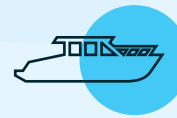


Access

Ensure a Robust U.S. Recreation Economy



Government policies on federal lands and waters **must balance conservation with visitor access.**



National Parks and Marine Sanctuaries are **important access points for the 88 million boaters** in the United States.



Federally managed waters should be maintained for the use and enjoyment of the public.



Visitation pays! **Boating and fishing are important contributors** to local economies and robust access increases visitation to our parks and sanctuaries.

ACTIONS FOR LEADERS TO TAKE

- 1 Make recreation a priority on 2,000 federally managed lakes throughout the country. Keep our vast network of waterways safe, navigable and accessible.**
- 2 Require general management plans to consider the economic impact of recreational activities before denying/limiting access.**
- 3 Allow for shorter review periods.** Some management plans last 15-20 years. Without shorter review periods, regulated recreational activity could be impacted for decades. Require the Department of Interior to regularly review recreational access decisions, implement less restrictive means first, and open up access when conditions have changed.

The recreational industry is a big boost to local economies, funding recreation and tourism in our National Parks and National Marine Sanctuaries.

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