Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask OMB in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that it will be done.

Dated: November 14, 2007
Hope Grey,
Information Collection Clearance Officer,
Fish and Wildlife Service.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of teleconference.

SUMMARY: We, the Fish and Wildlife Service, announce a public teleconference of the Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council. The purpose of the teleconference is to discuss the Council’s recommendations for the provision of saltwater and freshwater recreational fishing, boating, and aquatic resource conservation issues. The Council represents the interests of the public and private sectors of the sport fishing, boating, and conservation communities and is organized to enhance partnerships among industry, constituency groups, and government. The 18-member Council, appointed by the Secretary of the Interior, includes the Service Director and the president of the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, who both serve in ex officio capacities. Other Council members are directors from State agencies responsible for managing recreational fish and wildlife resources and individuals who represent the interests of saltwater and freshwater recreational fishing, recreational boating, the recreational fishing and boating industries, recreational fisheries resource conservation, Native American tribes, aquatic resource outreach and education, and tourism.

DATES: We will hold the teleconference on Monday, December 17, 2007, 2–4 p.m. (Eastern time). If you wish to listen to the teleconference proceedings, submit written material for the Council to consider, or give a 2-minute presentation during the teleconference, notify Douglas Hobbs by Friday, December 7, 2007. If you wish to submit a written statement for the Council teleconference. Oral presentations will be limited to 2 minutes per speaker, with no more than half an hour total for all speakers. Interested parties must contact Douglas Hobbs, Council Coordinator, in writing (preferably via e-mail; see FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT, by Friday, December 7, 2007, to be placed on the public speaker list for this teleconference. In addition, if you are selected to make a 2-minute presentation, you must provide hard and electronic copies of your presentation to the Council Coordinator by Thursday, December 13, 2007. Additional live questions from the public will not be considered during the teleconference.

Submitting Written Information for the Council To Consider

Speakers who wish to expand upon their oral statements or those who had wished to speak but could not be accommodated on the agenda are invited to submit written statements to the Council. Interested members of the public may submit relevant written information for the Council to consider during the public teleconference. We must receive all written statements by Thursday, December 13, 2007, so that we can make the information available to the Council for their consideration prior to the teleconference.

Council Minutes

The Council Coordinator will maintain the teleconference’s summary minutes, which will be available for public inspection at the location under FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT during regular business hours within 30 days after the teleconference. You may purchase personal copies for the cost of duplication.

Geoffrey L. Haskett,
Acting Director.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Douglas Hobbs, Council Coordinator, 4401 N. Fairfax Dr., Mailstop 3103–AEA, Arlington, VA 22203; (703) 358–2336 (phone); (703) 358–2548 (fax), or doug_hobbs@fws.gov (e-mail).

SUMMARY:

The Council was formed in January 1993 to advise the Secretary of the Interior, through the Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, on nationally significant recreational fishing, boating, and aquatic resource conservation issues. The Council represents the interests of the public and private sectors of the sport fishing, boating, and conservation communities and is organized to enhance partnerships among industry, constituency groups, and government. The 18-member Council, appointed by the Secretary of the Interior, includes the Service Director and the president of the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, who both serve in ex officio capacities. Other Council members are directors from State agencies responsible for managing recreational fish and wildlife resources and individuals who represent the interests of saltwater and freshwater recreational fishing, recreational boating, the recreational fishing and boating industries, recreational fisheries resource conservation, Native American tribes, aquatic resource outreach and education, and tourism.

The Council will convene to: (1) Approve recommendations to the Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service for funding on Fiscal Year 2008 Boating Infrastructure Grant proposals; and (2) to consider other Council business. We will post the final agenda on the Internet at http://www.fws.gov/sfbpc.

Procedures for Public Input

Format Requirements for Oral and Written Commenters

Whether you wish to comment orally or in written form, you must provide us with written copies of your comments. All written statements must be supplied to the Council Coordinator in both of the following formats:

- One hard copy with original signature, and
- One electronic copy via e-mail

Giving a 2-Minute Oral Presentation

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

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