WHEREAS, the interest in and use of our State's natural resources by the general public has increased tremendously over the past several years; and

WHEREAS, monies generated from our economy annually by the users of these resources have been an important factor in our State's continued financial growth and prosperity; and

WHEREAS, it is important that we foster a widespread understanding of the importance of continuing our rich outdoor heritage; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the public, our natural resources, and the business and industrial communities that a recognized conservation, education and information program of the highest quality be maintained and enhanced; and

WHEREAS, the South Carolina Wildlife and Marine Resources Department's Conservation, Education and Communication Division has been recognized statewide and nationally for its dedication to conservation, protection and restoration of our natural resources, and for its effort toward the education of our people in the value of our natural resources; and
WHEREAS, A NEED EXISTS FOR THE MAXIMUM DEGREE OF COOPERATION AND
ASSISTANCE AMONG THE INTERESTED MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC, THE BUSINESS
AND INDUSTRIAL COMMUNITIES AND PARTICULARLY 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 CONSERVATION, EDUCATION
AND COMMUNICATIONS ADVISORY BOARD TO SERVE IN THE FURTHERANCE OF THE
OBJECTIVES STATED PREVIOUSLY HEREIN.

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

The Conservation, Education and Communications Advisory Board shall
be composed of 10 members. One member of this Board shall be a member of the
South Carolina Wildlife and Marine Resources Commission and shall be appointed
by the Chairman of the South Carolina Wildlife and Marine Resources
Commission, which shall serve as Chairman, and shall serve at the pleasure of
the Chairman.

Six of the remaining nine members shall be appointed by the Governor
and three members appointed by the South Carolina Wildlife and Marine
RESOURCES COMMISSION. Each of these members shall serve four year terms. The Vice Chairman shall be elected from the Advisory Commission membership at large.

The initial nine members appointed by the Governor and the Commission shall be divided into four classes. Class One will be appointed by terms of one year; Class Two, terms of two years; Class Three, terms of three years; and Class Four, terms of four years.

At the end of the terms noted above, the next appointment for that seat shall be for a term of four years and shall commence on October 1.

In order to maximize the service of the Advisory Board to the Commission and to the general public, and to carry out the mandate of this Executive Order, attendance at formal meetings of the 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 Board will be deemed to have resigned their appointment to the 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, wherever appropriate, to notify any members who have not attended a minimum of fifty percent (50%) 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 Board shall be compensated for expenses and per diem as provided by law.

In addition to the membership of the Advisory Board 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 non-voting members of the Advisory Board created by this Executive Order.

Executive Order No. 86-08, creating the South Carolina Wildlife Magazine Advisory Council is hereby superseded and supplanted.


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CARROLL A. CAMPBELL, M.R.
GOVERNOR

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JOHN T. CAMPBELL
SECRETARY OF STATE