

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

CHARTER

THE SPORT FISHING AND BOATING PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL

1. **Official Designation:** The Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council.
2. **Purpose, Objectives, and Goals.** The Department of the Interior (Department) and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), in order to achieve its goal of increasing the public awareness of the importance of aquatic resources and the social and economic benefits of recreational fishing and boating, believes that this can best be accomplished by seeking the advice of public and private sector entities. The Department and the Service desire to establish an advisory council to accomplish this goal. The additional viewpoints provided by this Council will result in significant improvements to Service programs. The purpose of the Council is to provide advice to the Secretary of the Interior through the Director of the Service on aquatic resource education projects and to enhance partnerships between industry, constituency groups, and government. The goals of the Council are to support the mission of the Service by:
 - a. Promoting the value of healthy aquatic resources through education.
 - b. Increasing public support of the Aquatic Resources (Wallop-Breaux) Trust Fund and awareness of its social and economic benefits.
 - c. Designing and assisting in the implementation of programs that foster ethics and stewardship in recreational fishing and boating.
 - d. Stimulating participation in recreational fishing and boating through the design of informational programs that are consistent with appropriate resource management, and
 - e. Increasing communication and coordination between groups representing industry, government, anglers and boaters.
3. **Period of Time Necessary for the Council's Activities.** The Council is expected to exist into the foreseeable future. The Council is subject to rechartering every two years. The Council shall comply with all requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act.
4. **Official to Whom the Council Reports.** The Council reports to the Secretary of the Department and the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks through the Director of the Service.

5. **Support Services.** Support services for the activities of the Council will be provided by the Service. A Coordinator, who reports to the Council, shall be an employee of the Service appointed by the Director of the Service.
6. **Duties of the Council.** The duties of the Council are solely advisory and are set forth in Section 2.
7. **Estimated Operating Costs.** Annual operating costs of the Council are \$170,000, which includes three person-years of staff support and Council travel.
8. **Meetings.** The Council shall meet at the call of the Chairman at least twice a year. The Coordinator is responsible for developing the agenda in concert with the Council members. Council meetings shall be open to the public. Notice of meetings and Council procedures shall conform to Section 10 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

A majority of the membership of the Council shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The Coordinator is responsible for recording the proceedings of the meetings.

9. **Composition of the Council.** The Council shall consist of no more than 18 members, or their designees, appointed by the Secretary of the Interior, from the following organizations:
 - a. the Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, ex officio;
 - b. the President, International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (IAFWA);
 - c. the Director of a state agency responsible for the management of recreational fishery and wildlife resources, selected from a coastal state if the President of IAFWA is from an inland state, or selected from an inland state if the President of IAFWA is from a coastal state,
 - d. two individuals who are representatives from national saltwater and freshwater angler organizations;
 - e. two individuals who are representatives from national boating consumer organizations;
 - f. four individuals who are national representatives from recreational fishing tackle and boating industries;
 - g. one individual who is a representative of a national aquatic resource education organization;

- h. one individual who is a representative of a national organization for boating access;
- i. one individual who is a representative of a national organization for tourism;
- j. one individual who is a representative of a national organization for boating law administrators; and
- k. four individuals at large.

Vacancy. Whenever a vacancy occurs among Council members, the Secretary of the Interior shall appoint an individual in accordance with Paragraphs 9.b. through 9.k. for the remainder of the applicable term.

Terms of Office. The term of office as a member of the council shall be two years. Council members can be reappointed.

Chairperson. The Chairperson shall be elected by the Council membership and shall serve a two-year term. Successive terms may be served. If the chair becomes vacant for any reason, a new chairperson will be elected at the next scheduled meeting of the Council.

Compensation. Members of the Council shall receive no compensation. Members referred to in Paragraphs 9.b. through 9.k. shall be allowed travel and per diem expenses under 5 U.S.C. 5703.

- 10. **Subcommittees.** The Council may establish subcommittees on an ad hoc basis, as it deems necessary. Such groups shall report to the Council.
- 11. **Designated Federal Officer.** The designated Federal officer shall be the Coordinator, or his designee.
- 12. **Authority.** The Council is established in accordance with the provisions of 41 CFR, 101-6.1007.

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Secretary of the Interior

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Date Signed

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