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## U.S. COAST GUARD PURCHASES AMERICAN CANOE ASSOCIATION

In a surprise announcement on August 8<sup>th</sup> the U.S. Coast Guard announced the purchase and takeover of the American Canoe Association. A Coastie spokesperson indicated that this is the initial step to procure all river related organizations, including The Grand Canyon River Guides, River Management Society, Utah Guides and Outfitters and the Colorado River Outfitters Association. The spokesman added that once these acquisitions are complete the Coast Guard will procure, first all non-profit and then other river companies in the United States, followed by companies that manufacture and sell river related equipment.

“By owning all river related activities we anticipate the U.S, Government will have an easier time in implementing new rules and regulations no matter how ridiculous.” He added that the first step will be to require all craft rental businesses to install an Olympic size river course to license all Boat Operators, Human. Presently the Coast Guard has no plans to license other mammals, reptiles and amphibians. The action is expected to comply with the Endangered Species Act, but will proceed with a Record Of Decision to end run that Act.

It is thought the cash strapped American Canoe Association accepted the Coast Guard

offer of ten-million dollars to develop, surreptitiously, a National Human Propelled Boat Standards that will eventually be codified into law. An ACA spokesperson thought the influx of cash will permit the organization to hold its winter conferences in Cyprus – all expenses paid for ACA members.

Once codified any and all Humans who plan to Propel a Boat will be required to present a license prior to any purchase of river boats and gear, prior to renting any river boats, and to be presented at the headquarters as well as boat ramp of any managing agency.

A little known segment of the proposed law requires the use of drones – members of the ACA, to monitor and cite violators. ACA members will be issued full combat gear and equipment, similar to agency personnel and the Coast Guard anti-drug enforcement patrols. One positive aspect of the law will be that Commercial outfitters will no longer be required to carry liability insurance, however the new license for humans will cost over \$1000.

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The American Canoe Association (ACA) is a member based, national nonprofit organization serving the broader paddling public by providing education related to all aspects of paddling; stewardship support to help protect paddling environments; and sanctioning of programs and events to promote paddlesport competition and recreation (**aka FUN!**).

The heart of the ACA is the people who paddle, cherish, protect, and enjoy the diverse waterways of America. The brains of the organization are non-existent.

If you're happy and you know it clap your hands.