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MOTION FOR THE 2018 AGM FROM THE NBAA CHAIRMAN:

Review of Annexure 12. 9.9 & 9.10 - Casting distance / marker buoys

Annexure 12. 9.9. & 9.10. reads:

- 9.9. Casting distance shall be casting distance of the lure, rig and rod currently fished, or a maximum radius of 40 meters around the boat. No fellow or competing boat is allowed within this casting distance radius, except to lend assistance in a distress situation.
- 9.10. No areas may be claimed verbally by any competitor or boat. Anglers are permitted to use marker-buoys to demarcate a fishing area, but will remain within a casting distance of any marker buoy. In the event of a marker buoy being used, the radius of 40 meters shifts from a competitors boat to a radius around the marker-buoy being fished. Any marker-buoy falling outside of this casting distance, neglected by a competitor or not being fished by a competitor becomes null and void to the above regulations; unless it is retrieved and re-set by the original competing angler. An approaching angler may claim a null and void marker-buoy for his / her own use.

Background:

There are very few anglers that adhere to rule 9.9. In fact, there is a general perception within the NBAA that if you as an angler invites another angler in to fish within casting distance then it is not a contravention of the rule. There have been numerous instances in 2018 where boats literally lay abreast while fishing in a tournament.

Anglers also do not seem too bothered with marker buoys and casting distance of marker buoys.

Motion:

To enforce point 9.9. as per above or to include anglers inviting other anglers to fish spots together provided that a minimum distance of 10-20 meters is maintained at all times.

To enforce point 9.10. as per above or to incorporate the same principal for marker buoys as for casting distance.

Vote:

In favor of not amending 9.9. / in favor of amending 9.9.

In favor of not amending 9.10. / in favor of amending 9.10.

Sincerely yours,

Richard Grant NBAA Chairman