



The Rhode Island Saltwater Anglers Association's

# Political Action Committee



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. It has an independent treasurer and its own bank account.

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.**

How it works. The RISAA PAC Committee first receives requests for contributions. If the PAC Committee determines a candidate is pro-recreational fishing, pro-environment, etc. it can approve a request, 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 2-step process.**

***Democracy is not a spectator sport.***

To be effective, we must participate in the system.

**With your help we can continue to work within the political system to safeguard the rights and traditions of recreational fishing**

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***It's time for recreational anglers to stand up and be counted!***

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POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE.**

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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, P.O. Box 1465, Coventry, RI 02816**