

Recreation RAC Charter Summary

Overview. The National Recreation Resource Advisory Council Charter outlines the Recreation RAC's mission and specific duties. In many ways, it reflects the language found in the Recreation Enhancement Act (REA).

Officers and Membership:

- Establishes five Recreation RACs.
- Recognizes that Recreation RACs may not be established if, in consultation with State Governors, insufficient exists to continue the Recreation RACs.
- Identifies membership as reflected in the REA.
- Requires that State Governors and county officials be given the opportunity to submit nominees for membership vacancies.
- States that members shall be appointed to 2 or 3-year terms for the first (subsequent terms shall be 3 years).
- States that alternates will not serve in a member's absence. They will fill member vacancies.
- States members can be removed if they miss more than two consecutive meetings.
- States that recommendations require a majority vote from each of the three member categories as well as documentation of general public support.
- States that a Chairperson will be selected by the Committee (through a majority vote.)
- Identifies the DFO and the BLM counterpart (if appropriate) and states that recommendations will be given to these officials.
- Expires September 28, 2008, though can be renewed through the duration of the Recreation Enhancement Act (December 2014).

Member Duties:

- States duties are to serve in an advisory capacity regarding changes to or the implementation or elimination of recreation fees and the recreation fee program.
- States that Recreation RACs do not make recommendations regarding concessionaire fees or commercial permits.
- States that Recreation RACs may create and operate subcommittees on approval by the DFO.



Meetings and Record Keeping:

- Recreation RACs will meet at least once annually.
- Meetings can be in person, by phone or electronically.
- Meetings must be announced at least one week in advance in local newspapers and 15 days in advance in the *Federal Register*.
- Meetings require 8 members in attendance to achieve a quorum.
- The DFO will ensure meeting minutes are kept and made available to the public.

