



**Waterway Management Task Force  
Report to NASBLA Membership  
August 15, 2025**

The NASBLA Executive Board authorized this group as a 2024-25 Task Force to:

- Charge 1) Examine current and future WWM needs of the NASBLA Membership with initial work to survey state members and make recommendations based on the survey results for potential WWM charges/work.
- Charge 2) Review and advise on [The Guide for Multiple Use Waterway Management, Third Edition](#).
- Charge 3) Prepare findings of WWM issues for a breakout session presentation at the Annual Conference.

Peter Francis (CT) serves as Chair of the Task Force. Aaron Kerr (WY) is Executive Board Liaison. Task Force members are:

|                           |                                              |      |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------------------|------|
| <b>State Members</b>      |                                              |      |
| Peter Francis, Chair      | CT DEEP                                      | CT   |
| Jim Patrillo              | VA Dept Wildlife Resources                   | VA   |
| Ty Hunter                 | UT Division of Outdoor Recreation            | UT   |
| <b>Associate Members</b>  |                                              |      |
| Chad Tokowicz             | Marine Retailers Association of the Americas | MD   |
| <b>USCG Liaisons</b>      |                                              |      |
| Jonathan Hsieh            | U.S. Coast Guard, BSX                        | USCG |
| Seth Wagner               | U.S. Coast Guard, BSX                        | USCG |
| <b>Exec Board Liaison</b> |                                              |      |
| Aaron Kerr                | WY Game & Fish                               | WY   |
| <b>Staff</b>              |                                              |      |
| Pam Dillon                | NASBLA                                       | PA   |

Members of the Task Force met collectively 13 times including two expanded meetings which included survey respondents.

**Charge 1 Status:** *This charge was completed*

*Examine current and future WWM needs of the NASBLA Membership with initial work to survey state members and make recommendations based on the survey results for potential WWM charges/work.*

- Survey was created and launched in January 2025.
  - 135 respondents representing 51 states and territories

**State-focused survey results** reveal the following priority topics/issues:

- **What is causing the most impact on waterways in your state?**
  - Use of recreational power or sail vessels/activities (state)
  - Human-powered recreation (state)
  - Cargo, commercial fishing/trolling, towing, construction, work boats (federal & state)
  - Passenger tour boats, water taxis, passenger charter vessels, sportfishing charters (federal)
- **What creates the greatest challenges on your waterways?**
  - Wakes (30)
  - Motorized boats vs paddle/rowing craft (26)
  - Large crowds (21)
  - Recreational vessels vs paddlers, swimmers, snorkelers, surfers, divers (19)
  - Aquatic invasive/nuisance species (19)
- **What are the primary drivers of use conflicts?**
  - Reckless watercraft users including speed/alcohol (42)
  - User inexperience or lack of education (38)
  - Wide range of stakeholder expectations (34)
  - Watercraft rental outfitters who provide no safety, navigation, or awareness information (25)
- **How best to meet public needs and minimize user conflict?**
  - Public outreach/information/signage (47)
  - Authorities are easy to find and approachable (31)
  - Authorities provide timely updates about regulation and current use (27)
  - Authorities encourage and listen to public comments (25)
- **What are the WWM topics of great importance?**
  - Response planning (4.5/5.0 scale inland states rank)
  - Law enforcement – fed/state/municipal (4.3)
  - Education/public information/public outreach/signage (4.2)
  - Rules and regulations (4.2)
  - Wakes/managing wake activities (4.0)
  - Boat rental and livery requirements for boating education (4.0)
  - Resource protection (3.9)

**Charge 2 Status:** In-Process

*Review and advise on [The Guide for Multiple Use Waterway Management, Third Edition](#).*

Survey results indicate a wide range of topics of interest. Several identified topics have available research or identified best practices, but no process currently exists to keep the information vetted and updated in a timely manner.

**Recommendation:** Stand Waterway Management up as a full-NASBLA committee in 2025-26 to develop an electronic resource library/catalogue of peer-reviewed content addressing the issues of highest importance to the states.

**Charge 3 Status:** In-Process/ Scheduled

*Prepare findings of WWM issues for a breakout session presentation at the Annual Conference.*

Waterway Management Task Force Chair Peter Francis will present “Results of the Waterway Management Survey – Recommendations for State Consideration” at the NASBLA Annual Conference on Wednesday, September 17, 2025. Thanks to Jonathan Hsieh (USCG/ BSX) for analyzing the survey data to be used in this presentation.

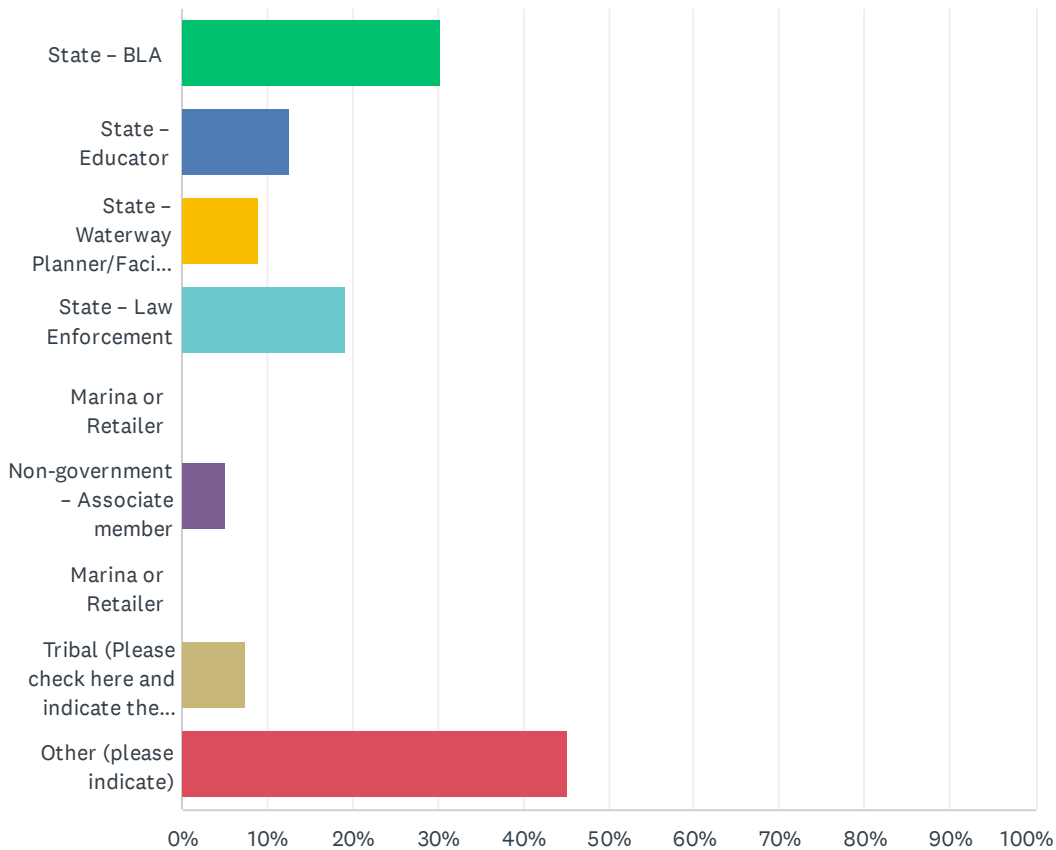
Recommendations for continued work in 2025-26:

- Establish Waterway Management up as a full-NASBLA committee in 2025-26 to develop an electronic resource library/catalogue of peer-reviewed content addressing the issues of highest importance to the states.

**Appendix – Full Summary of Results – Survey of State Needs – Waterway Management Task Force**

## Q1 Which term represents your primary interests (check all that apply)?

Answered: 135   Skipped: 0



| ANSWER CHOICES                                                                         |  | RESPONSES |    |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|-----------|----|
| State – BLA                                                                            |  | 30.37%    | 41 |
| State – Educator                                                                       |  | 12.59%    | 17 |
| State – Waterway Planner/Facility Manager                                              |  | 8.89%     | 12 |
| State – Law Enforcement                                                                |  | 19.26%    | 26 |
| Marina or Retailer                                                                     |  | 0.00%     | 0  |
| Non-government – Associate member                                                      |  | 5.19%     | 7  |
| Marina or Retailer                                                                     |  | 0.00%     | 0  |
| Tribal (Please check here and indicate the name of the Tribe in the "other" box below) |  | 7.41%     | 10 |
| Other (please indicate)                                                                |  | 45.19%    | 61 |
| Total Respondents: 135                                                                 |  |           |    |

| # | OTHER (PLEASE INDICATE)      | DATE              |
|---|------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1 | Colville Confederated Tribes | 7/2/2025 10:56 AM |

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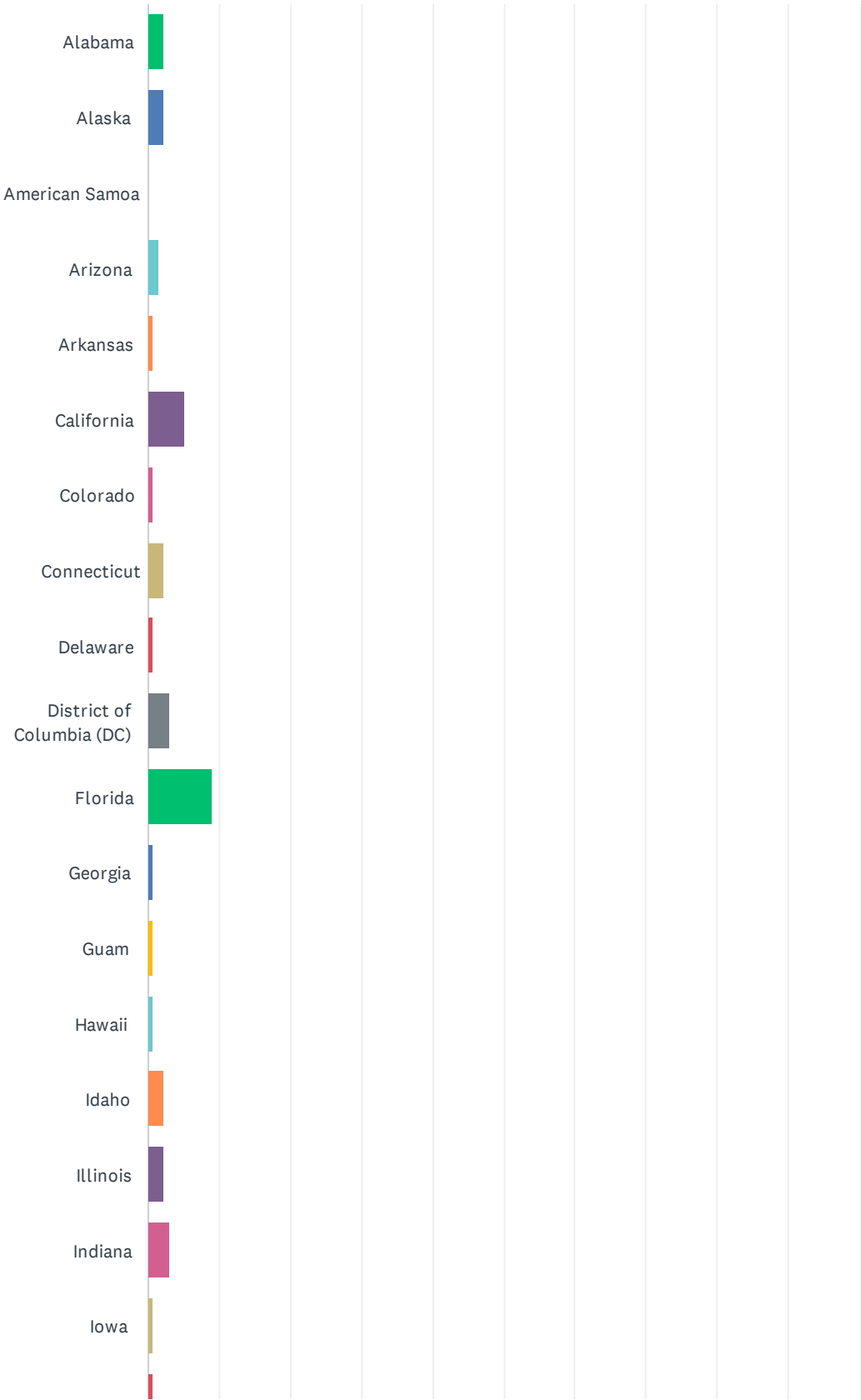
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| 2  | CCT NATURAL RESOURCE ENFORCEMENT                          | 6/15/2025 1:11 AM  |
| 3  | Little River Band of Ottawa Indians -Conservation Officer | 6/12/2025 8:10 AM  |
| 4  | Colville tribe                                            | 6/11/2025 10:29 PM |
| 5  | Navajo Nation                                             | 6/11/2025 9:13 PM  |
| 6  | Wind River reservation                                    | 6/11/2025 5:05 PM  |
| 7  | Colville Confederated Tribes                              | 6/11/2025 3:37 PM  |
| 8  | Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate                                   | 6/11/2025 2:47 PM  |
| 9  | Nez Perce Tribe                                           | 6/11/2025 1:59 PM  |
| 10 | Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Ojibwe          | 6/9/2025 4:04 PM   |
| 11 | Maritime consultant                                       | 4/5/2025 2:47 PM   |
| 12 | USCG Waterway Manager                                     | 4/4/2025 11:24 AM  |
| 13 | University research, coastal processes, USACE             | 3/31/2025 6:12 PM  |
| 14 | City Port                                                 | 3/27/2025 12:29 PM |
| 15 | USCG                                                      | 3/25/2025 11:07 AM |
| 16 | Military US Coast Guard                                   | 3/25/2025 9:29 AM  |
| 17 | n/a                                                       | 3/24/2025 1:46 PM  |
| 18 | Fed - waterways                                           | 3/24/2025 9:38 AM  |
| 19 | Federal overnment                                         | 3/24/2025 9:06 AM  |
| 20 | pva                                                       | 3/23/2025 10:00 PM |
| 21 | Federal - Waterway Planner/Facility Manager               | 3/21/2025 1:26 PM  |
| 22 | USCG                                                      | 3/20/2025 8:34 AM  |
| 23 | Passenger Vessel Association                              | 3/19/2025 8:28 PM  |
| 24 | Federal Waterways Manager                                 | 3/19/2025 1:01 PM  |
| 25 | U.S. Coast Guard                                          | 3/19/2025 10:26 AM |
| 26 | USCG ATON Officer                                         | 3/19/2025 9:14 AM  |
| 27 | US Coast Guard                                            | 3/19/2025 8:37 AM  |
| 28 | USCG                                                      | 3/19/2025 8:31 AM  |
| 29 | private citizen                                           | 3/19/2025 7:55 AM  |
| 30 | Pilotage Association                                      | 3/18/2025 4:47 PM  |
| 31 | federal waterway as well                                  | 3/18/2025 3:58 PM  |
| 32 | Federal charting products                                 | 3/18/2025 3:35 PM  |
| 33 | USCG-Waterway Manager                                     | 3/18/2025 2:31 PM  |
| 34 | Federal Government                                        | 3/18/2025 2:11 PM  |
| 35 | Pilotage and recreational boating                         | 3/18/2025 1:18 PM  |
| 36 | US Coast Guard Waterway Manager                           | 3/18/2025 1:13 PM  |
| 37 | Federal navigation manager                                | 3/18/2025 12:19 PM |
| 38 | gov                                                       | 3/18/2025 12:06 PM |
| 39 | Recreational user of the waterways                        | 3/18/2025 10:56 AM |

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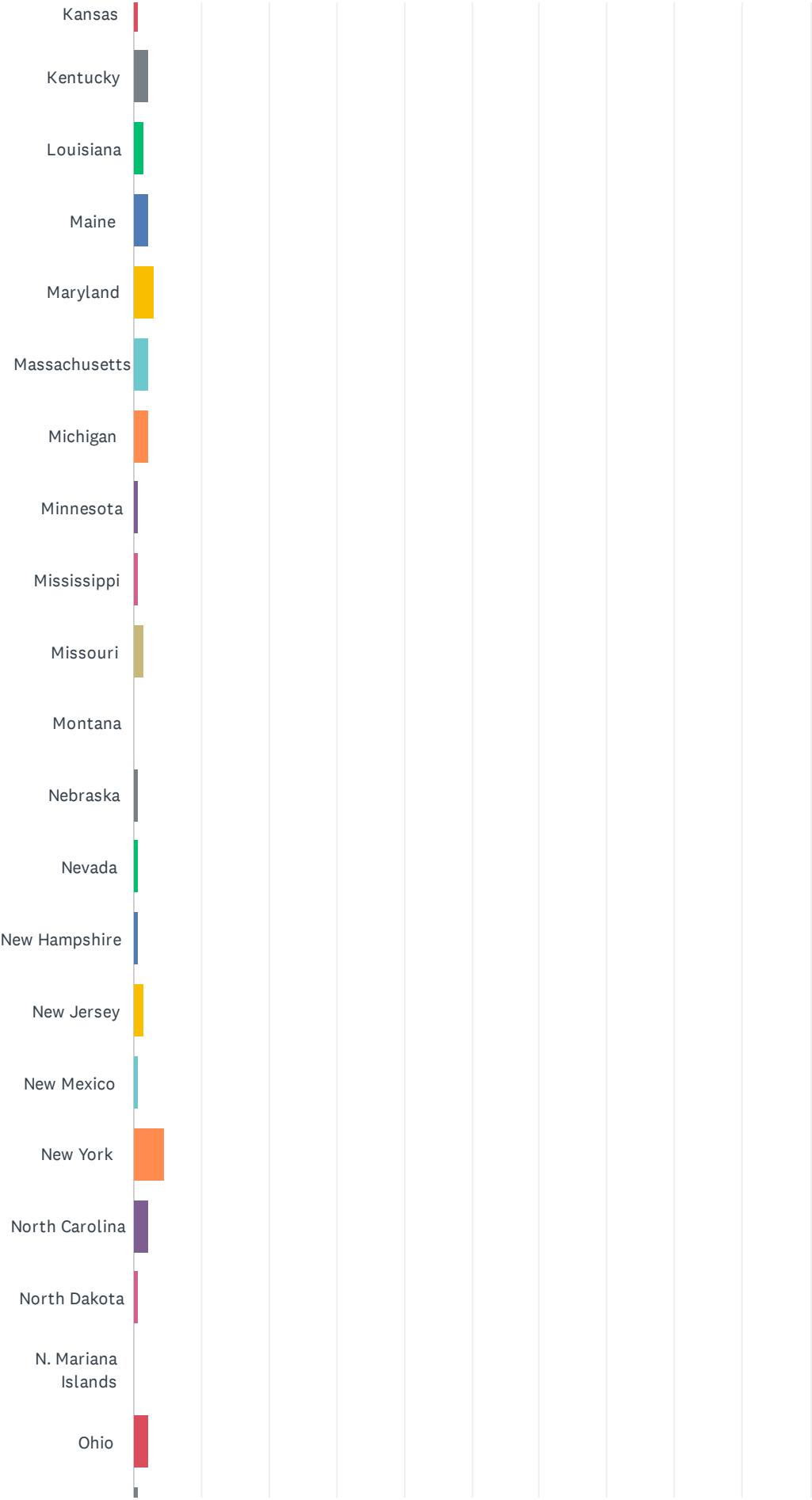
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| 40 | Coast Guard Waterways Management                                               | 3/13/2025 9:49 AM  |
| 41 | US Coast Guard                                                                 | 3/12/2025 12:26 PM |
| 42 | Federal                                                                        | 3/12/2025 10:45 AM |
| 43 | Casualty Investigations                                                        | 3/12/2025 9:34 AM  |
| 44 | USCG Waterways Sector Delaware Bay                                             | 3/12/2025 8:50 AM  |
| 45 | Piblic volunteer with USCG Auxiliary                                           | 3/8/2025 7:16 AM   |
| 46 | Landowner                                                                      | 3/7/2025 10:21 AM  |
| 47 | Government -- safety, efficiency of marine transportation (national)           | 3/7/2025 10:14 AM  |
| 48 | Government                                                                     | 3/7/2025 9:32 AM   |
| 49 | Commercial Assistance Provider                                                 | 3/6/2025 11:01 PM  |
| 50 | State - Boating Stakeholder Coordinator                                        | 3/6/2025 10:34 AM  |
| 51 | Private provider of boating education and on-water vessel operator instructor. | 3/6/2025 12:11 AM  |
| 52 | Retired State L/E                                                              | 3/5/2025 2:32 PM   |
| 53 | State - Regulatory Coordinator                                                 | 3/4/2025 10:54 AM  |
| 54 | Federal LE                                                                     | 3/3/2025 12:42 PM  |
| 55 | Tow boat captain                                                               | 3/1/2025 6:30 PM   |
| 56 | Harbor Masters Working Group                                                   | 2/27/2025 2:31 PM  |
| 57 | Private School Educator                                                        | 2/27/2025 12:50 PM |
| 58 | sailing & boating non-profit teaching youth & adult                            | 2/27/2025 8:41 AM  |
| 59 | Former BLA and Consultant on Waterway issues                                   | 2/26/2025 6:31 PM  |
| 60 | exec                                                                           | 2/26/2025 3:01 PM  |
| 61 | MPH Research Group (motorized personal hydrofoil)                              | 2/26/2025 2:57 PM  |

Q2 Please indicate your state/territory.

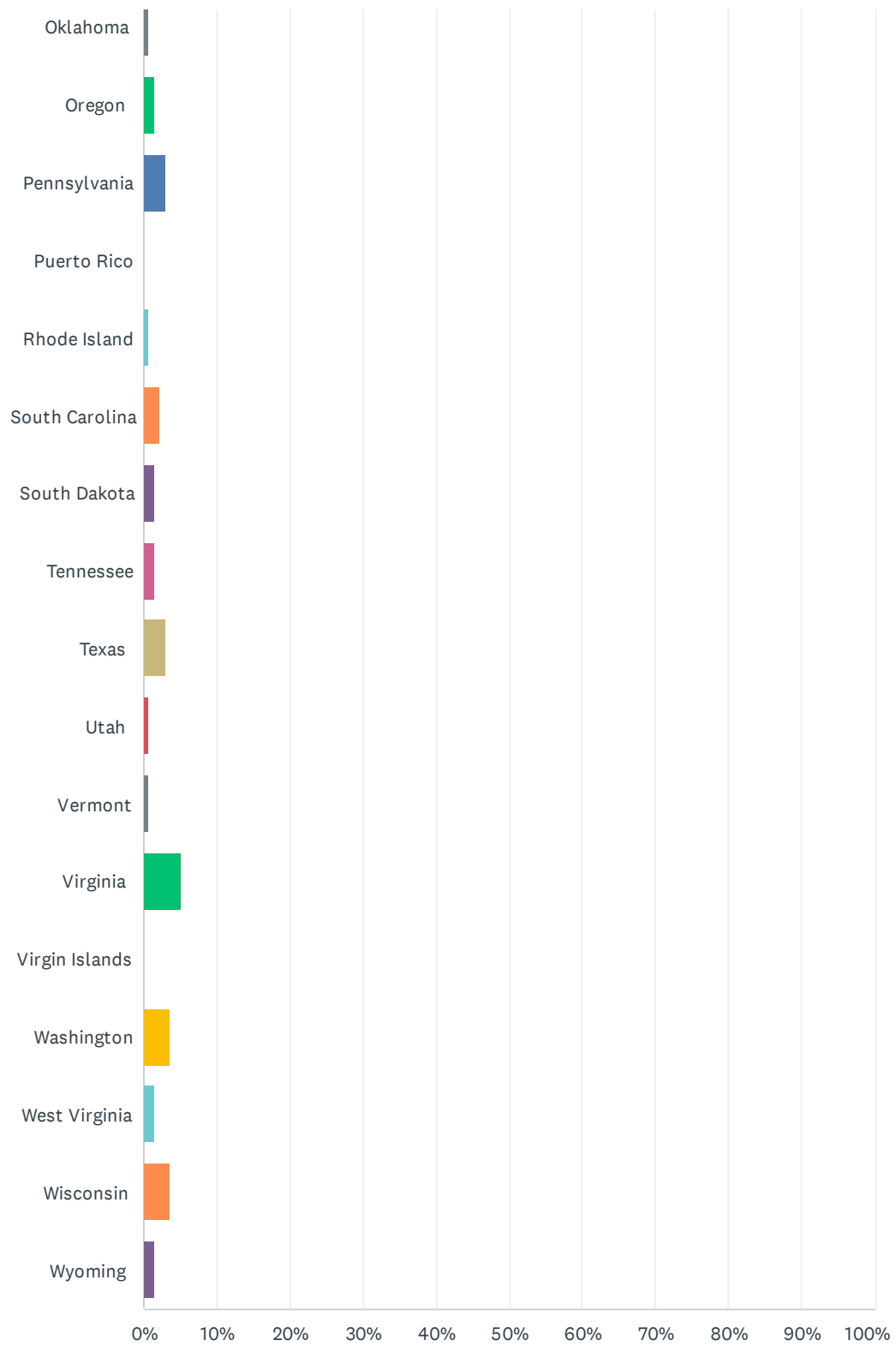
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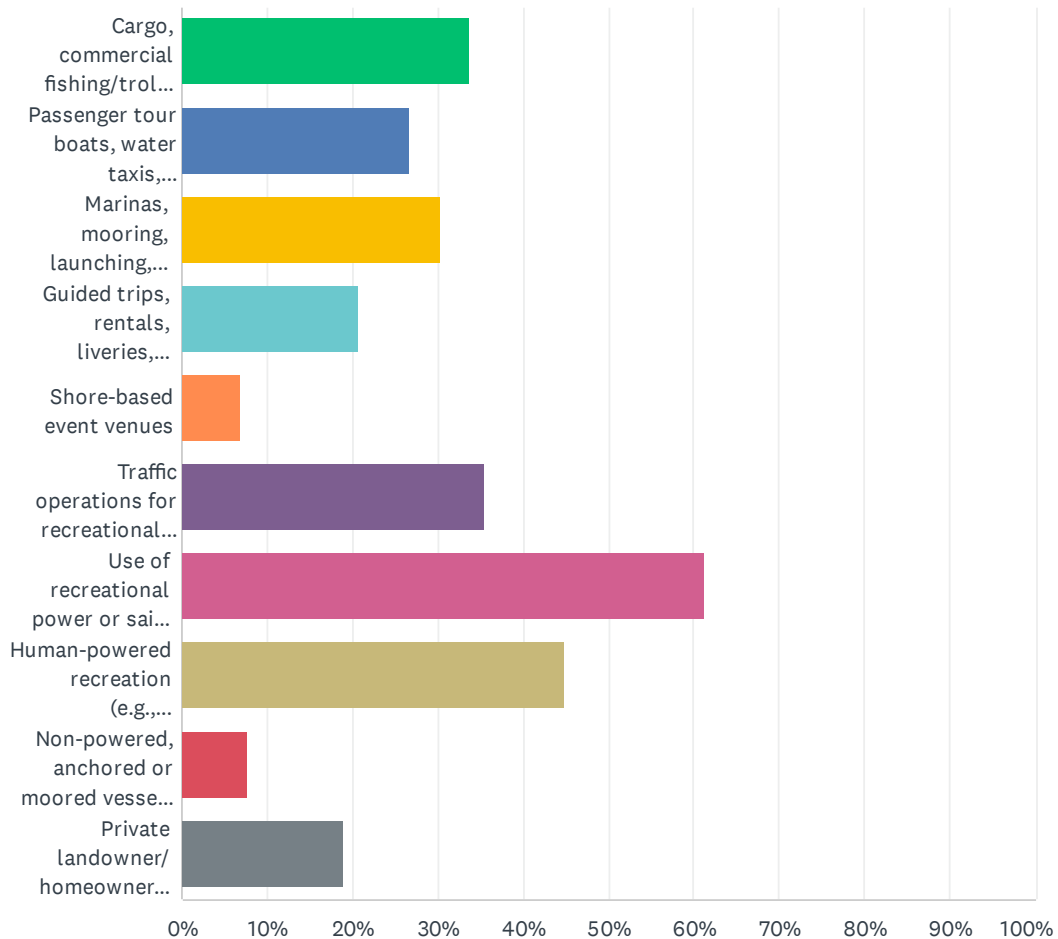
| ANSWER CHOICES            | RESPONSES |    |
|---------------------------|-----------|----|
| Alabama                   | 2.22%     | 3  |
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| American Samoa            | 0.00%     | 0  |
| Arizona                   | 1.48%     | 2  |
| Arkansas                  | 0.74%     | 1  |
| California                | 5.19%     | 7  |
| Colorado                  | 0.74%     | 1  |
| Connecticut               | 2.22%     | 3  |
| Delaware                  | 0.74%     | 1  |
| District of Columbia (DC) | 2.96%     | 4  |
| Florida                   | 8.89%     | 12 |
| Georgia                   | 0.74%     | 1  |
| Guam                      | 0.74%     | 1  |
| Hawaii                    | 0.74%     | 1  |
| Idaho                     | 2.22%     | 3  |
| Illinois                  | 2.22%     | 3  |
| Indiana                   | 2.96%     | 4  |
| Iowa                      | 0.74%     | 1  |
| Kansas                    | 0.74%     | 1  |
| Kentucky                  | 2.22%     | 3  |
| Louisiana                 | 1.48%     | 2  |
| Maine                     | 2.22%     | 3  |
| Maryland                  | 2.96%     | 4  |
| Massachusetts             | 2.22%     | 3  |
| Michigan                  | 2.22%     | 3  |
| Minnesota                 | 0.74%     | 1  |
| Mississippi               | 0.74%     | 1  |
| Missouri                  | 1.48%     | 2  |
| Montana                   | 0.00%     | 0  |
| Nebraska                  | 0.74%     | 1  |
| Nevada                    | 0.74%     | 1  |
| New Hampshire             | 0.74%     | 1  |

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|--------------------|-------|-----|
| New Jersey         | 1.48% | 2   |
| New Mexico         | 0.74% | 1   |
| New York           | 4.44% | 6   |
| North Carolina     | 2.22% | 3   |
| North Dakota       | 0.74% | 1   |
| N. Mariana Islands | 0.00% | 0   |
| Ohio               | 2.22% | 3   |
| Oklahoma           | 0.74% | 1   |
| Oregon             | 1.48% | 2   |
| Pennsylvania       | 2.96% | 4   |
| Puerto Rico        | 0.00% | 0   |
| Rhode Island       | 0.74% | 1   |
| South Carolina     | 2.22% | 3   |
| South Dakota       | 1.48% | 2   |
| Tennessee          | 1.48% | 2   |
| Texas              | 2.96% | 4   |
| Utah               | 0.74% | 1   |
| Vermont            | 0.74% | 1   |
| Virginia           | 5.19% | 7   |
| Virgin Islands     | 0.00% | 0   |
| Washington         | 3.70% | 5   |
| West Virginia      | 1.48% | 2   |
| Wisconsin          | 3.70% | 5   |
| Wyoming            | 1.48% | 2   |
| TOTAL              |       | 135 |

### Q3 Which of the following aspects of waterway management do you think are causing the most impact on the waterways in your state? Choose up to three.

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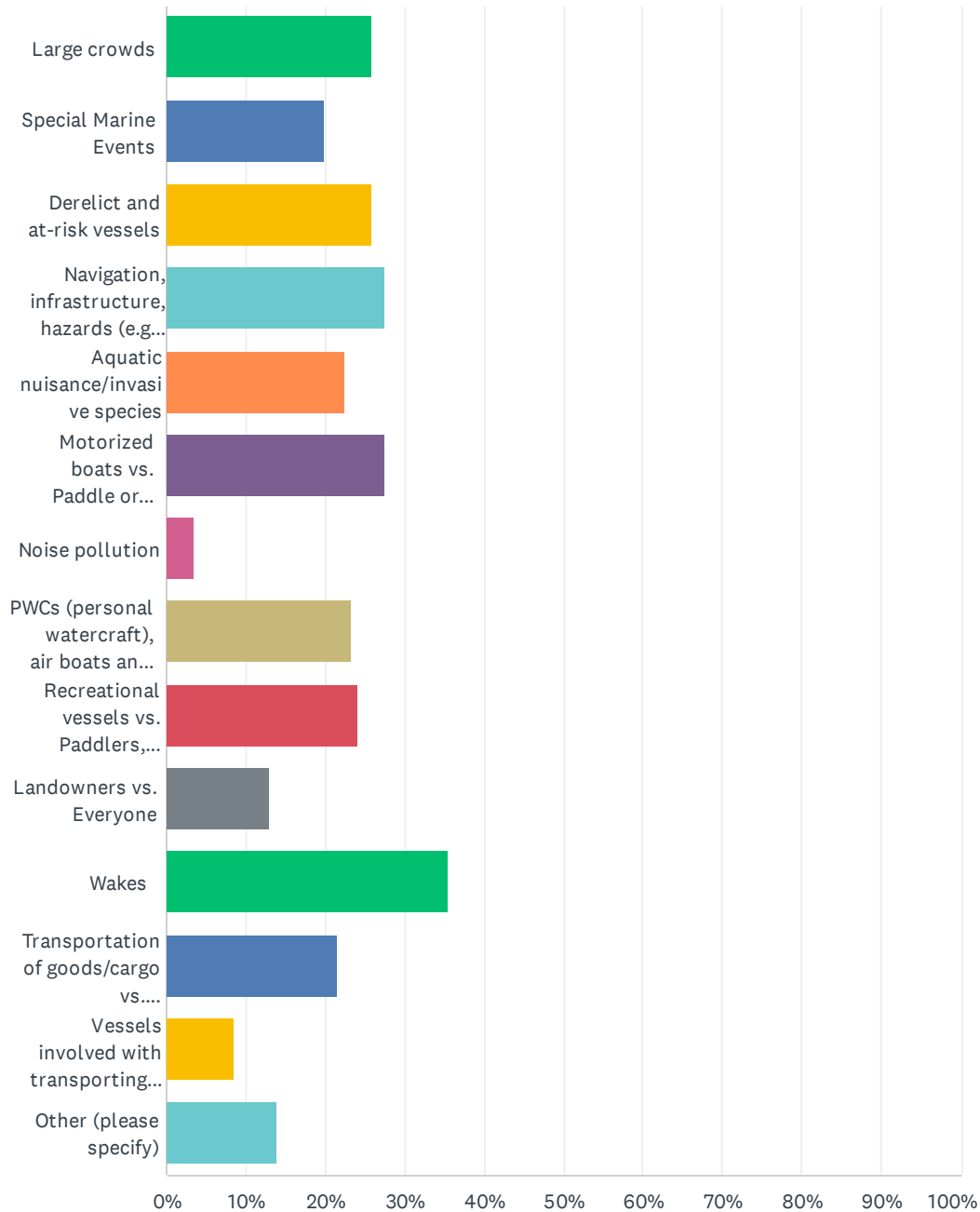


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| ANSWER CHOICES                                                                                                                                                        | RESPONSES |    |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|----|
| Cargo, commercial fishing/trolling, towing, construction, work boats                                                                                                  | 33.62%    | 39 |
| Passenger tour boats, water taxis, passenger vessel charters, sport fishing charters                                                                                  | 26.72%    | 31 |
| Marinas, mooring, launching, service and maintenance                                                                                                                  | 30.17%    | 35 |
| Guided trips, rentals, liveries, instruction                                                                                                                          | 20.69%    | 24 |
| Shore-based event venues                                                                                                                                              | 6.90%     | 8  |
| Traffic operations for recreational users                                                                                                                             | 35.34%    | 41 |
| Use of recreational power or sail vessels/ activities (e.g. personal watercraft, airboats, surface effect ships, hovercraft/ fishing, water or kite-skiing, cruising) | 61.21%    | 71 |
| Human-powered recreation (e.g., swimming, canoeing, kayaking, stand-up paddle boarding, surfing)                                                                      | 44.83%    | 52 |
| Non-powered, anchored or moored vessels, live-a boards, offshore food/beverage destinations                                                                           | 7.76%     | 9  |
| Private landowner/ homeowner management                                                                                                                               | 18.97%    | 22 |
| Total Respondents: 116                                                                                                                                                |           |    |

## Q4 Which of the following creates the greatest challenges on your waterway(s)? Check up to three.

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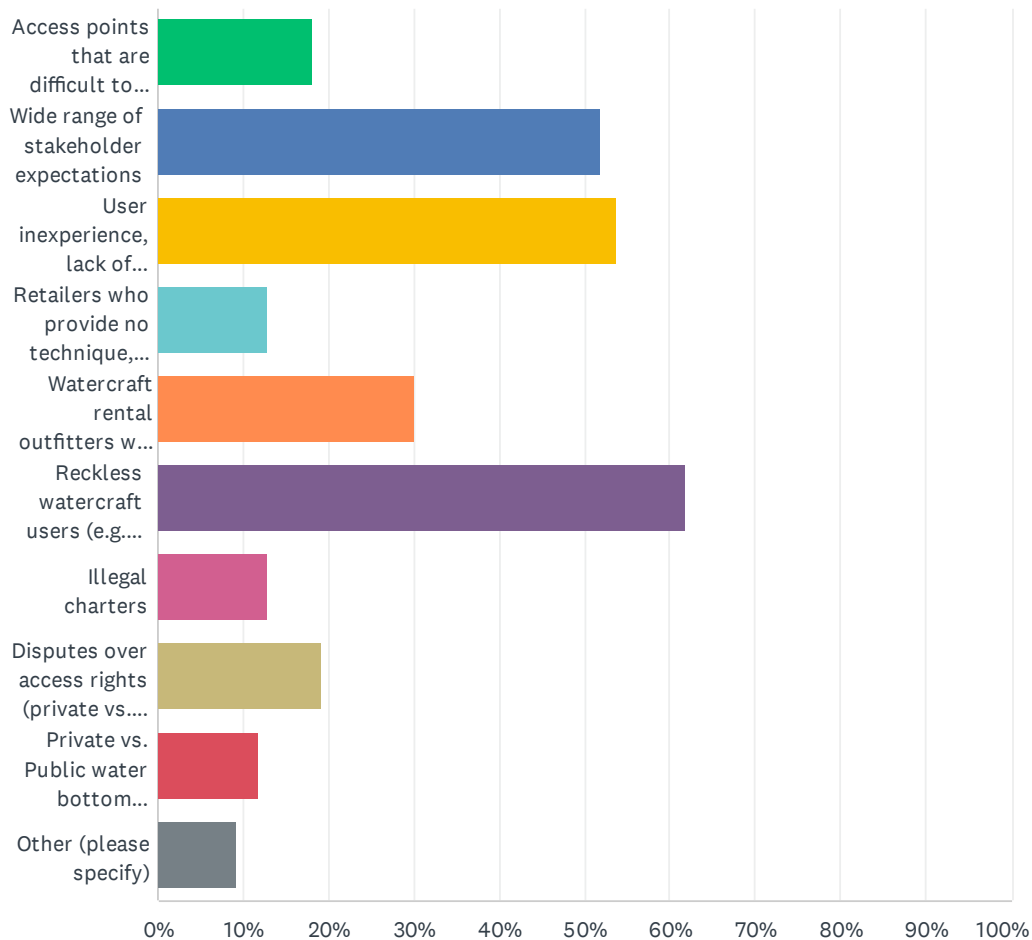
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| ANSWER CHOICES                                                                 | RESPONSES |    |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|----|
| Large crowds                                                                   | 25.86%    | 30 |
| Special Marine Events                                                          | 19.83%    | 23 |
| Derelict and at-risk vessels                                                   | 25.86%    | 30 |
| Navigation, infrastructure, hazards (e.g. dams, weirs, submerged structures)   | 27.59%    | 32 |
| Aquatic nuisance/invasive species                                              | 22.41%    | 26 |
| Motorized boats vs. Paddle or rowing craft                                     | 27.59%    | 32 |
| Noise pollution                                                                | 3.45%     | 4  |
| PWCs (personal watercraft), air boats and similar vessels                      | 23.28%    | 27 |
| Recreational vessels vs. Paddlers, swimmers, snorkelers, surfers, divers, etc. | 24.14%    | 28 |
| Landowners vs. Everyone                                                        | 12.93%    | 15 |
| Wakes                                                                          | 35.34%    | 41 |
| Transportation of goods/cargo vs. Recreational pursuits                        | 21.55%    | 25 |
| Vessels involved with transporting goods/ cargo (with each other)              | 8.62%     | 10 |
| Other (please specify)                                                         | 13.79%    | 16 |
| Total Respondents: 116                                                         |           |    |

| #  | OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)                                                     | DATE               |
|----|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1  | Military maritime movements                                                | 4/5/2025 2:48 PM   |
| 2  | Wake boats                                                                 | 3/31/2025 3:23 PM  |
| 3  | Wake surfing/enhanced wakes                                                | 3/31/2025 11:50 AM |
| 4  | Aquaculture and offshore wind                                              | 3/19/2025 9:18 AM  |
| 5  | Weather/Environmental factors (ice, landslides, winds)                     | 3/18/2025 2:13 PM  |
| 6  | military operations                                                        | 3/18/2025 12:21 PM |
| 7  | Lack of adequate funding                                                   | 3/13/2025 3:22 PM  |
| 8  | Red tide                                                                   | 3/8/2025 7:18 AM   |
| 9  | Uneducated recreational boaters                                            | 3/6/2025 4:12 PM   |
| 10 | Rental Vessels                                                             | 3/5/2025 4:54 PM   |
| 11 | Wake boats are becoming a challenge on small bodies of water               | 3/5/2025 2:25 PM   |
| 12 | Recreational Vessels-Reckless Operation/Operator Inattention               | 3/3/2025 3:12 PM   |
| 13 | Unqualified operators who don't know or care about the rules of the road   | 3/1/2025 11:39 AM  |
| 14 | Cargo ship demolishing Francis Scott Key Bridge and now the reconstruction | 2/26/2025 3:35 PM  |
| 15 | Wakes from towed watersports activities                                    | 2/26/2025 3:28 PM  |
| 16 | No educated vessel operators                                               | 2/26/2025 2:38 PM  |

## Q5 Which of the following are the primary drivers of use conflicts on your waterway? Select up to three.

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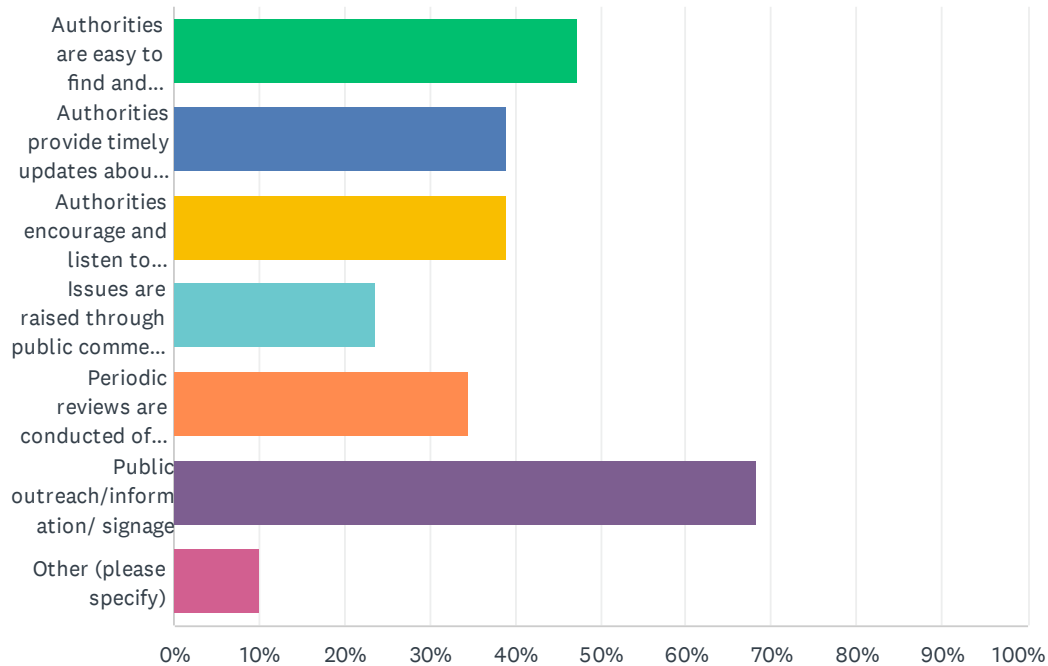
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| ANSWER CHOICES                                                                           | RESPONSES |    |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|----|
| Access points that are difficult to manage                                               | 18.18%    | 20 |
| Wide range of stakeholder expectations                                                   | 51.82%    | 57 |
| User inexperience, lack of education                                                     | 53.64%    | 59 |
| Retailers who provide no technique, safety and awareness information or instruction      | 12.73%    | 14 |
| Watercraft rental outfitters who provide no safety, navigation, or awareness information | 30.00%    | 33 |
| Reckless watercraft users (e.g. speed, alcohol use)                                      | 61.82%    | 68 |
| Illegal charters                                                                         | 12.73%    | 14 |
| Disputes over access rights (private vs. public ownership issues)                        | 19.09%    | 21 |
| Private vs. Public water bottom ownership issues (submerged lands)                       | 11.82%    | 13 |
| Other (please specify)                                                                   | 9.09%     | 10 |
| Total Respondents: 110                                                                   |           |    |

| #  | OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)                                                                                         | DATE               |
|----|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1  | Farming                                                                                                        | 6/11/2025 9:17 PM  |
| 2  | Tourist who think they own the lake                                                                            | 6/9/2025 4:08 PM   |
| 3  | Novel uses of the waterway increasing complexity in deconfliction and prioritization of activities.            | 4/4/2025 11:28 AM  |
| 4  | wake surfing v. other users                                                                                    | 3/31/2025 11:52 AM |
| 5  | Seasonal influx of uninvested users                                                                            | 3/21/2025 1:30 PM  |
| 6  | Wakeboats vs landowners                                                                                        | 3/13/2025 11:30 AM |
| 7  | Disputes between user groups (paddlecraft / skiers / sailors / etc.)                                           | 3/4/2025 11:03 AM  |
| 8  | Out of State recreational boaters unfamiliar with NJ law                                                       | 2/27/2025 9:21 AM  |
| 9  | Narrow channels for large ships to operate                                                                     | 2/27/2025 9:19 AM  |
| 10 | Entry of new waterway recreational activities being introduced into already crowded mixed use areas.to already | 2/26/2025 3:03 PM  |

## Q6 Which aspects of waterway management are most important to meeting public needs and minimizing user conflict? Select up to three.

Answered: 110 Skipped: 25



| ANSWER CHOICES                                                        | RESPONSES |    |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|----|
| Authorities are easy to find and approachable                         | 47.27%    | 52 |
| Authorities provide timely updates about regulations and current use  | 39.09%    | 43 |
| Authorities encourage and listen to public comments                   | 39.09%    | 43 |
| Issues are raised through public comment in legislation or rulemaking | 23.64%    | 26 |
| Periodic reviews are conducted of regulations to continue or update   | 34.55%    | 38 |
| Public outreach/information/ signage                                  | 68.18%    | 75 |
| Other (please specify)                                                | 10.00%    | 11 |
| Total Respondents: 110                                                |           |    |

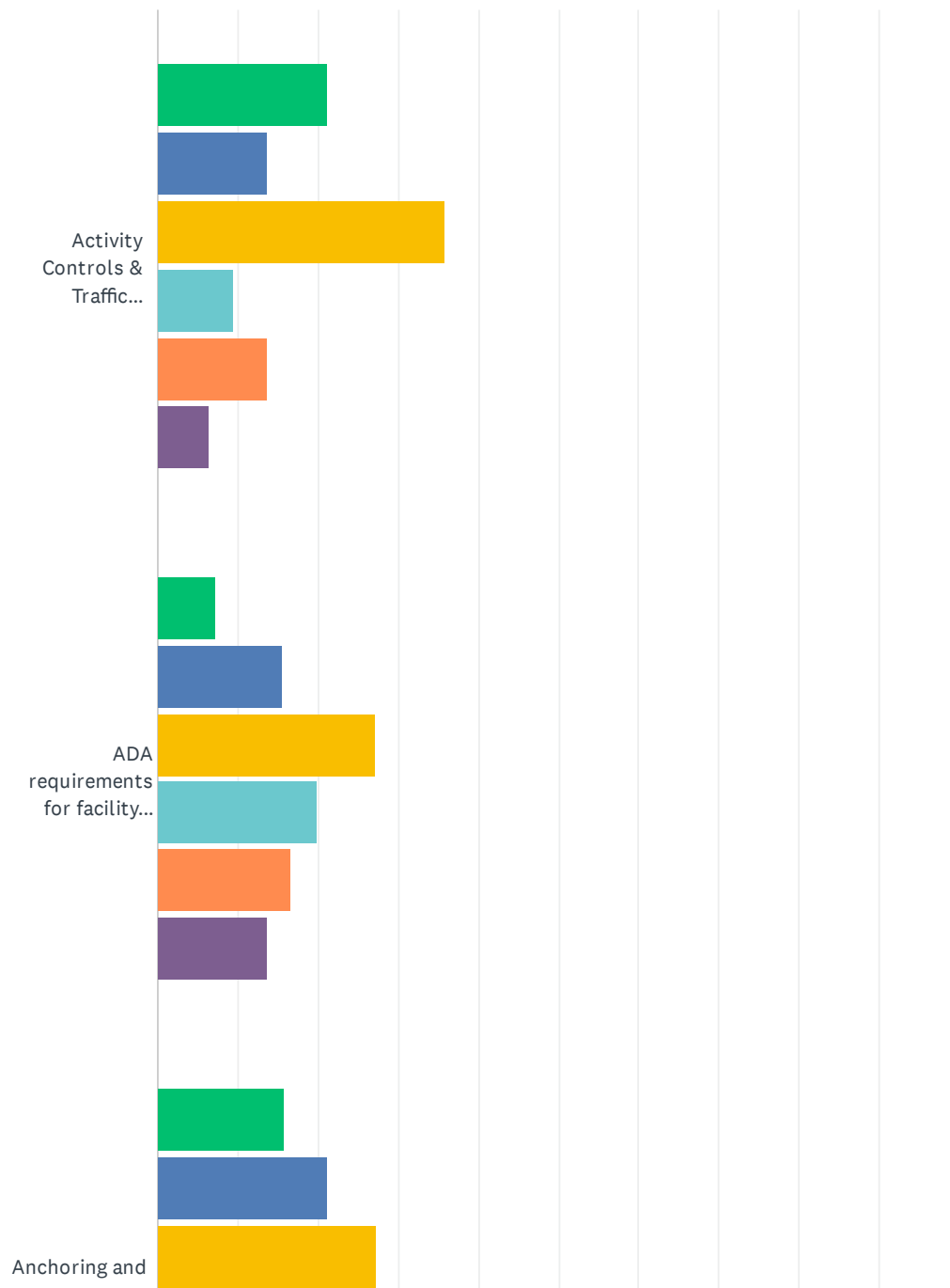
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| 1 | Tribal authority                                                                                                                                                 | 6/11/2025 5:08 PM  |
| 2 | Funding to provide law enforcement coverage for bodies of water                                                                                                  | 6/9/2025 4:08 PM   |
| 3 | legislation not keeping up with current trends                                                                                                                   | 3/31/2025 11:52 AM |
| 4 | The USCG discontinued the small boat enforcement. State and local authorities claim to have no jurisdiction on federal waterways. (The rivers around Pittsburgh) | 3/19/2025 8:37 PM  |
| 5 | I'm                                                                                                                                                              | 3/12/2025 9:37 AM  |

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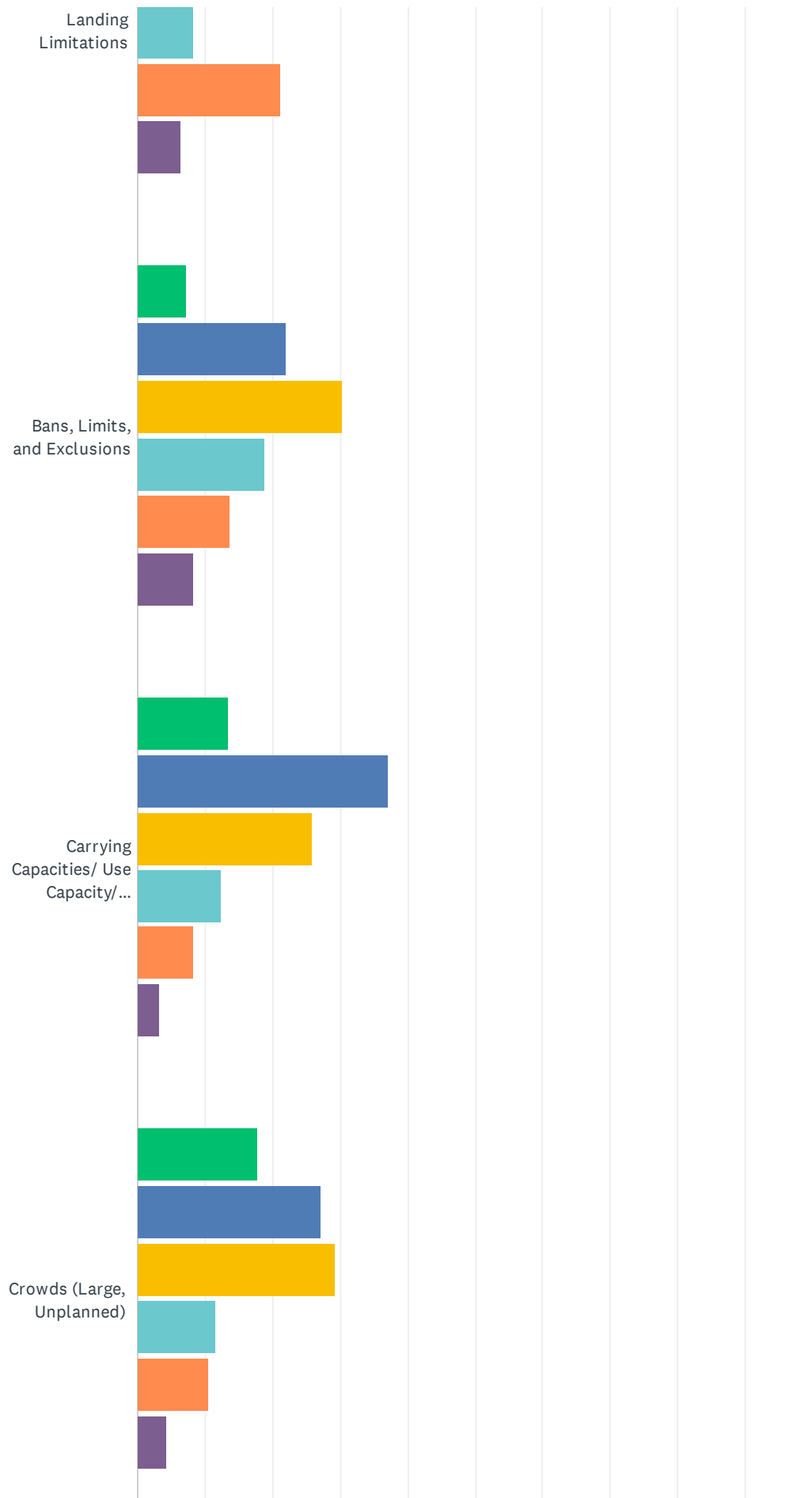
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| 6  | Users aware of and following regs, safety best practices; waterway safety behavior                                                                                                                                        | 3/7/2025 10:17 AM |
| 7  | Adequate staff / Officer visibility on water / Officer recruitment & retention                                                                                                                                            | 3/4/2025 11:03 AM |
| 8  | RBS patrol activities                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 3/3/2025 12:44 PM |
| 9  | Better understanding of stakeholders role vs. agency role - agency may be limited in what we can do to minimize user conflict and may not have the tools to manage user conflicts - most of the public doesn't know this. | 2/26/2025 3:28 PM |
| 10 | On the water training opportunities                                                                                                                                                                                       | 2/26/2025 3:13 PM |
| 11 | Very limited education and outreach on waterway use and activities                                                                                                                                                        | 2/26/2025 3:03 PM |

Q7 This is an inventory of waterway management topics identified in the 2020 Guide for Multiple Use Waterway Management or previously identified as of interest to the NASBLA membership. In the following list, please rate each topic to indicate which you feel are of deep interest or great importance to you in your position (5 is highest and 1 is of least importance). You can also indicate N/A for Not Applicable. This prioritization will help guide future NASBLA work.

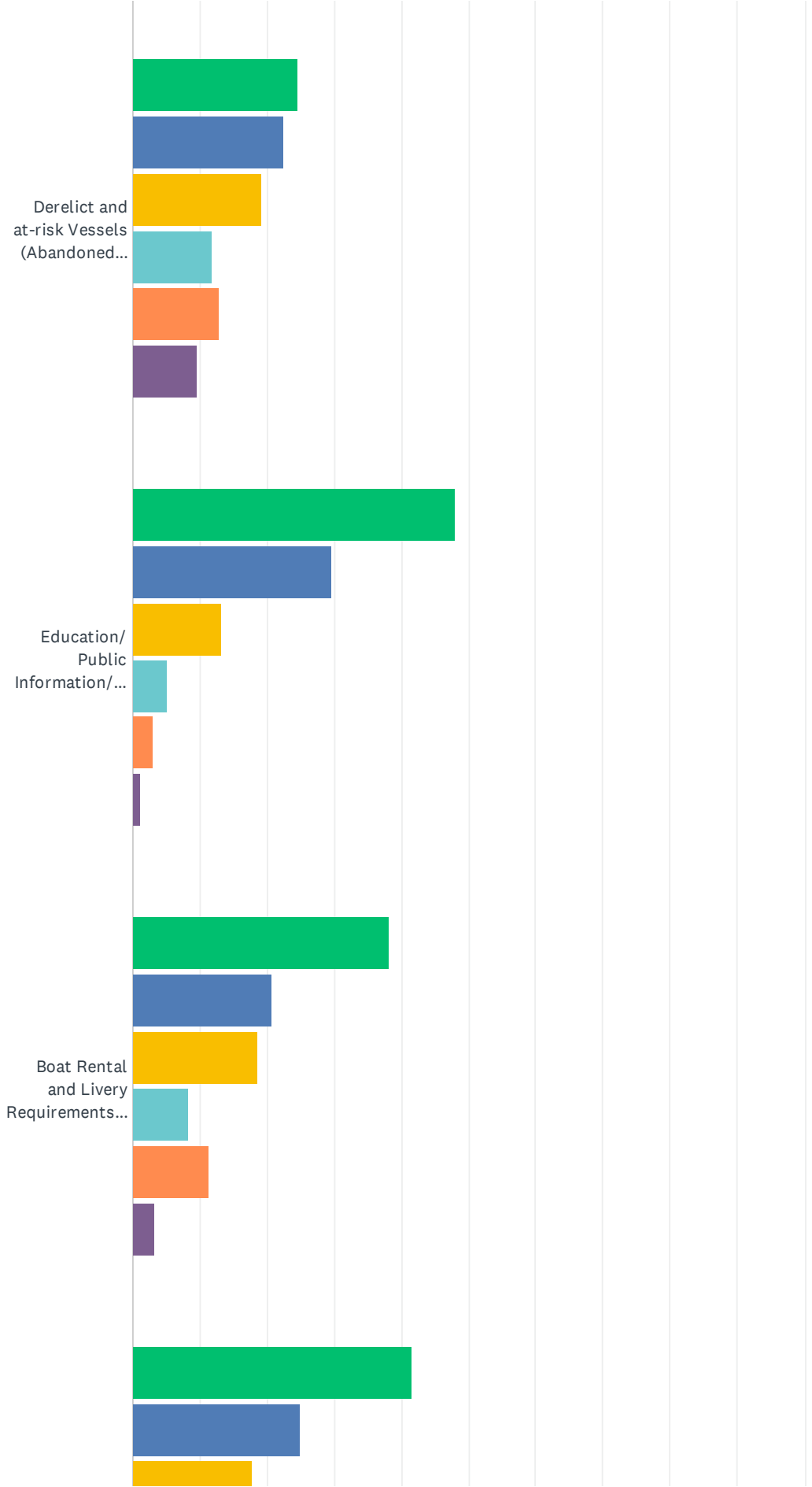
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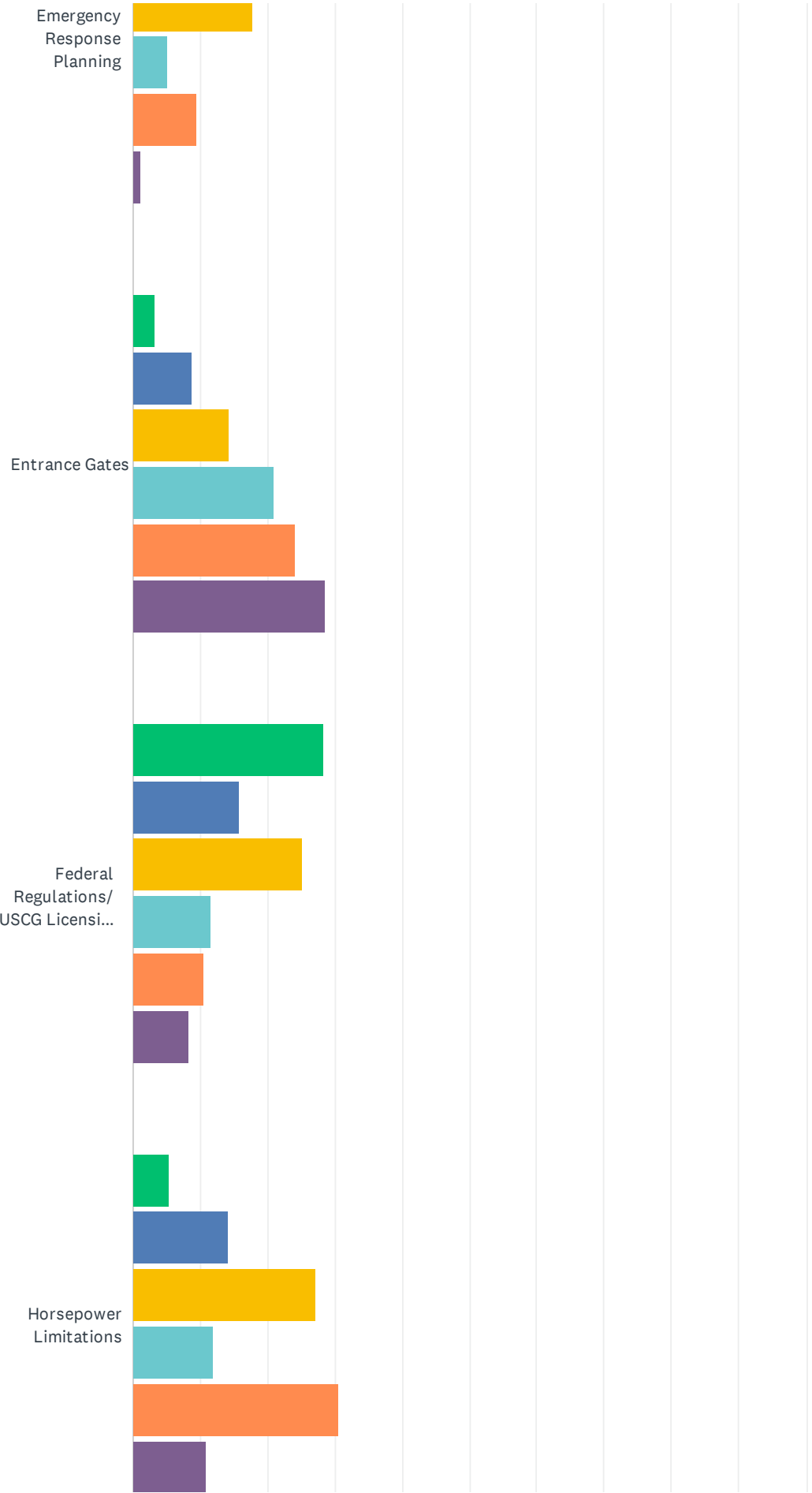
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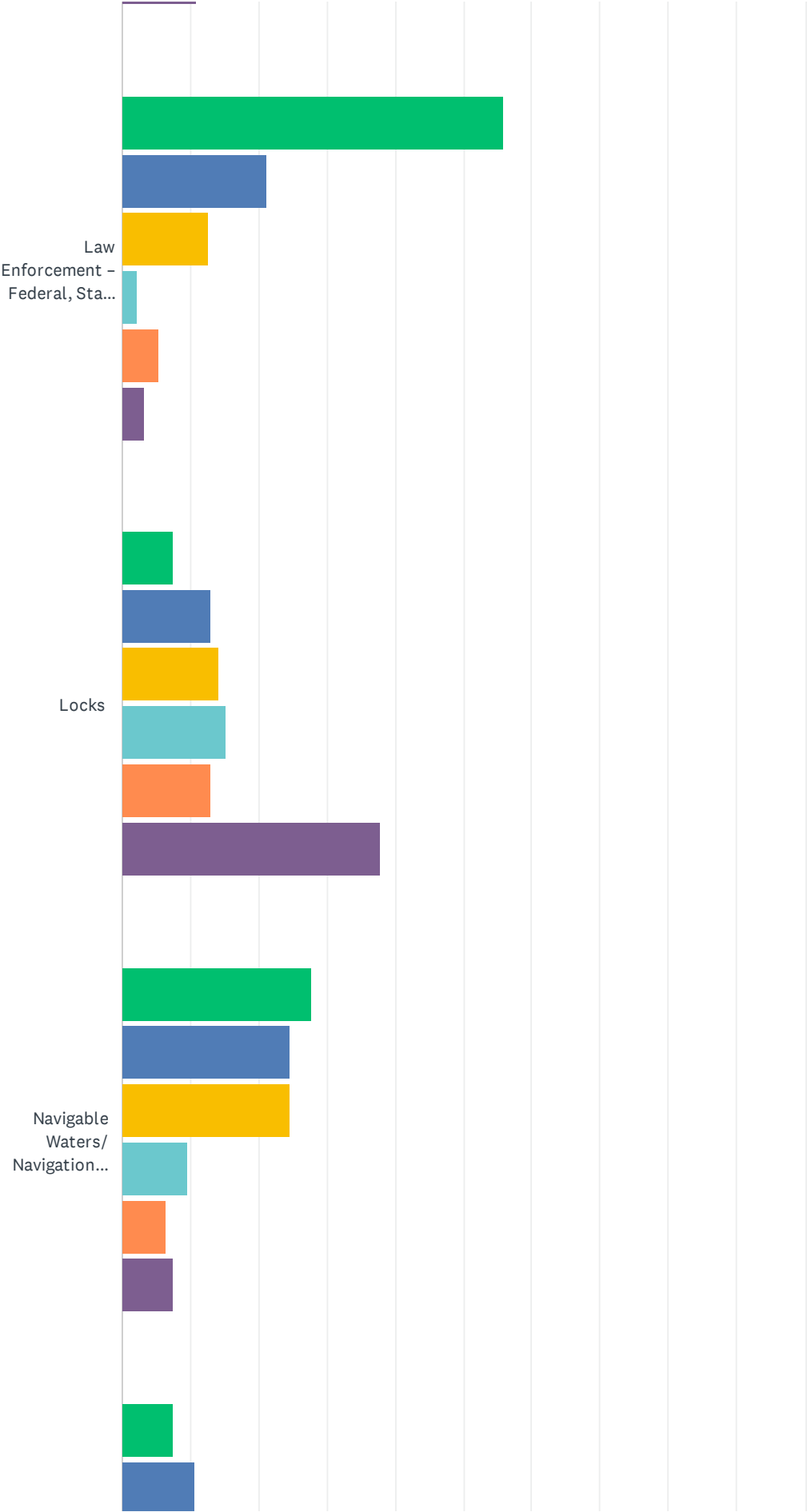
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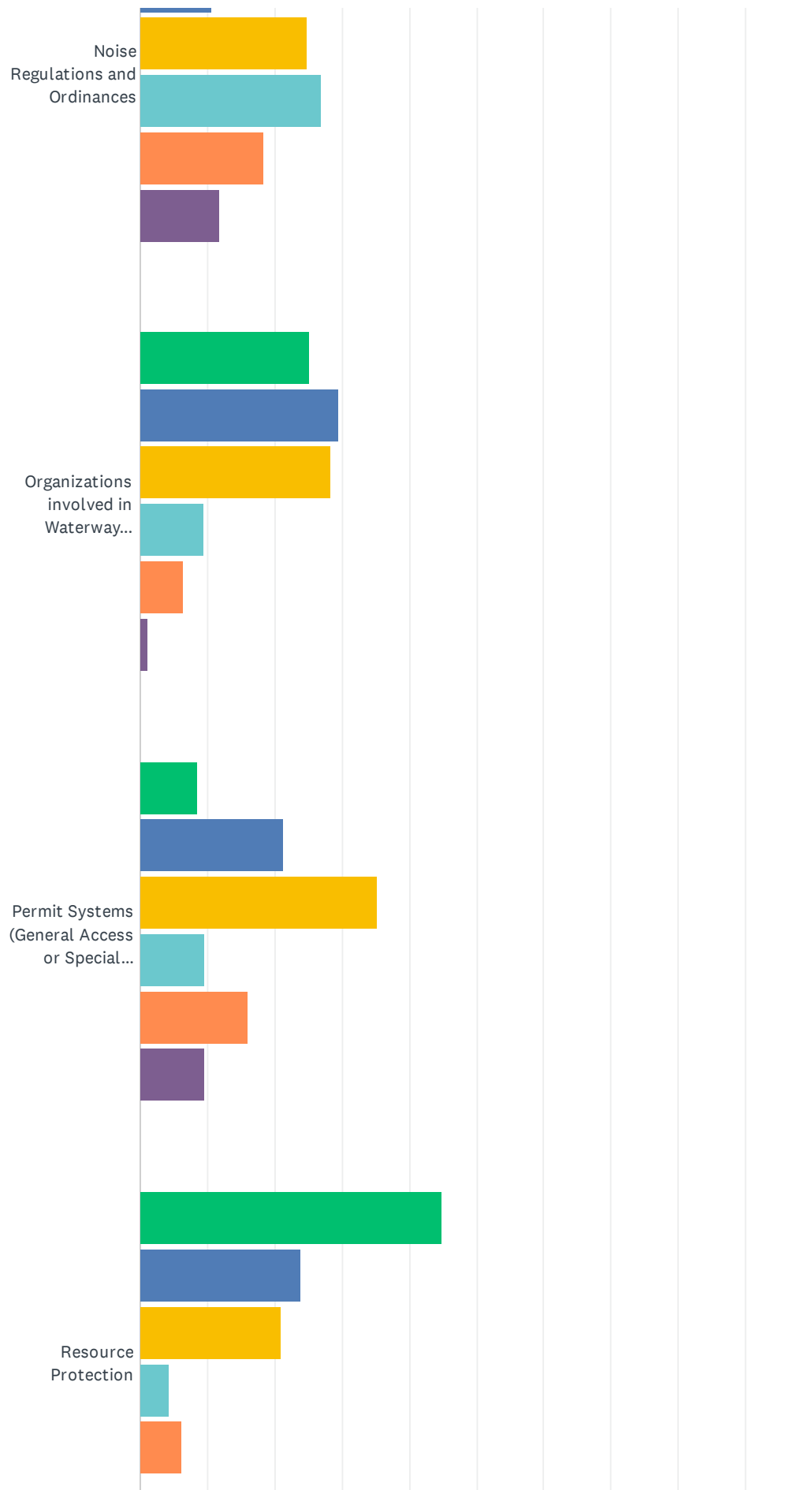
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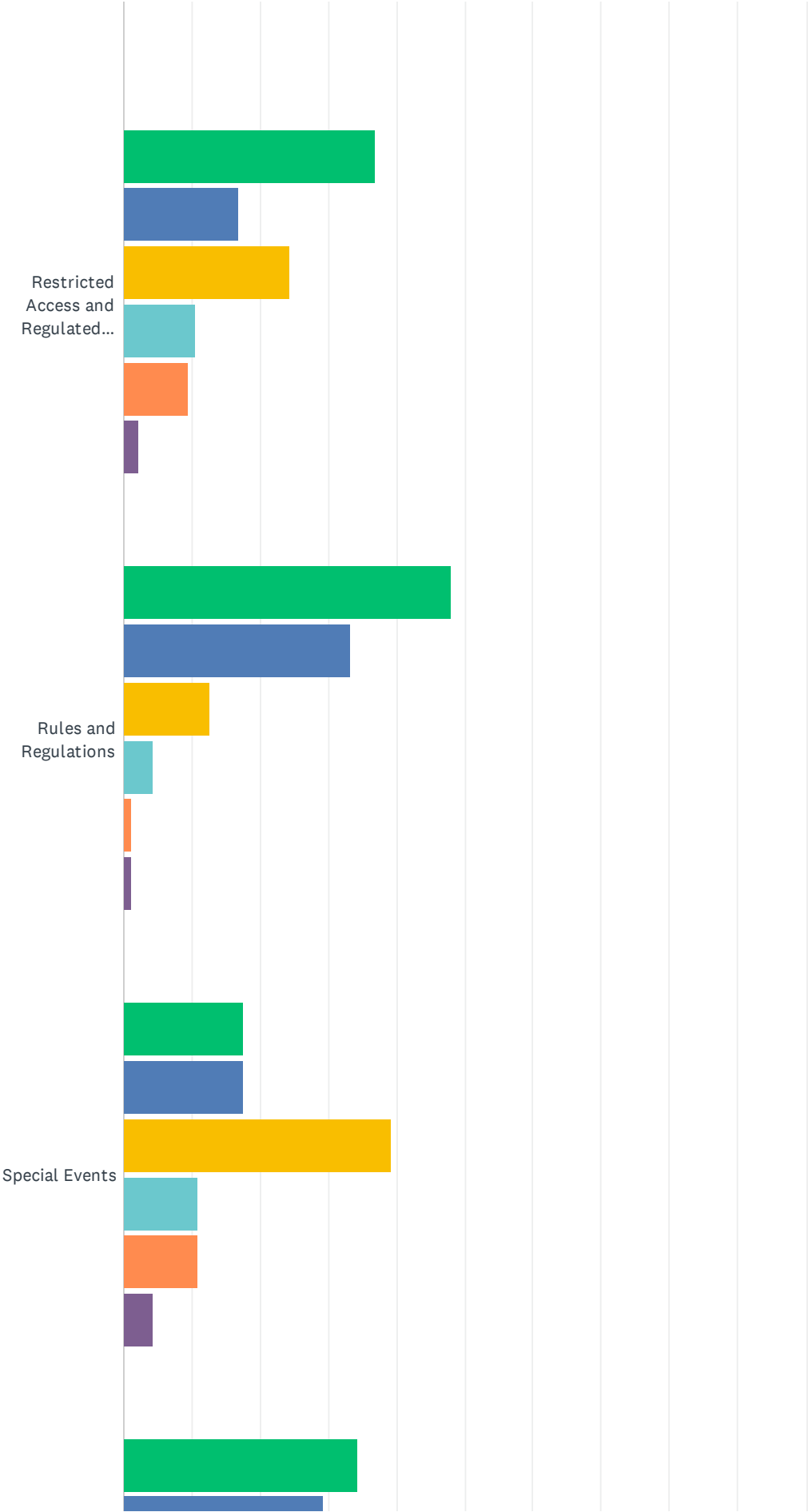
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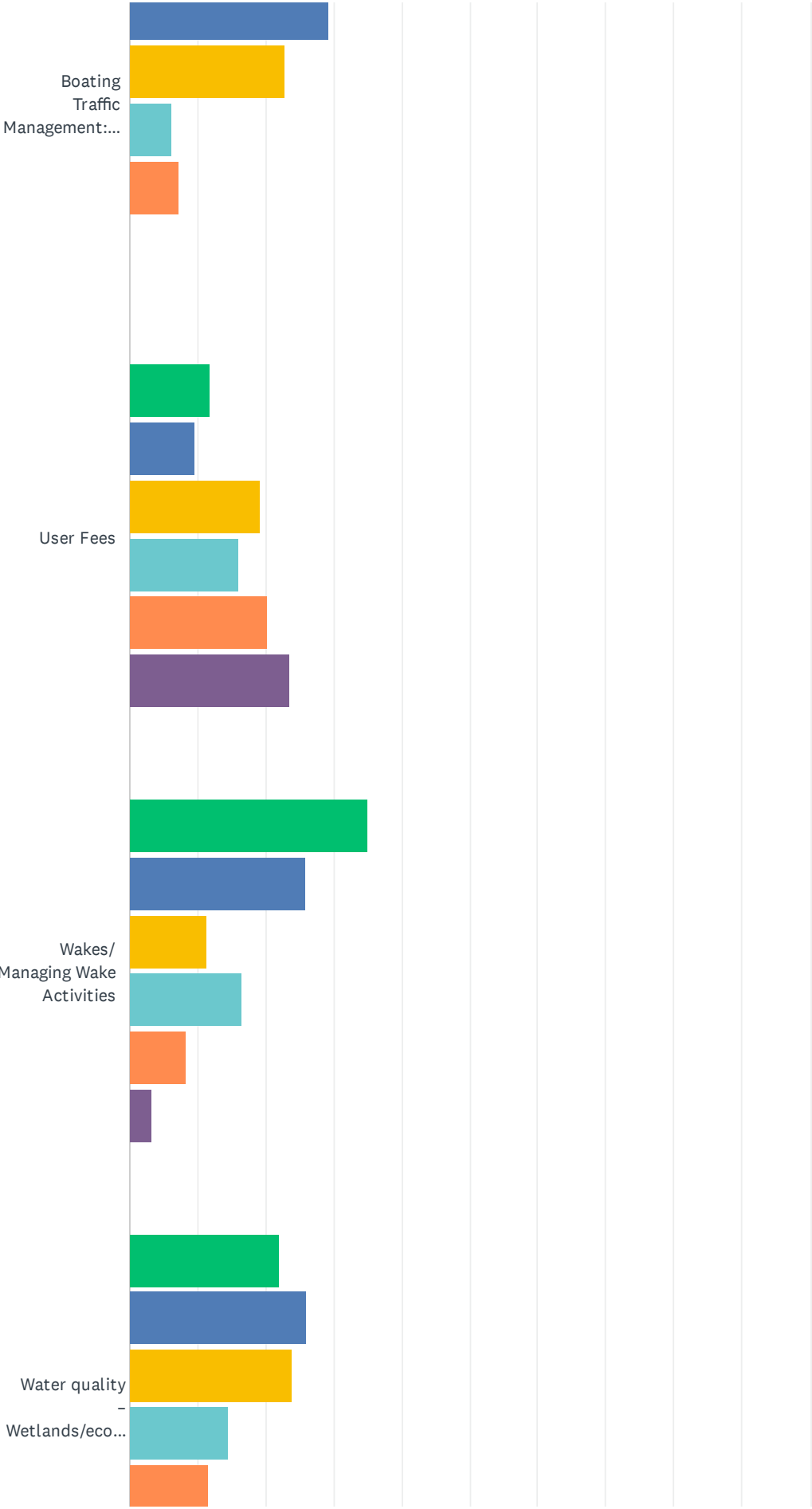
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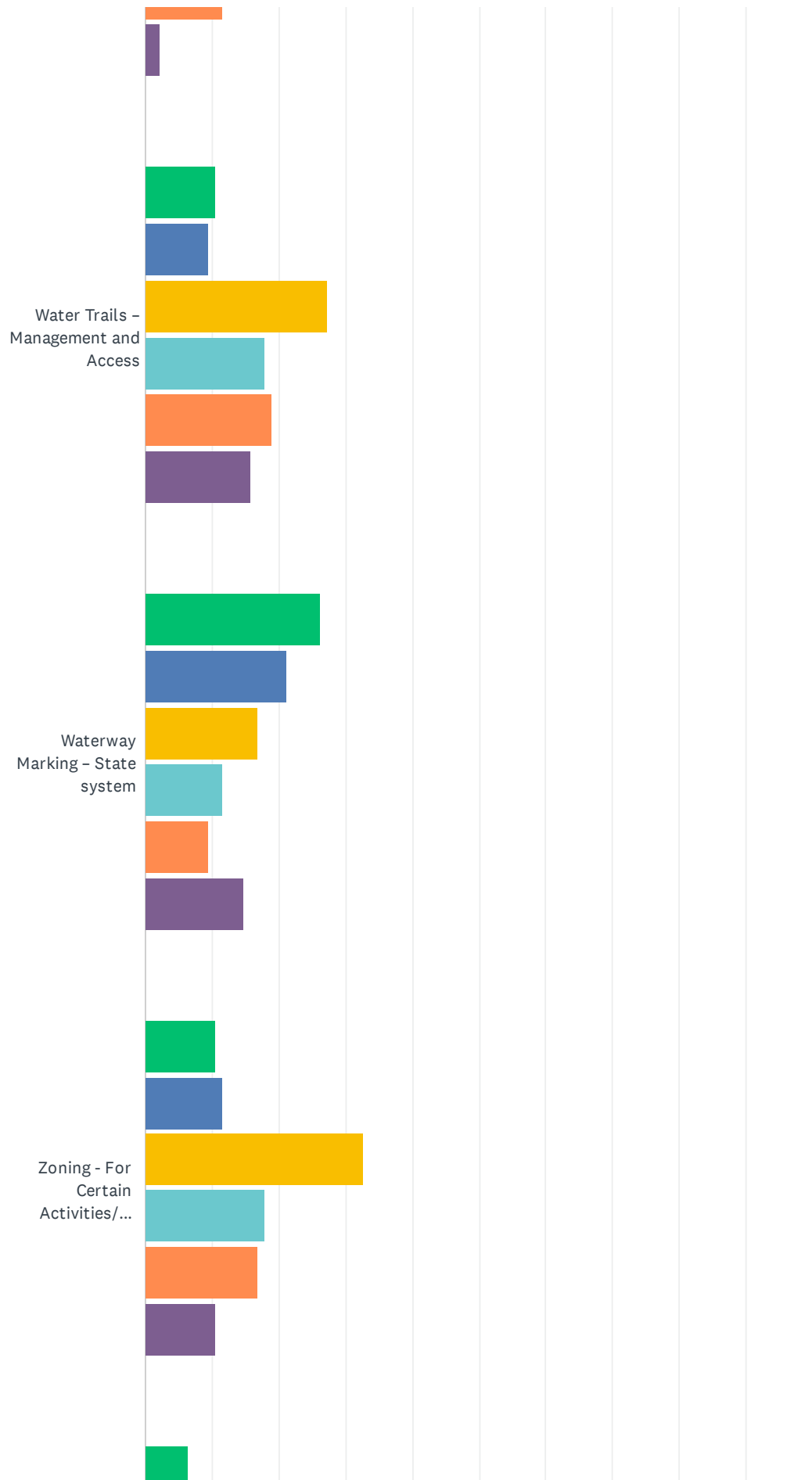
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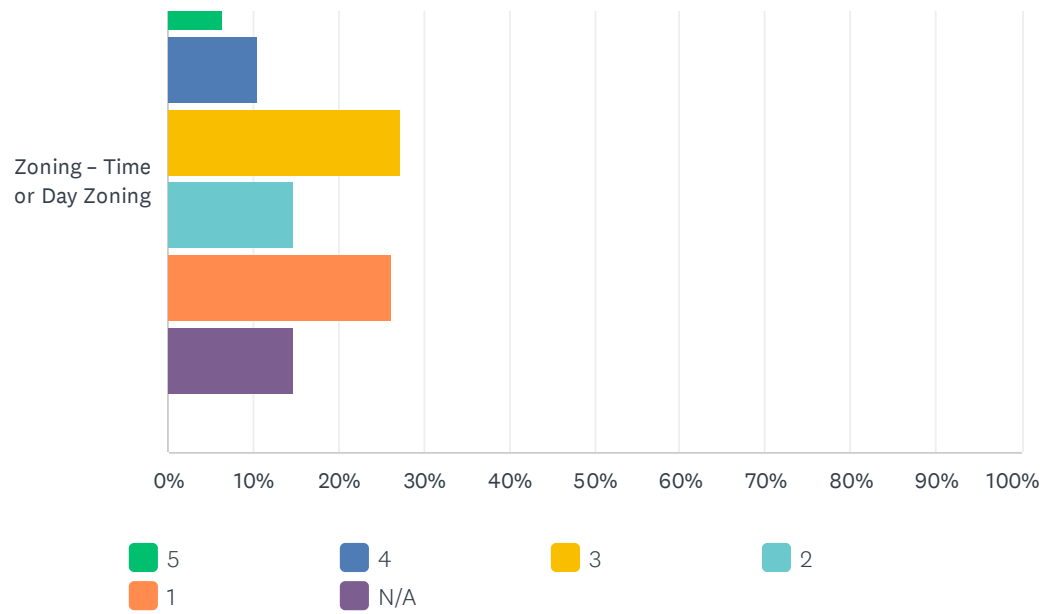
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|                                                                                                                                                           | 5            | 4            | 3            | 2            | 1            | N/A          | TOTAL | WEIGHTED AVERAGE |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------|------------------|
| Activity Controls & Traffic Management - Access Distribution and Development Control/ Controlling Land Use and Development/ Activity Area/ Activity Nodes | 21.05%<br>20 | 13.68%<br>13 | 35.79%<br>34 | 9.47%<br>9   | 13.68%<br>13 | 6.32%<br>6   | 95    | 3.00             |
| ADA requirements for facility development/improvement                                                                                                     | 7.29%<br>7   | 15.63%<br>15 | 27.08%<br>26 | 19.79%<br>19 | 16.67%<br>16 | 13.54%<br>13 | 96    | 2.36             |
| Anchoring and Landing Limitations                                                                                                                         | 15.79%<br>15 | 21.05%<br>20 | 27.37%<br>26 | 8.42%<br>8   | 21.05%<br>20 | 6.32%<br>6   | 95    | 2.83             |
| Bans, Limits, and Exclusions                                                                                                                              | 7.29%<br>7   | 21.88%<br>21 | 30.21%<br>29 | 18.75%<br>18 | 13.54%<br>13 | 8.33%<br>8   | 96    | 2.66             |
| Carrying Capacities/ Use Capacity/ Visitor Capacity                                                                                                       | 13.40%<br>13 | 37.11%<br>36 | 25.77%<br>25 | 12.37%<br>12 | 8.25%<br>8   | 3.09%<br>3   | 97    | 3.26             |
| Crowds (Large, Unplanned)                                                                                                                                 | 17.71%<br>17 | 27.08%<br>26 | 29.17%<br>28 | 11.46%<br>11 | 10.42%<br>10 | 4.17%<br>4   | 96    | 3.18             |
| Derelict and at-risk Vessels (Abandoned Boats)                                                                                                            | 24.47%<br>23 | 22.34%<br>21 | 19.15%<br>18 | 11.70%<br>11 | 12.77%<br>12 | 9.57%<br>9   | 94    | 3.05             |
| Education/ Public Information/ Public Outreach/ Signage                                                                                                   | 47.96%<br>47 | 29.59%<br>29 | 13.27%<br>13 | 5.10%<br>5   | 3.06%<br>3   | 1.02%<br>1   | 98    | 4.11             |
| Boat Rental and Livery Requirements for Boating Education                                                                                                 | 38.14%<br>37 | 20.62%<br>20 | 18.56%<br>18 | 8.25%<br>8   | 11.34%<br>11 | 3.09%<br>3   | 97    | 3.57             |
| Emergency Response Planning                                                                                                                               | 41.67%<br>40 | 25.00%<br>24 | 17.71%<br>17 | 5.21%<br>5   | 9.38%<br>9   | 1.04%<br>1   | 96    | 3.81             |
| Entrance Gates                                                                                                                                            | 3.30%<br>3   | 8.79%<br>8   | 14.29%<br>13 | 20.88%<br>19 | 24.18%<br>22 | 28.57%<br>26 | 91    | 1.60             |
| Federal Regulations/ USCG Licensing Requirements                                                                                                          | 28.42%<br>27 | 15.79%<br>15 | 25.26%<br>24 | 11.58%<br>11 | 10.53%<br>10 | 8.42%<br>8   | 95    | 3.15             |
| Horsepower Limitations                                                                                                                                    | 5.43%<br>5   | 14.13%<br>13 | 27.17%<br>25 | 11.96%<br>11 | 30.43%<br>28 | 10.87%<br>10 | 92    | 2.20             |
| Law Enforcement – Federal, State, Municipal, Local                                                                                                        | 55.79%<br>53 | 21.05%<br>20 | 12.63%<br>12 | 2.11%<br>2   | 5.26%<br>5   | 3.16%<br>3   | 95    | 4.11             |
| Locks                                                                                                                                                     | 7.53%<br>7   | 12.90%<br>12 | 13.98%<br>13 | 15.05%<br>14 | 12.90%<br>12 | 37.63%<br>35 | 93    | 1.74             |
| Navigable Waters/ Navigation Charts, Maps, Aids                                                                                                           | 27.66%<br>26 | 24.47%<br>23 | 24.47%<br>23 | 9.57%<br>9   | 6.38%<br>6   | 7.45%<br>7   | 94    | 3.35             |
| Noise Regulations and Ordinances                                                                                                                          | 7.53%<br>7   | 10.75%<br>10 | 24.73%<br>23 | 26.88%<br>25 | 18.28%<br>17 | 11.83%<br>11 | 93    | 2.27             |
| Organizations involved in Waterway Management/ Stakeholder Groups                                                                                         | 25.26%<br>24 | 29.47%<br>28 | 28.42%<br>27 | 9.47%<br>9   | 6.32%<br>6   | 1.05%<br>1   | 95    | 3.55             |
| Permit Systems (General Access or Special Events)/ User Fees                                                                                              | 8.51%<br>8   | 21.28%<br>20 | 35.11%<br>33 | 9.57%<br>9   | 15.96%<br>15 | 9.57%<br>9   | 94    | 2.68             |
| Resource Protection                                                                                                                                       | 44.79%<br>43 | 23.96%<br>23 | 20.83%<br>20 | 4.17%<br>4   | 6.25%<br>6   | 0.00%<br>0   | 96    | 3.97             |
| Restricted Access and Regulated Navigation Areas/ Safety Zones/ Security Zones                                                                            | 36.84%<br>35 | 16.84%<br>16 | 24.21%<br>23 | 10.53%<br>10 | 9.47%<br>9   | 2.11%<br>2   | 95    | 3.55             |
| Rules and Regulations                                                                                                                                     | 47.92%<br>46 | 33.33%<br>32 | 12.50%<br>12 | 4.17%<br>4   | 1.04%<br>1   | 1.04%<br>1   | 96    | 4.20             |

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| Special Events                                                                                                                                 | 17.39%<br>16 | 17.39%<br>16 | 39.13%<br>36 | 10.87%<br>10 | 10.87%<br>10 | 4.35%<br>4   | 92 | 3.07 |
| Boating Traffic Management: includes traffic patterns, speed limits, and zoning (no wake, open or pass-through zones, restricted, speed, etc.) | 34.38%<br>33 | 29.17%<br>28 | 22.92%<br>22 | 6.25%<br>6   | 7.29%<br>7   | 0.00%<br>0   | 96 | 3.77 |
| User Fees                                                                                                                                      | 11.70%<br>11 | 9.57%<br>9   | 19.15%<br>18 | 15.96%<br>15 | 20.21%<br>19 | 23.40%<br>22 | 94 | 2.06 |
| Wakes/ Managing Wake Activities                                                                                                                | 35.05%<br>34 | 25.77%<br>25 | 11.34%<br>11 | 16.49%<br>16 | 8.25%<br>8   | 3.09%<br>3   | 97 | 3.54 |
| Water quality – Wetlands/ecological resources, Invasive Species                                                                                | 21.88%<br>21 | 26.04%<br>25 | 23.96%<br>23 | 14.58%<br>14 | 11.46%<br>11 | 2.08%<br>2   | 96 | 3.26 |
| Water Trails – Management and Access                                                                                                           | 10.53%<br>10 | 9.47%<br>9   | 27.37%<br>26 | 17.89%<br>17 | 18.95%<br>18 | 15.79%<br>15 | 95 | 2.27 |
| Waterway Marking – State system                                                                                                                | 26.32%<br>25 | 21.05%<br>20 | 16.84%<br>16 | 11.58%<br>11 | 9.47%<br>9   | 14.74%<br>14 | 95 | 2.99 |
| Zoning - For Certain Activities/ Special Events                                                                                                | 10.53%<br>10 | 11.58%<br>11 | 32.63%<br>31 | 17.89%<br>17 | 16.84%<br>16 | 10.53%<br>10 | 95 | 2.49 |
| Zoning – Time or Day Zoning                                                                                                                    | 6.32%<br>6   | 10.53%<br>10 | 27.37%<br>26 | 14.74%<br>14 | 26.32%<br>25 | 14.74%<br>14 | 95 | 2.12 |

| # | OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)                                           | DATE               |
|---|------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1 | Aquaculture and Offshore Wind                                    | 3/19/2025 10:02 AM |
| 2 | Universal PFD laws                                               | 3/9/2025 12:20 AM  |
| 3 | Amenities and regulation of electric power boats (thrust vs hp?) | 3/4/2025 11:11 AM  |

## Q8 What else should managers do to improve and maintain the safe enjoyment of our waterways?

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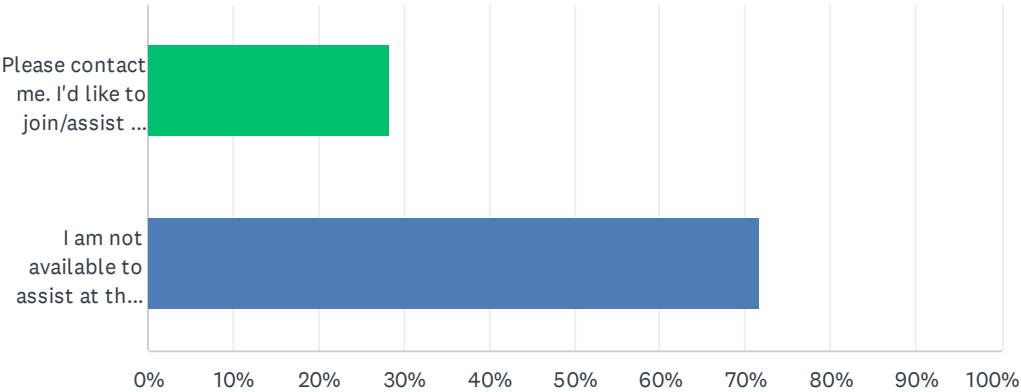
| #  | RESPONSES                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | DATE               |
|----|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1  | Public interactions - quarterly stakeholders events                                                                                                                                                                                    | 6/12/2025 8:15 AM  |
| 2  | Outreach on boating and safety                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 6/11/2025 9:21 PM  |
| 3  | Na                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 6/11/2025 3:45 PM  |
| 4  | Parking lot security                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 6/11/2025 2:04 PM  |
| 5  | Stronger push for boater safety and regulations education                                                                                                                                                                              | 6/9/2025 4:12 PM   |
| 6  | n/a                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 4/4/2025 12:05 PM  |
| 7  | Promote Environmental Stewardship, Enhance Access and Infrastructure, Foster Collaboration with Local Communities and Stakeholders, Utilize Technology for Monitoring and Alerts and more Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Response | 3/31/2025 9:07 PM  |
| 8  | Partnerships with groups that have similar missions. MADD has been a good partner with SDGFP. Public outreach is often viewed in higher regard when it comes from groups other than LE.                                                | 3/31/2025 3:34 PM  |
| 9  | Paddlers funding boating safety and marine law enforcement.                                                                                                                                                                            | 3/31/2025 11:08 AM |
| 10 | Quicker response for updates to charts                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 3/27/2025 12:33 PM |
| 11 | Educate on navigation systems.                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 3/25/2025 9:35 AM  |
| 12 | Please encourage boating law administrators' continued work in cooperation with USCG. Lots of work overlaps between organizations.                                                                                                     | 3/20/2025 8:38 AM  |
| 13 | Advocate for the USCG small boats to return.                                                                                                                                                                                           | 3/19/2025 8:42 PM  |
| 14 | Educate mariners and recreational boaters.                                                                                                                                                                                             | 3/19/2025 2:33 PM  |
| 15 | Focus on Recreational Boats and Commercial Boater Interactions, non-federal Signage for Security Zones, and most importantly: advocate for legislative change (and funding stream) to remove delict vessels from the water.            | 3/19/2025 8:43 AM  |
| 16 | know the user!                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 3/18/2025 4:03 PM  |
| 17 | Develop illegal charter regulations for vessels and for jet skis at the state and local level.                                                                                                                                         | 3/18/2025 2:36 PM  |
| 18 | Keep the federal agencies and programs funded.                                                                                                                                                                                         | 3/18/2025 12:26 PM |
| 19 | Continue to look for funding opportunities that support proper and safe management of waterways and waterways facilities.                                                                                                              | 3/13/2025 3:28 PM  |
| 20 | actions were comprehensive in the survey.                                                                                                                                                                                              | 3/13/2025 9:54 AM  |
| 21 | More signage for users                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 3/12/2025 9:41 AM  |
| 22 | Educate                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 3/12/2025 9:39 AM  |
| 23 | N/A                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 3/12/2025 9:38 AM  |
| 24 | More resources                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 3/12/2025 9:37 AM  |
| 25 | More cross-state co-operation.                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 3/12/2025 8:58 AM  |
| 26 | Work to provide funding for public safety, law enforcement, outreach, and education.                                                                                                                                                   | 3/11/2025 4:33 PM  |
| 27 | Be aware of changing conditions. The waterways are dynamic and the use of them is always                                                                                                                                               | 3/10/2025 10:10 AM |

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|    | evolving.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                    |
| 28 | Universal laws                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 3/9/2025 12:20 AM  |
| 29 | Work with those responsible for permitted PATONs to ensure replacement when damaged.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 3/8/2025 7:24 AM   |
| 30 | Boater education.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 3/7/2025 10:27 AM  |
| 31 | Education and partnerships to encourage safe boating -- these exist, just always good to reinforce, remind, rally                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 3/7/2025 10:19 AM  |
| 32 | Consider mandatory minimal boating safety education.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 3/7/2025 5:59 AM   |
| 33 | Lobby to make boater education mandatory for anyone operating a vessel                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 3/6/2025 4:21 PM   |
| 34 | ?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 3/6/2025 12:17 AM  |
| 35 | nothing to add                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 3/5/2025 8:07 PM   |
| 36 | Require Boat Operator Card for rental boats. Rules to regulate private persons renting their boat for the day over the internet.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 3/5/2025 4:58 PM   |
| 37 | Education is a very good basic start                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 3/5/2025 2:58 PM   |
| 38 | Increase patrols                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 3/5/2025 2:29 PM   |
| 39 | Strive for consistency in regulations. Work to ensure adequate launching / retrieval facilities for all vessel types. Develop a matrix or other tools to evaluate user issues and implement appropriate regulations. Provide a user feedback portal for continuous collection of boater experiences to assist with planning and regulation development. Develop regional / localized management plans in a manner that ensures diverse water-based recreational opportunities are accessible for all user groups. | 3/4/2025 11:20 AM  |
| 40 | Education, especially for boat renters. Even though most are required to have a boater safety certificate, they don't seem to know the rules of the waterways. Also, education of fisherman, fishing in and near marinas where large boats are trying to navigate. They always seem to be plugging up the gaps.                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 3/1/2025 5:05 PM   |
| 41 | Have full support of their administration. Not have to worry about the political football game. Be entrusted to make the right, honest and just decision for the protection of the resources.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 2/27/2025 2:39 PM  |
| 42 | Educational outreach in schools. A little work with younger students can expand use and knowledge that will impact years of waterways management.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 2/27/2025 12:58 PM |
| 43 | Mandatory boater ed, harsher punishment for OUI.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 2/27/2025 12:34 PM |
| 44 | Find a way to improve or perform maintenance of clear and concise signage and ATONs for recreational mariners.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 2/27/2025 10:28 AM |
| 45 | Public education and enforcement of laws                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 2/27/2025 9:23 AM  |
| 46 | Avoid issuing special permits such as fishing tournaments permits or other permit events at the same time as opening of certain seasons on the waterways for hunting as it causes massive problems                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 2/26/2025 6:41 PM  |
| 47 | Press legislators to increase Department of Natural Resources state law enforcement budget so we can hire more officers                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 2/26/2025 3:56 PM  |
| 48 | be open and responsive                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 2/26/2025 3:38 PM  |
| 49 | Regulations written in clear simple language Enhanced outreach and education to include all user groups on the waterways                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 2/26/2025 3:07 PM  |
| 50 | Communicate with neighboring states on what methods they are using for managing waterways so that there is consistency.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 2/26/2025 2:52 PM  |

Q9 If you would like to assist the NASBLA Waterway Management Task Force, please let us know.

Answered: 95    Skipped: 40



| ANSWER CHOICES                                             | RESPONSES |    |
|------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|----|
| Please contact me. I'd like to join/assist the Task Force. | 28.42%    | 27 |
| I am not available to assist at this time.                 | 71.58%    | 68 |
| TOTAL                                                      |           | 95 |