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FISH & WILDLIFE
AGENCIES

ANGLER AND BOATER R3 COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA
116th Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies Annual Meeting – Lancaster, PA
Chair: Craig Bonds (Texas Parks & Wildlife Department)
Vice-Chair: Chris Kennedy (Kansas Department of Wildlife & Parks)
Staff Contact: Ryan Roberts (AFWA)
Thursday, September 17, 2026
8:00 AM – 10:00 AM

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, 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.

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8:00 AM	Introductions	<i>Craig Bonds, TX</i>
8:10 AM	Review Agenda/charge – • Approve April 2026 Meeting Minutes/September 2026 Agenda	<i>Craig Bonds, TX</i>
8:15 AM	Findings from ASA's 2025 MSCG: <i>Where is Demand for Sportfishing Access the Greatest?</i>	<i>Connor Bevan, ASA</i> <i>Patrick Hogan, SA</i>
8:35 AM	USFWS Office of Conservation Investment (OCI) Update • NOCP Status, SFR Reauthorization, and SFBPC	<i>(TBD), FWS</i>
8:55 AM	State Angler and Boater R3 Support (WMI NOCP grant overview)	<i>Stephanie Hussey, WMI</i>
9:10 AM	Getting Families Fishing & Boating (WF NOCP grant overview)	<i>Pat Conzemius, WF</i>
9:25 AM	Hooked for Life: Scaling the National Fishing in Schools Program to Recruit and Retain the Next Generation of Anglers (NOCP grant overview)	<i>Tom Bepler, Resp. Mgmt.</i>
9:35 AM	National Survey Update	<i>Kristy Griffith, NORC</i>
9:50 AM	Meeting Wrap-up • Discussion of upcoming virtual NOCP presentations	<i>Craig Bonds, TX</i>

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