

# RECREATIONAL BOATING INDUSTRY'S TOP 2019 CONGRESSIONAL REQUESTS

## **CO-SPONSOR THE NATIONAL BOATING AND FISHING WEEK RESOLUTION (H.R. 175/S. 174).**

- ▶ Designates June 1, 2019 through June 9, 2019 as National Fishing and Boating Week and recognizes and commends the recreational boating community for its numerous contributions to the U.S. economy and environment.

## **STOP THE YEAR-ROUND SALE OF E-15 AND BETTER EDUCATE CONSUMERS AT THE PUMP.**

- ▶ Co-sponsor the Consumer Protection and Fuel Transparency Act of 2019 (H.R. 1024) or introduce companion legislation in the Senate.

## **INTRODUCE AND PASS A COMPREHENSIVE INFRASTRUCTURE PACKAGE THAT INCLUDES A "RECREATION TITLE."**

- ▶ A "Recreation Title" should contain three aspects: Access and permitting, dredging, and broadband.

## **PASS A 2019 U.S. COAST GUARD REAUTHORIZATION ACT WITH THE FOLLOWING BOATING SAFETY PRIORITIES:**

- ▶ Mandatory wear of engine cut off devices for vessels under 26 feet, while underway; and
- ▶ Provides the U.S. Coast Guard "equivalency" authority, allowing them to streamline approval of industry construction standards and new technologies, while maintaining the highest level of safety.

## **END THE TRADE WAR – WHICH IS DRIVING UP MANUFACTURING COSTS AND CLOSING EXPORT MARKETS – BY SUPPORTING:**

- ▶ Bicameral Congressional Trade Authority Act of 2019 (H.R.940/S.287);
- ▶ Trade Security Act (H.R.1008/S.365);
- ▶ Import Tax Relief Act of 2019 (H.R. 1452/S. 577); and
- ▶ U.S.-Mexico-Canada-Agreement ratification, so long as retaliation on U.S. boats is addressed.

## **CONSERVE OUR WATERWAYS – WATER QUANTITY AND QUALITY ARE ESSENTIAL TO THE BOATING COMMUNITY AND OUR ENVIRONMENT.**

- ▶ Reauthorize the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund (Trust Fund).
- ▶ Provide \$200 million in federal funding for Everglades restoration.
- ▶ Support the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative with \$300 million in funding.
- ▶ Study best practices for aquatic invasive species management.

## **TACKLE WORKFORCE CHALLENGES AND PROVIDE A SOLUTION FOR IMMIGRATION REFORM.**

- ▶ Reauthorize the Higher Education Act by expanding Pell Grant eligibility for technical and vocational programs.

## **PROTECT RECREATIONAL FISHING'S SIGNIFICANT ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTIONS BY SUPPORTING:**

- ▶ Full implementation of the Modern Fish Act;
- ▶ Driftnet Modernization and Bycatch Reduction Act (S. 906); and
- ▶ Forage Fish Conservation Act (H.R. 2236).

## **JOIN THE CONGRESSIONAL BOATING CAUCUS!**

- ▶ A bipartisan group of more than 100 U.S. Senators and Representatives formed in 1989 to advocate for the interests of the recreational boating industry.