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THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AUXILIARY

AND THE NEVADA DIVISION OF WILDLIFE

STATEMENT OF POLICY ON TEACHING BOATING EDUCATION COURSES

AND PROVIDING SUPPORT FOR PATROLS ON SOLE-STATE WATERS

This Statement of Policy is between the Nevada Division of Wildlife (hereinafter referred to as the Division) and the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary (hereinafter referred to as USCG AUX).

In furtherance of mutual goals, the USCG AUX and the Division agree to work together according to the guidelines for activities set forth below. These guidelines describe a process for working in mutual cooperation in teaching public boating education courses and other programs and to create a safer operating experience for boaters in Nevada.

Now, therefore, the parties agree as follows:

I. The USCG AUX may:

a. Schedule and administer USCG AUX boating education courses in the State of Nevada through the pertinent USCG AUX administrative structure.

b. Continue to conduct the boating education courses in accordance with the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) standards and course requirements including the teaching of state specific laws and regulations.

c. Use State of Nevada pamphlets covering Nevada boating laws in the conduct of all NASBLA approved USCG AUX courses.

d. Request participation of Division personnel at no cost to the U. S. Government, a minimum of 6 weeks prior if possible, in the conduct of the classes covering state boating regulations and laws.

e. Provide the Division with information as to the date, time, and location of boating education courses, and the name and telephone number of a contact person for all courses.

f. Provide the Division, or designated representative, a list of all USCG AUX resources available for operations within the state including a name and telephone number of a contact person. For operations on the waters of Lake Tahoe in Nevada, all operations will be coordinated through USCG Station Lake Tahoe.

g. Provide a USCG AUX State Liaison Officer to work directly with the State Boating Law Administrator, or designated representative, in the execution of these guidelines.

h. Perform tasks as outlined in this Statement of Policy while under official orders when appropriate.

II. The Division may:

a. Provide state pamphlets and/or other materials as appropriate containing current and accurate boating law information for each student attending NASBLA approved USCG AUX courses. New pamphlets and/or periodic updates to pamphlets will be provided as required by changes in the State of Nevada laws.

b. Provide contact information for use by the USCG AUX in requesting Division presentations at NASBLA approved USCG AUX courses.

c. Provide an initial orientation workshop to USCG AUX instructors covering state boating laws and regulations.

d. Provide USCG AUX instructors with periodic updates concerning changes in State of Nevada boating laws and regulations.

e. Recognize original USCG AUX course completion certificates as acceptable for any state requirement requiring proof of completion.

f. Provide the USCG AUX a needs' assessment detailing boat patrol and operations' needs within the state for all waters.

g. Coordinate with the local authorities to the greatest extent practical to encourage integration of USCG AUX and local authorities' operations. Coordination will include maximizing patrol schedule times, search planning and execution, and communications.

III. Mutual Responsibilities

a. This Statement of Policy will not conflict with any other Federal/State Cooperative Agreement between the USCG and the State of Nevada, and is specifically intended merely to provide procedures for the USCG AUX and the Division to carry out the terms of the existing Memorandum of Understanding between the State of Nevada and the United States Coast Guard as the MOU pertains to Public Education and Training (Section III.C. of the MOU) and the use of the Coast Guard Auxiliary (Section III.G. of the MOU). If any conflicts develop, the existing MOU shall govern.

b. The USCG AUX and the Division may cooperate in public affairs activities including, but not limited to, boat shows and vessel safety check activities.

c. The effective date of this Statement of Policy is 01 November, 2001, and may be terminated by either party at any time.

d. This Statement of Policy does not give any rights to members of the public or persons not party to this agreement in relation to any official duty of the Division or the USCG AUX.

e. This Statement of Policy does not constitute a promise or agreement by the United States Government to assume or pay financial, legal, or other liabilities on behalf of the Division or the State of Nevada.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said parties have herewith set their hands and seals as of the day and year first written above.

FOR THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD:

APPROVED

Date: 12-21-01

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Liaison State of Nevada

APPROVED

Date: 21 NOV 01

Commodore, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary – Northern Region

APPROVED

Date: 6 DEC 01

Commodore, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary – Southern Region

APPROVED

Date: 14 NOV 01

Commander, U.S. Coast Guard District Eleven Auxiliary – Northern Region
Under Authority of 14 U. S. C. 141

APPROVED

Date: 4 DEC 01

Commander, U.S. Coast Guard District Eleven Auxiliary – Southern Region
Under Authority of 14 U. S. C. 141

FOR THE STATE OF NEVADA:

APPROVED

Date: 12-17-01

Boating Law Administrator.