Support Reauthorization of the Trust Fund (H.R.3702/S.1995)

Congress has introduced legislation that would reauthorize the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund (Trust Fund), ahead of its September expiration. The Trust Fund is a voluntary, user pay system created by recreational boaters and anglers in 1950 to pay for critical conservation programs and recreational boating infrastructure projects in all 50 states.

National Marine Manufacturers Association is calling on Congress to include reauthorization of the $742 million Trust Fund in its larger infrastructure package.

What would reauthorizing the Trust Fund do for recreational boating?

➔ **Invest in important, modern conservation and environmental efforts, including derelict vessel mitigation and boat recycling.**

➔ **Examine how Trust Fund dollars are used for non-motorized infrastructure projects and boating safety programs.**

➔ **Expand the Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council role to advise the Department of Commerce, in addition to the Department of Interior.**