

**Protocol for  
Recreational Floatboating Interest Group**

In accordance with the  
Upper Colorado River Wild & Scenic Stakeholder Group Plan as  
Adopted January 2012 and Revised August 2021

1. PURPOSE

- A. This protocol sets forth the process and procedures for inclusion in the Recreational Floatboating Interest Group (RFIG) and for the selection and responsibilities of its members, consistent with the Governance Section VI of the SG Plan.
- B. The Recreational Floatboating Interest Group is one of six Interests Groups and represents recreational floatboating interests on the Governance Committee for the Stakeholder Group Plan.

2. MEMBERSHIP

- A. Members. The current members of the RFIG are American Whitewater, Colorado River Outfitters Association, Colorado Whitewater Association, and Upper Colorado River Commercial Outfitters (collectively “Members”).
- B. Representatives of each member organization, and their Alternates will initially be appointed as follows:
  - i. American Whitewater – Five-year term.
  - ii. Colorado River Outfitters Association – Five-year term.
  - iii. Colorado Whitewater Association – Three-year term.
  - iv. Upper Colorado River Commercial Outfitters – Three-year term.
  - v. Renewal Terms will be for three years.
  - vi. Representatives may serve multiple terms.
  - vii. Each Member may replace a Representative or Alternate at its discretion.
  - viii. Members may use staff or consultants to participate in SG Plan committees and workgroups and make recommendations within that context.

- C. Additional members. Additional members to the RFIG must demonstrate activities that show support of the interests of the RFIG.
  - i. Additional members must be participating members of the SG Plan.
  - ii. Additional members must commit to membership dues assessments as outlined in this protocol.
  - iii. Additional members must be approved by unanimous vote of the Members and must be in accordance with the Stakeholder Group Plan.
  - iv. Any changes to this protocol require the unanimous vote of the members.

#### 4. DECISION MAKING

- A. Decisions made within the RFIG shall be by consensus vote of the Members.
- B. As provided in Section VI.H.4, no vote by the Governance Committee or by some of the Members can commit the rights, authorities, resources, finances, or operations of any other Member without that Member's approval.

#### 3. GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE REPRESENTATION

- A. The initial terms for representatives to the Governance Committee are as follows:
  - i. American Whitewater – Three-year term.
  - ii. Colorado River Outfitters Association – Two-year term.
  - iii. Colorado Whitewater Association/Upper Colorado River Commercial Outfitters/Upper Colorado River Private Boaters Association – One year term.
  - iv. Subsequent terms for each appointment will be for a full three-year term.
  - v. Representatives and Alternates are expected to use best efforts to attend all regular, annual, and special meetings of the Governance Committee, and to coordinate among each other in preparation for such meetings.

vi. Voting procedures for the Governance Committee are outlined in Section VI. of the Stakeholder Group Plan.

4. MEETINGS

- A. Meetings for the RFIG will be held annually and as needed at a location and time decided by consensus of Members.
- B. Elections, if required, will occur at the fall meeting.
- C. Additional meetings may be held as deemed appropriate by a majority of Members.

5. NOTIFICATION OF MEMBER'S CONSTITUENTS

- A. The RFIG will distribute updates of the annual stakeholder activities to Member's constituents.
- B. In the event that costs are associated with the distribution of updates in 5.A of above, assessments for funding the distribution will be determined by the Members in accordance the protocols outlined in Funding Assessments.

6. FUNDING ASSESSMENTS

- A. Annual membership dues will be assessed and shared equally by all Members.
- B. The total of Members' annual dues will match the funding requirements pursuant to Section VIII.B.2 of the Stakeholder Group Plan and any additional dues unanimously voted on by the Members.
- C. Dues are to be paid as invoiced each year.
- D. Any changes to the RFIG dues structure or the payment time period requires unanimous vote of the members.
- E. In the event the RFIG dissolves, any remaining dues will be refunded in proportion to the dues paid.

Revised and adopted this 4th day of August, 2021, by the current charter Members.

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