



SFBFC Meeting Minutes May 20 - 21, 2013

CONVENE

Welcome & Introductions

- Thom Dammrich, SFBPC Chair

8:45 a.m. **Welcome and comments of Department of the Interior and Fish & Wildlife Service leadership**

- Rachel Jacobson, Acting Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks
- Dan Ashe, Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

9:45 a.m. **Outreach and Communications Committee**

- Scott Kovarovics, Committee Chair

- ACTION: Discussion and approval of SFBPC informational briefing and issue priorities to Interior Secretary Jewell
- Update on status of SFBPC assessment of the activities of the Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation.

10:15 a.m. **Update on the Implementation of the DOI Idle Iron policy and the Rigs to Reefs Program**

- James Watson, Director, Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement, Department of the Interior

10:45 a.m. **BREAK**

11:00 a.m. **Update on the activities of the Federal Interagency Council on Outdoor Recreation (FICOR)**

- Leslie Weldon, Associate Deputy Chief for National Forest System, United States Forest Service, Department of Agriculture

11:30 a.m. **Briefing on the Fiscal Year 2014 FWS Budget request**

- 8:35 a.m. **Refuge Vision Implementation Plan update**
 - *Anna Harris, Division of Visitor Services & Communications,
 National Wildlife Refuge System, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service*
- 9:00 a.m. **Welcome and comments of The Honorable Sally Jewell, Secretary of the Interior**
- 9:30 a.m. **Boating Issues Committee**
 - *John Sprague, Committee Chair*
- Boating Access in Everglades National Park
 - *Ray Sauvajot, Acting Deputy Associate Director, Natural Resource Stewardship
 and Science, and Jennifer Lee, National Park Service*
 - Wildlife & Sport Fish Restoration program Update (15 minutes)
 - *Lisa Van Alstyne Acting Chief, Division of Policy and Programs, Wildlife and
 Sport Fish Restoration Program, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service*
 - National Blueways System brief (30 minutes)
 - *Rebecca Wodder, Senior Advisor to the Secretary, Department of the Interior
 - Susan Wells, National Blueways Team, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service*
 - Update of the National Boating Access Assessment being conducted by the States
 Organization for Boating Access (SOBA)
 - *James Adams, SFBPC member & SOBA President*
 - Discussion: Ad Hoc team to options for increasing participation in both the Boating
 Infrastructure and Clean Vessel Act Grant Programs.
 - *Ryck Lydecker, Ad Hoc Team Chair*
- 10:00 a.m. **SFBPC Fisheries Issues / fish and aquatic conservation vision, cont.**
- 12:00 p.m. **ADJOURN**

SFBPC members participating: James Adams, Thom Dammrich, Roy Elicker, Fred Harris, Betty Huskins, Scott Kovarovics, Ryck Lydecker, Geoff Ratté, John Sprague, Noreen Clough, Chris Edmonston, Michael Grayum, Ted Venker

Other participants: Doug Hobbs (FWS), Christie Vigfusson (FWS)

Motion to adjourn: Multiple

Second: Geoff Ratté

Motion approved unanimously: Meeting adjourned