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Membership Renewal Due by the end of December

NPAA Members and Potential New Members,

The NPAA continues to grow and prosper thanks to your efforts. 2012 has proven to be another great year for the NPAA as we have continued to work hard to grow the sport of fishing and increase the professionalism of "you" the Members.

In 2012 your efforts to grow the sport became apparent through our what you accomplished at our Future Angler Events. Thanks to Greg Karch, the NPAA Future Angler Event Chairman, and over 100 of our Members who participated in one or more Future Angler Events, we were able to support 55 events this year. Those events influencing over 8600 kids and over 4900 parents. We are making a difference to the sport!

As a result of the NPAA's interest in growing the sport, a new non-profit foundation has been formed this year. The Future Angler Foundation was incorporated in mid-April and is currently in the process of receiving 501C3 status from the IRS. With the help of Al Lindner; Jeff Marble, former ASA Chair; Kristine Houtman, from Fish on Kids Books; Phil Moy PHD, from Great Lakes Sea Grant; Robert Blosser, NPAA President; Greg Karch, NPAA Future Angler Event Chair; and myself; this new entity will work to raise funds to support education and outreach programs to attract new anglers. After nearly 3 generations of attrition in our sport, the Future Angler Foundation will support the efforts of organizations like the NPAA to reverse that devastating trend.

Equally as exciting for the future of the NPAA this year was the decision made to hire an association management group to assist in creating the infrastructure we need to grow our association. As of September 1, we have hired Long & Associates out of Ohio. The company comes well recommended and to date has done a stellar job in working with me to transition much of the day to day administrative duties to their offices. I will continue to be actively involved with our membership and our Supporting Partners, but this new affiliation will give me time to begin marketing our association to anglers nationwide who would benefit from what we do and who, more importantly, can help us give back to the sport we all love.

As we approach the end of the year it's time to renew your membership, unless you are a new member who joined the NPAA after July 1st. You will find the renewal form enclosed with this mailing, along with an invitation to our 2013 Conference, and the Conference Registration. If you would like to order additional member decals or name decals please use the renewal form to do so at this time. The renewals are due by December 31st.

Finally, also enclosed is a tri-fold flyer from Kristine Houtman at Fish on Kids Books. Kristine and her company continue to give us an opportunity to use the sales of her well written series of books as a fund raising tool for our Future Angler Events. Please review the flyer and do what you can to sell as many books as possible to your friends, neighbors, family and your local school systems. Each book sold creates a contribution that will go directly to our Future Angler Events in 2013. Thanks in advance for your efforts!

It's All About The Sport!

NPAA Executive Director