



ASSOCIATION of
FISH & WILDLIFE
AGENCIES

ANGLER AND BOATER R3 COMMITTEE AGENDA
115th Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies Annual Meeting – Tucson, AZ
Chair: Craig Bonds (Texas Parks & Wildlife Department)
Vice-Chair: Chris Kennedy (Kansas Department of Wildlife & Parks)
Staff Contact: Ryan Roberts (AFWA/NFHP)
Tuesday, September 23, 2025
1:15 PM – 3:15 PM

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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| 1:15 PM | Introductions | <i>Craig Bonds, TX</i> |
| 1:20 PM | Review Agenda/charge – <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Approve March 2025 Meeting Minutes/September 2025 Agenda | <i>Craig Bonds, TX</i> |
| 1:25 PM | US Fish and Wildlife Service Update <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Update On DOI National Outreach and Communications Plan NOFO• Sportfish Restoration Program Update• Other Administrative updates | <i>Nick Popoff, USFWS</i> |
| 2:00 PM | Angler Survey projects overview <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Why Anglers Quit and how we can Improve Retention Rates (ASA)• Honing Youth Fishing Programs to Create Avid Anglers (Outdoor Stewards of the Wild Foundation) | <i>Rob Southwick, SA</i> |
| 2:20 PM | Committee Endorsement of the voluntary best management practices (bmps) for reducing unintended ingestion of lead ammunition and tackle residues in wildlife developed by the Midwest Association of fish and wildlife agencies. | |

- Committee vote for endorsement

2:35 PM

Committee Roundtable

ABR3 Committee Members

- Updates from State/Federal/Partner Agencies
- Committee Discussion on R3 Scorecards
- NOCP Award recipients (webinar) this fall for the Committee

3:15 PM

Meeting Wrap-up

Sign-in sheet for AFWA Angler and
Boater R3 Committee meeting
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