WHEREAS, public interest and participation in hunting, fishing and boating activities in South Carolina has increased tremendously over the past several years; and

WHEREAS, the commercial fishing industry in our State has undergone a substantial period of growth due to the use of improved equipment and processing methods and the continuing research and testing being conducted; and

WHEREAS, the public interest favoring efforts to conserve our natural resources and protect our environment continues to grow and the challenge of enforcing our State laws against the polluter, night hunter and poacher has become increasingly difficult to meet; and

WHEREAS, since the emphasis on pleasure living has more than doubled the boating public, we have suffered a tragic number of boating accidents and related fatalities which must be countered with a renewed effort to promote and require adherence to effective safety standards; and

WHEREAS, the money produced for our economy annually for products and services related to the outdoor sportsman and commercial fisherman has been an important factor in our State's continued financial growth; and
WHEREAS, because of all of these factors, there is a need for the maximum degree of cooperation and assistance between members of the business and industrial community concerned, the public, and the Wildlife and Marine Resources Commission which has as its responsibility the management and administration over these resources and activities.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Laws of this State and upon request of the Wildlife and Marine Resources Commission, I do hereby create the following three advisory boards to serve in the furtherance of the objectives stated previously herein: (1) Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries, (2) Marine Resources, and (3) Law Enforcement and Boating.

The Advisory Boards shall work with their respective counterparts within the Department's organization and shall serve as liaison between the Wildlife and Marine Resources Commission and the representative of both the public at large and the business and industry interests involved. In addition, the Advisory Boards shall assist the Commission as requested in determining appropriate Commission policies relating to their respective areas of concern and to the Commission overall.

Each of the respective Advisory Boards shall be composed of ten members. Two members shall be members of the South Carolina Wildlife and Marine Resources Commission to be appointed by the Chairman of the Commission, which members shall serve as Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the particular Advisory Board. Four members shall be appointed by the Governor from the public at large, and four members shall be appointed by the Wildlife and Marine Resources Commission from the public at large. The existing membership
on the Advisory Boards and expiration dates of their terms, under Executive Order 80-34, dated August 29, 1980, shall remain effective upon the date of the execution of this Executive Order. The terms of those members appointed hereunder as Vice-Chairmen shall commence upon appointment and expire on October 1, 1989. Thereafter, all appointments to the Advisory Boards shall be for a period of four years, and shall commence on October 1. Vacancies by reason of death, resignation, or otherwise shall be filled by the appropriate appointing authority for the remainder of the unexpired term.

In order to maximize the service of the Advisory Boards to the Commission and the general public, and to carry out the mandate of this Executive Order, attendance at formal meetings of the respective Advisory Board by each member is of utmost importance. Within any year, and on the anniversary of each appointment, any member who has not attended a minimum of one half of the formally scheduled meetings of the respective board will be deemed to have resigned their appointment to such Advisory Board. It shall be the duty of the South Carolina Wildlife and Marine Resources Commission to notify the Governor on the anniversary date of any appointment of the attendance of these members appointed by the Governor. It shall be the duty of the Governor or the Commission, whichever is appropriate, to notify any members who have not attended a minimum of fifty percent of the formally scheduled meetings that they have, by the terms of this Executive Order, been deemed to have resigned and shall be replaced by the appropriate appointing authority in accordance with the provisions of this Order.

Each member of the Advisory Boards shall be compensated for expenses and per diem as provided by law.
In addition to the membership of the Advisory Boards as set forth in this Executive Order, the South Carolina Wildlife and Marine Resources Commission shall, from time to time as it deems appropriate, designate members or representatives of other agencies of state government to serve as ex officio members of any or all of the Advisory Boards created by this Executive Order.

All previous Executive Orders regarding the aforementioned Advisory Boards are hereby superseded and supplanted.


RICHARD W. RILEY
Governor

ATTEST:

Secretary of State