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AGENCIES

**(DRAFT MINUTES)**

**ANGLER AND BOATER R3 COMMITTEE AGENDA**

**88<sup>th</sup> North American Wildlife and Natural Resources Conference – St. Louis, MO**

**Chair: Ty Gray (Arizona Game and Fish Department)**

**Vice-Chair: Craig Bonds (Texas Parks & Wildlife Department)**

**Staff Contact: Ryan Roberts (AFWA/NFHP)**

**Wednesday, March 22, 2023**

**1:00 PM – 4:00 PM (Central)**

**Committee Charge:**

The Angler and Boater R3 Committee guides actions that maintain and enhance participation in angling, boating and other aquatic resource-based recreation including:

- Promoting policies that enhance aquatic-based recreational opportunities.
- Working with partners to identify barriers to participation and develop programs to overcome them.
- Facilitating the flow of information regarding trends in participation; benefit of enhancement programs; and costs of barriers to participation among partners, users, and policy maker.

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**1:00 PM** Introductions ***Ty Gray, AZ***

**1:10 PM** Review Agenda/charge – Approve September 2022 Minutes ***Ty Gray, AZ***

**Committee approved changing the Committee charge to the following:**

**Committee Charge (Changes):**

The Angler and Boater R3 Committee guides actions that maintain and enhance participation in angling, boating and other aquatic resource-based recreation including:

- Promoting policies that enhance aquatic-based recreational opportunities.
- Working with partners to identify barriers to participation, particularly in underserved groups and develop strategies and highlight programs to overcome them.
- Facilitating the flow of information regarding trends in participation; benefit of enhancement programs; and costs of barriers to participation among partners, participants and potential new audiences, and policy makers.

**1:15 PM** RBFF R3 Update ***Stephanie Hussey, RBFF***  
Stephanie Hussey provided a presentation (attached) on some new metrics and campaigns for RBFF including the Women Making Waves Campaign.

**1:30 PM** Fishing & Hunting events analysis ***Rob Southwick, SA***

Rob Southwick provided a study on the success of Fishing and Hunting Events conducted by state

agencies and examined impacts on success for in-person events vs. virtual (Presentation Attached)

**1:45 PM** Data Dashboard demonstration and status update **Rob Southwick, SA**  
Rob also provided a demonstration of the license sales and participation Dashboard for the Committee. The Dashboard can be found, here: <https://asafishing.org/data-dashboard>

**2:00 PM** US Fish and Wildlife Service WSFR update **Nick Popoff, USFWS**

Nick Popoff presented an update on the USFWS WSFR Program and associated grants (Presentation Attached)

**2:20 PM** Washington Boat access enhancement project **Pat Conzemius, Wildlife Forever**  
and 2022 Accomplishment Report Update  
(Presentation Attached) Pat Conzemius presented on some WF initiatives in Washington State and provided an update on the Clean, Drain, Dry Initiative.

**2:40 PM** National Fish Habitat Partnership Update **Ryan Roberts, AFWA/NFHP**  
Ryan Roberts Presented an update on the National Fish Habitat Partnership Program and Board update (Presentation Attached)

**3:00 PM** Artemis Sportswomen Program Update **Carlee Koutnik, National Wildlife Federation**  
Carlee Koutnik provided an update on some new initiatives and in-person events with the Artemis Sportswomen program through the National Wildlife Federation.

**3:20 PM** Awareness of Instream Flow and Conservation Center **Ryan Roberts, AFWA/NFHP**

**3:30 PM** Other Items/Discussion

**4:00 PM** Meeting Adjourns