

port Fishing and Boating Partnership Council
Final Draft Agenda
October 6-7, 2015

Meeting Logistics:

We will meet both days at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Bozeman Fish Technology and Health Complex, 4050 Bridger Canyon Road, Bozeman, Montana, 59715. Contact Dr. Robert Muth, complex director with any questions at 406-994-9902.

Tuesday, October 6, 2015

- 7:30-7:40 a.m. Introductions- Scott Kovarovics, Council Chair, Executive Director, Izaak Walton League of America, Gaithersburg, Maryland.
- 7:40-8:00 Welcome to the Bozeman Fish Technology Center and Health Complex- Dr. Robert Muth, Complex Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Bozeman, Montana
- 8:00-9:15 Update on the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Fish and Aquatic Conservation Program Strategic Plan- David Hoskins, Assistant Director- Fish and Aquatic Conservation, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Washington, DC.
- 9:15-9:45 Status of Fish and Aquatic Conservation budget, hatchery operations, and other U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service updates- David Hoskins, Assistant Director- Fish and Aquatic Conservation, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Washington, DC
- 9:45-10:00 Break
- 10:00-10:15 Update on Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation- Council member Mike Nussman, President, American Sport Fishing Association, Alexandria, Virginia
- 10:15-10:30 Update on Council activities associated with Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation (2013-15 assessment, metric review) Betty Huskins, Council Vice Chair, Southeast Tourism Policy Council, Linville, North Carolina; and Scott Kovarovics, Council Chair
- 10:30-11:30 Angler recruitment and retention: Assessing R&R effectiveness, funding, and lessons learned from assessment of hunting programs. Panel discussion

Invited participants: Barb Gigar, President, Aquatic Resources Education Association; John Frampton, President, Council to Advance Hunting and

Shooting Sports; Christy Vigfusson, Chief of Programs, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; and Steve Guertin, Deputy Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

11:30-12:00 Council discussion about engagement on recruitment and retention efforts- Mike Nussman, Council member

12:00-12:30 Lunch (catered on site)

12:30-1:45 Update on the Aquatic Animal Drug Approval Partnership and tour of Bozeman Fish Technology and Health Center- Dr. Robert Muth, Complex Director, and Dave Erdahl, AADAP Program Director, Bozeman, Montana

1:45-2:15 Status of fishing and boating issues in Montana- Bruce Rich, Fisheries Division Administrator, and Ron Jendro, Boating Program, Montana Department of Parks and Wildlife, Helena, Montana

2:15-2:30 Status of Sport Fish Restoration Program Reauthorization- Scott Gudes, American Sportfishing Association

2:30-2:45 Break

2:45-3:00 Status of American Boat and Yacht Council efforts with government agencies concerning aquatic invasive species- John Adey, Council member, President American Boat and Yacht Council, Annapolis, Maryland and Joanne Grady, Region 6 Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Denver, Colorado

3:00-3:30 Status of aquatic invasive species efforts in the West- Joanne Grady, Region 6 Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Denver, Colorado

3:30-3:40 Daily Wrap Up and Adjourn

Wednesday, October 7, 2015

- 8:00-8:05 Introductions- Scott Kovarovics, Council chair
- 8:05-8:30 Status of the Council's proposed boat access permit pilot project (FICOR process)
John Sprague, Council member, Past President, Marine Industry Association
of Florida, and Janine Belleque, Council member, President, States Organization
for Boating Access, Oregon
- 8:30-9:00 National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Update – Russ Dunn, National
Policy Advisor for Recreational Fisheries, Office of the Assistant Administrator,
NOAA Fisheries Service
- 9:00-10:00 Barotrauma: Research, Industry Perspective, and Policy Considerations – Panel
discussion
Invited panelists: Beverly Sauls, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Mike
Nussman, Council member, and Russ Dunn.
- 10:00-10:15 Break
- 10:15-10:45 Update on the status of the Pennsylvania fishing license effort – John Arway,
Council member, Executive Director, Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission,
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
- 10:45-11:00 Every Child in Park Update- Kevin Kilcullen, Chief, Branch of Visitor Services,
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Falls Church, Virginia
- 11:05-11:30 Miscellaneous Council Business, including next meeting timeframe and location
- 11:30-12:00 Public Comment and Adjourn