC 8 watersheds evaluated in 2010.
- ☐ By June 2013, launch a public fishing access easement program in one additional HUC 8 watershed.