

1995

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 and Goals.** To conserve, restore, and enhance the quality, function, sustainable productivity, and distribution of aquatic resources that support and increase recreational fishing and boating opportunities nationwide, and to increase public awareness of the importance of aquatic resources and the social and economic benefits of recreational fishing and boating; the Department of the Interior and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) believes that this can best be accomplished by seeking the advice of public and private sector entities through the establishment of an advisory committee titled the Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council (Council). The Council will advise the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) and the Director of the Service (Director) on issues that foster aquatic conservation, endeavor to benefit recreational fishery resources and recreational boating, and that encourage and enhance partnerships between industry, the public, and government.
3. **Period of Time Necessary for the Council's Activities.** The Council is expected to exist into the foreseeable future. The Council will be rechartered every 2 years pursuant to and in compliance with all requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act.
4. **Official to Whom the Council Reports.** The Council reports to the Secretary through the Director.
5. **Support Services.** Support services for activities of the Council will be provided by the Service. A Coordinator for the Council will be an employee of the Service, appointed by the Director.
6. **Duties of the Council.** The Council's duties will include:
 - a. Fulfilling responsibilities established by Executive Order 12962 of June 7, 1992, for Recreational Fisheries:
 - Monitoring specific Federal activities affecting aquatic systems and the recreational fisheries they support;
 - Reviewing and evaluating the relation of Federal policies and activities to the status and conditions of recreational fishery resources.

1. Preparing an annual report of its activities, findings, and recommendations for submission to the National Recreational Fisheries Coordination Council.
- b. Increasing public awareness and support for the Aquatic Resources (Wallop-Breaux) Trust Fund;
- c. Supporting programs that foster stewardship and ethics in recreational fishing and boating;
- d. Stimulating angler and boater participation in the conservation and restoration of aquatic resources through outreach and education; and
- e. Fostering communication and coordination between government, industry, anglers, boaters, and the public.

Estimated Operating Costs. Funding will be provided for staff support, Council travel, meeting expenses, and products, and will be based on an annual work plan.

8. **Meetings.** The Council shall meet at the call of the Chair and at least twice annually. 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 Council membership shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Meeting proceedings will be recorded and published.

9. **Composition of the Council.** The Council shall consist of no more than 18 members, or their designees, appointed by the Secretary. Membership shall include:

- a. The Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, ex officio;
- b. The President, International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (IAFWA); and
- c. The Director of a state agency responsible for the management of recreational fish 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.

The 15 remaining members will be appointed at the Secretary's discretion to achieve balanced representation for recreational fishing and boating interests. The membership will comprise a cadre of senior-level representatives for recreational fishing, boating, and aquatic resource conservation. These appointees must have demonstrated expertise and experience in one or more of the following areas of national interest:

Costs no estimate

- a. Saltwater and freshwater recreational fishing;
- b. Recreational boating;
- c. Recreational fishing and boating industries;
- d. Conservation of recreational fishery resources;
- e. Aquatic resource outreach and education; and
- f. Tourism.

Vacancy: Whenever a vacancy occurs, the Secretary may appoint a replacement pursuant to Paragraph 9, for the remainder of the applicable term.

Terms of Office: The term of office as a Council member shall be 2 years. Council members may be reappointed. Council members must attend at least one Council meeting annually. Council membership will be forfeited if the member does not meet this requirement, or fails to be represented by delegate at two successive meetings.

Chairperson: The Chair and Vice-Chair shall be elected by the Council membership and shall serve 2-year terms. Successive terms may be served. If the Chair becomes vacant for any reason, the Vice-Chair shall serve as Chair for the remainder of the term or until another Chair is elected by the Council.

Compensation: Members of the Council shall receive no compensation. Members shall be allowed travel and per diem expenses under 5 U.S.C. 5703.

- 10. **Committees.** The Council may establish committees as deemed necessary. Such committees shall report to the Council.
- 11. **Designated Federal Officer.** The designated Federal officer shall be the Director or the Director's designee.
- 12. **Authority.** The Council is established in accordance with the provisions of 41 CFR, 101-6.10-07.



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Date Signed

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