DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

SPORT FISHING AND BOATING PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL

CHARTER

1. **Committee's Official Designation.** Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council (Council).

2. **Authority.** The Council is renewed in furtherance of the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 (16 U.S.C. §§ 742a-742j), the Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. §§ 777-777k), and the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (16 U.S.C. §§ 661-667e). This renewal is in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended, 5 U.S.C., App. 2. The role of the Council was expanded by Executive Order No. 12962 of June 7, 1995 (60 Fed. Reg. 30769, June 9, 1995), as amended by Executive Order No. 13474 of September 26, 2008 (73 Fed. Reg. 57229, October 1, 2008).

3. **Objectives and Scope of Activities**. The Council advises the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary), through the Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Director), on aquatic conservation endeavors that benefit recreational fishery resources and recreational boating and that encourage partnerships among industry, the public, and government.

4. **Description of Duties.** The duties of the Council are solely advisory and include:

   a. Providing advice that will assist the Secretary in compliance with the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956.

   b. Fulfilling responsibilities established by Executive Order 12962:

      (1) Monitoring specific Federal activities affecting aquatic systems and the recreational fisheries they support.

      (2) Reviewing and evaluating the relation of Federal policies and activities to the status and conditions of recreational fishery resources.

      (3) Preparing an annual report of its activities, findings, and recommendations for submission to the National Recreational Fisheries Coordination Council.

   c. Recommending policies or programs to increase public awareness and support for the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund.

   d. Recommending policies or programs that foster conservation and ethics in recreational fishing and boating.

e. Recommending policies or programs to stimulate angler and boater participation in the conservation and restoration of aquatic resources through outreach and education.

f. Advising how the Secretary can foster communication and coordination among government, industry, anglers, boaters, and the public.

5. **Agency or Official to Whom the Committee Reports.** The Council reports to the Secretary through the Designated Federal Officer.

6. **Support.** Support services for activities of the Council are provided by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

7. **Estimated Annual Operating Costs and Staff Years**. The annual operating costs associated with supporting the Council are estimated to be $400,000 per year, including all direct and indirect expenses and 2.0 staff years.

8. **Designated Federal Officer (DFO)**. The DFO is the Council Coordinator, who is a full-time Federal employee appointed in accordance with Agency procedures. The DFO approves or calls all Council and subcommittee meetings, prepares and approves all meeting agendas, attends all Council and subcommittee meetings, adjourns any meeting when the DFO determines adjournment to be in the public interest, and chairs meetings when directed to do so by the Secretary or the Director.

9. **Estimated Number and Frequency of Meetings**. The Council will meet approximately twice annually, and at such other times as designated by the DFO.

10. **Duration**. Continuing.

11. **Termination.** The Council will be inactive 2 years from the date the Charter is filed, unless, prior to that date, it is renewed in accordance with the provisions of Section 14 of the FACA. The Council will not meet or take any action without a valid current charter.

12. **Membership and Designation.** The Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the President of the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (AFWA) are ex-officio members. The Council may consist of no more than 18 members and up to 16 alternates appointed by the Secretary for 2-year terms. Appointees are selected from among, but not limited to, the following national interest groups:

(a) State fish and wildlife resource management agencies (2 members—one a Director of a coastal State and one a Director of an inland State);

(b) Saltwater and freshwater recreational fishing organizations;

(c) Recreational boating organizations;

(d) Recreational fishing and boating industries;

(e) Recreational fishery resources conservation organizations;

(f) Tribal resource management organizations;

(g) Aquatic resource outreach and education organizations; and

(h) The tourism industry.

Members will be senior-level representatives of recreational fishing, boating, and aquatic resource conservation organizations, and must have the ability to represent their designated constituencies.

Members of the Council serve without compensation. However, while away from their homes or regular places of business, Council and subcommittee members engaged in Council or subcommittee business that is approved by the DFO may be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, in the same manner as persons employed intermittently in Government service under 5 U.S.C. 5703.

13. **Ethics Responsibilities of Members.** No Council or subcommittee member will participate in any Council matter in which the member has a direct financial interest in a lease, license, permit, contract, claim, agreement, or related litigation with the Department.

14. **Subcommittees.** Subject to the DFO's approval, subcommittees may be formed to compile information or conduct research. However, such subcommittees must act only under the direction of the DFO and must report their recommendations to the full Council for consideration. Subcommittees must not provide advice or work products directly to the Agency. The Council Chair, with the approval of the DFO, will appoint subcommittee members. Subcommittees will meet as necessary to accomplish their assignments, subject to the approval of the DFO and the availability of resources.

15. **Recordkeeping.** The Records of the Council, and formally and informally established subcommittees of the Council, must be handled in accordance with General Records Schedule 26, Item 2, or other approved Agency records disposition schedule. These records must be available for public inspection and copying, subject to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552.

Ken Salazar

Secretary of the Interior

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Date Signed

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