



The Rhode Island Saltwater Anglers Association



Political Action Committee

WHAT IS A PAC?

One of the missions of RISAA is to represent the concerns of the recreational community on regulatory and legislative issues. That means that we have to deal with elected officials.

Fortunately, there are a number of legislators who have worked hard on our behalf and others who support RISAA principles. We need to be sure those officials remain in office.

It is also important that legislators understand who we are. If we don't advance our own causes, no one will do it for us.

By law, our Association can not contribute funds to any candidate, therefore we have established a **legal, incorporated and registered Political Action Committee** which CAN make contributions on our behalf.

How does the PAC get funded?

Only donations specifically made to the RISAA PAC can be used. Under no circumstances can any membership dues money - or any other contribution made to the Association - be used for the PAC. It would be a violation of state election laws for any money from RISAA to be used for PAC purposes.

Also, all money received by the PAC must come from *individual donors*. **No contribution can be accepted from any organization or business interest.**

The PAC has an independent treasurer and its own bank account. Contributions are welcome from all members and members of affiliates. Checks should be made payable "RISAA PAC" and not to RISAA. You must provide your name and address (legal requirement). Contributors of \$100.00 or more (or contributors who make multiple contributions which exceed that amount during a calendar year) must also list their place of employment.

Who decides where PAC contributions are given?

The RISAA PAC Committee first receives requests for contributions. If the PAC Committee approves a request, it is then forwarded to the full RISAA Legislative Committee, which is made up of RISAA members and delegates from all of the 29 affiliated clubs. The EP Committee then reviews the recommendations, and if the full Committee votes to approve a political contribution, that recommendation is forwarded to the RISAA Board of Directors which has the final vote on all PAC donations. **Every PAC expenditure must pass this 3-step process.**

Democracy is not a spectator sport. To be effective, we must participate in the system.

Thanks to the following members for their generous donations last month:

Bronze: up to \$50	•	Silver: up to \$100	•	Gold: up to \$500	•	Platinum: over \$500
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It's time for recreational anglers to stand up and be counted!

**Enclosed is my contribution to the Rhode Island Saltwater Anglers Association
POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE.**

Please print:

1) Name: _____ 2) Phone: _____

3) Address: _____
no. street city state zip

4) Place of employment: _____ (required by law)
Address: _____
no. street city state zip

5) Enclosed is cash or check for: \$10 \$25 \$50 \$100 other____ (make payable to: **RISAA PAC**)

6) Donations can **ONLY** be accepted from individuals. No company or organization check can be accepted. (R.I. law)

7) From time to time we will acknowledge the names of contributors in our newsletter, but you can remain anonymous, if you prefer.

It is OK to print my name Do NOT print my name

Mail to: RISAA PAC, 6 Arnold Road, Coventry, RI 02816