

**Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee
Recreational Fisheries Working Group
TERMS OF REFERENCE**

Recommendation of MAFAC (approved November 12, 2009):

1. MAFAC recommends to constitute the current Recreational Fisheries Work Group as a permanent Subcommittee of MAFAC.
2. MAFAC appoints a Recreational Fisheries Working Group (RFWG) of up to 25 people, for up to one year, to be extended at the discretion of MAFAC, to be charged with assisting with the planning and organization, along with the Recreational Fisheries Subcommittee, of a NOAA 2010 recreational fishing summit.
3. Further, building upon the recommendations and priorities articulated by the MAFAC Recreational Fisheries Subcommittee, the RFWG will advise MAFAC on issues of importance to the recreational fishing community, including, but not limited to: 1) the Ocean Policy Task Force report, 2) review and possible revision of the NOAA Recreational Fisheries Strategic Plan, 3) marine spatial planning, and 4) catch share policy. This list may be modified over time by MAFAC.

The RFWG shall be composed of people with a specific interest in NOAA's recreation related activities, appointed by MAFAC in consultation with NOAA. Members will be selected to represent the diversity of national, regional or sector perspectives, have a sound expertise in the science, management or business of recreational fishing, a well-informed background in recreational fisheries issues, and an operational knowledge of federal agencies and interactions with the Fishery Management Councils and/or regional and state partners. In establishing the membership of the RFWG, every effort shall be made for its membership to be collectively representative of the diverse marine recreational fishing community nation-wide.