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With diverse backgrounds, and representing local, state or national constituencies, organizations/entities that have signed this CRSA have a common interest in the Saluda Hydroelectric Project and the environmental, recreational and cultural resources contained within and around its borders. Descriptions of many signatory organization/entities are provided below to exhibit some of the multi-faceted interests represented through this process. Please note that this is not an all-inclusive list of participating organizations/entities, as descriptions were not provided by all of the CRSA signatories.

#### **American Rivers**

American Rivers is the leading conservation organization fighting for healthy rivers so communities can thrive. American Rivers protects and restores America's rivers for the benefit of people, wildlife and nature. Founded in 1973, American Rivers has more than 65,000 members and supporters, with offices in Washington, DC, Columbia, SC and nationwide. We have been involved in the relicensing of more that 40 dams in South Carolina and the Southeast that affect some 1000 miles of river. Visit [www.AmericanRivers.org](http://www.AmericanRivers.org).

#### **American Whitewater**

American Whitewater is a national nonprofit organization whose mission is to protect and restore our nation's whitewater resources while enhancing opportunities to enjoy them safely. We have roughly 6,500 members and over 100 affiliate clubs nationwide, and are based in North Carolina . A significant portion of our membership lives near the project and seeks recreational opportunities on the Saluda River. We have collaboratively participated in the management of the Saluda River for many years, including participation in the relicensing process for the Saluda Project since its inception. We have played an active role in studies and mitigation discussions relating to river-based recreation and conservation. American Whitewater continues to be represented by both staff and volunteers on this project, and worked closely with paddling clubs and other organizations. We highly value the Saluda River because

it offers high quality whitewater boating opportunities in a metropolitan setting, in an area with few paddling alternatives.

### **Lake Murray Association**

The Lake Murray Association Inc. "The Voice of Lake Murray" is a 501-C3 organization chartered in 1997 to represent the "users" of Lake Murray. The LMA is an educational organization as well as a proactive group representing approximately 4000 people currently. Over the 15 years of its organization LMA has represented over 10,000 people who used the lake. Lake Murray is an urban lake and the residents as well as the users are often relocated thus the fluctuation in membership. LMA produces a 12 page newsletter 4 times per year to its membership as well as holds 4 public meetings annually in each of the 4 counties that surrounds the lake. The association is active in water testing, safety education, water quality education, nuisance aquatic weed control, as well as tremendous concern for high water levels to enhance recreation and ensure safety particularly during the spring, summer and fall season.

### **Midlands Striper Club**

The Midlands Striper Club is a family-oriented fishing club organized to stimulate public awareness of striped bass fishing. We promote sportsmanship, conservation and demand adequate water quality. We're based in Columbia, S.C. on beautiful Lake Murray. Present club membership is 250 plus members of all ages.

### **NOAA, National Marine Fisheries Service**

The United States Commission of Fish and Fisheries, usually called the "Fish Commission" was established in 1871 as the Nation's first Federal conservation agency devoted to protection, study, management, and restoration of fish. Later, the Fish Commission was renamed the Bureau of Fisheries, and still later it became part of the Department of the Interior as the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries. In 1970 congress transferred the Bureau to the new National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration, and renamed it the National Marine Fisheries Service. Today's mission for "NOAA Fisheries" is research, protection, management and restoration of living marine resources, including sea-run migratory fish species inhabiting the Santee River Basin.

### **South Carolina Department of Archives and History**

The South Carolina Department of Archives and History preserves and promotes the documentary and cultural heritage of the state through professional records, historic preservation, and education programs. The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), part of SCDAH, encourages and facilitates the responsible stewardship of South Carolina's irreplaceable historic and prehistoric places. The SHPO serves as the state's consulting party to all federal agencies undertaking projects in the state and provides advice, expertise, and comments to federal agencies in compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended.

### **South Carolina Department of Natural Resources**

The DNR is the advocate for and steward of the state's natural resources and pro-active in protecting the state's natural resources for use and enjoyment by future generations of South Carolinians. The DNR develops and implements policies and programs for the conservation, management, utilization, and protection of the state's natural resources based upon scientifically sound resource assessment and monitoring, applied research, technology transfer, natural resources planning, public education, outreach, technical assistance and customer involvement.

### **South Carolina Electric & Gas Company**

SCE&G is a regulated utility that has been providing energy needs to the people of South Carolina for over 150 years. SCE&G chose to conduct a three staged enhanced traditional process that allowed all stakeholders to participate in the Saluda Hydro relicensing. Our goal in the relicensing process is to secure a new 50-year operating license that maintains operational flexibility for the continued long term viability of the Project while reducing or eliminating environmental impacts from Project operations.

### **South Carolina Wildlife Federation**

The mission of the South Carolina Wildlife Federation is to ADVOCATE for wildlife, habitat and the environment, EDUCATE citizens in the conservation ethic, and SUPPORT outdoor

traditions. To that end, SCWF plays many roles which include supporting sound management of all natural resources; reviewing and commenting on agency permit and policy decisions; carefully analyzing resource problems in light of public interest; promoting open discussion and developing constructive resource management solutions; encouraging protection of public lands and natural areas for all South Carolinians to experience; and working with individuals, groups, clubs and others with an interest in hunting and fishing to insure that these activities are available for future generations to enjoy. Our strong track record of providing sound advice and leadership has forged a place for SCWF within the ranks of decision makers.