

December 8, 2025

The Honorable Mike Johnson  
Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives  
H-232, The Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Speaker Johnson:

I write on behalf of the National Marine Manufacturers Association (NMMA) to express our strong support for H.R. 3898, the *Promoting Efficient Review for Modern Infrastructure Today (PERMIT) Act*. The long-term health and success of the recreational boating economy are directly tied to the ability to access healthy ecosystems and recreational infrastructure. However, our nation's outdoor recreation infrastructure is aging and requires action – H.R. 3898 can help provide more regulatory certainty and reduce costly delays.

NMMA is the leading recreational marine trade association in North America, representing more than 1,300 manufacturers of boats, engines, trailers, and marine accessories. Recreational boating has a \$230 billion economic impact, supporting more than 812,000 jobs and 36,000 businesses across the country. Further, recreational boat building is a uniquely American industry, with 95 percent of boats sold in the U.S. made in the U.S.<sup>1</sup> Collectively, recreational boating and fishing are top contributors to the U.S. outdoor recreation economy, which accounts for \$1.2 trillion in economic impact, 2.3 percent of GDP, and 5 million American jobs.<sup>2</sup>

As more Americans rediscover the benefits of the great outdoors – particularly the joy that comes with time spent on the water – the nation's recreation infrastructure remains in need of renovation and expansion to keep up with demand. Access to the waterways, such as through dredging for small harbors, is one example of investment that helps the ecosystem of marine businesses and the public that depends on reliable access to our nation's public waterways. U.S. boat builders, marine engine and accessory manufacturers, boaters, and anglers rely on predictable and reliable investments in recreational infrastructure and regulatory certainty.

NMMA appreciates the appropriate steps H.R. 3898 takes to balance the health of our ecosystems while ensuring our marine industry can thrive. We urge the House of Representatives to swiftly pass this important bill.

Sincerely,



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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.nmma.org/advocacy/economic-impact/recreational-boating>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.bea.gov/data/special-topics/outdoor-recreation>

