

**Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council
Meeting Minutes
November 10/11, 2005, Sheraton San Diego Hotel
San Diego, CA**

Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council (SFBPC) Members in Attendance:

Jim Anderson, Doug Boyd, Kenneth Haddad, Doug Hansen, Ryck Lydecker, Martin MacDonald (for John Morris), Gordon Robertson (for Mike Nussman), John Sprague, William Taylor

Other Attendees: Hannibal Bolton, Jim Brown, Mary Burke, Tom Busiahn, Jeff Gabriel (for Monite Fontaine), FWS Director H. Dale Hall, Doug Hobbs, Chris Horton (for Dean Kessel), Mike Hough, David Johnson, Frank LoPreste, Bruce Matthews (via phone), Larry Mellinger, Catherine Miller, Phil Million, Tom Raftican, John Rogers, Eric Schwaab

Thursday, November 10, 2005

Greetings and Introductions – William Taylor, Chair

Welcome and remarks of Jim Brown

Remarks of FWS Director H. Dale Hall

Council update and new member orientation

Council Coordinator Doug Hobbs updated Council members on the recent appointment and reappointment of SFBPC members.

Larry Mellinger, Department of the Interior Solicitors office,

National Communications and Outreach Program update

Remarks of Bruce Matthews, President, Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation (RBFF)

Bruce Matthews updated the Council on RBFF programs.

SFBPC National Communications & Outreach Plan Implementation Assessment

Members of the SFBPC were updated by Council member Doug Boyd and Council Coordinator Doug Hobbs on the latest regarding the SFBPC effort to assess the activities of the Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation (RBFF) in implementing the National Communications and Outreach Program.

Boating Issues Committee update – Mike Hough, Chairman

Boating Infrastructure Grant Program Tier II Evaluation

Ryck Lydecker & Andy Loftus updated the members of the SFBPC on the ongoing review of the BIG Tier II Program. Completion of the review is expected in early 2005. Andy Loftus presented a summary of feedback received from a questionnaire sent to State boating administrators. A similar questionnaire has been sent to those that received project funding.

Lunch speakers

The Politics of Protecting Sport Fishing - Tom Raftican, Executive Director of United Anglers of Southern California. Tom made a presentation regarding United Anglers and their efforts in California to organize and rally recreational anglers to become involved in the political processes effecting sport fishing and its future.

Issues Surrounding Recreational Boating and Boating Facilities - David Johnson, Deputy Director for the California Department of Boating and Waterways, provided the Council with an overview of the trends in public use/boat registration, political, funding, enforcement and facility issues in the State of California.

Fisheries Issues Committee – Doug Hansen, Chairman

Status Report on the National Fish Habitat Initiative

Opportunities for Fisheries Community involvement in the reauthorization of the Farm Bill

SFBPC Strategic Issues session

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FWS Fisheries Program update

SFBPC Evaluation of the FWS Fisheries Program

John Rogers, Fisheries Program Evaluation Project Co-manager, updated on the final findings and recommendations of the SFBPC program evaluation of the FWS Fisheries Program.

SFBPC Strategic Issues session

John Rogers presented the final list of strategic issues decided on by Council members. He suggested that the Council should consider establishing a teams or teams to delve into the issues identified in a more thorough manner.

Adjournment

**William Taylor, Chair, adjourned the meeting.*