

1 **BYLAWS**

2 **Southern California Deaf Anglers Club**
3 *A California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation*

4 **Adopted:** February 21, 2026

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6 **ARTICLE I – NAME**

7 The name of this corporation shall be **Southern California Deaf Anglers Club**, hereinafter
8 referred to as **SCDAC**.

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10 **ARTICLE II – PURPOSE**

11 This corporation is organized and operated exclusively for **charitable, educational, and**
12 **recreational purposes** within the meaning of **Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue**
13 **Code**.

14 The specific purposes of SCDAC are:

- 15 1. To promote angling and sport fishing among Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and hearing
16 individuals.
 - 17 2. To provide recreational and educational opportunities for members and the public,
18 with emphasis on serving the Deaf and Hard of Hearing community in Southern
19 California.
 - 20 3. To encourage fellowship, personal growth, and healthy outdoor activities.
 - 21 4. To conduct fishing trips, tournaments, workshops, and programs that advance
22 understanding, conservation, and enjoyment of sport fishing.
 - 23 5. To support charitable initiatives that educate the public about angling,
24 conservation, and environmental stewardship.
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26 **ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP**

27 **Section 1. Membership Category**

28 Membership shall be individual only. Each member shall be entitled to one vote. There
29 shall be no lifetime memberships.

30 **Section 2. Qualifications**

31 Members must be at least eighteen (18) years of age.

32 **Section 3. Dues**

- 33 • Annual membership dues are **\$15 per individual**.
- 34 • Membership is valid for twelve (12) months from the date of payment.
- 35 • Membership automatically lapses upon expiration; dues are not carried in arrears.
- 36 • **Charitable Contribution:** From the dues collected, SCDAC shall set aside a
37 **minimum amount of no less than one dollar (\$1.00) per member annually**, with
38 the **specific amount to be determined by the Board of Directors**, to be donated to
39 one or more nonprofit organizations organized and operated exclusively under
40 **Section 501(c)(3)** of the Internal Revenue Code that promote and educate the
41 public about angling.

42 **Section 4. Renewal**

43 Members in good standing may renew annually by paying dues.

44 **Section 5. Expulsion**

45 Members may be expelled for conduct detrimental to SCDAC, including violations of law or
46 unsportsmanlike behavior, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Directors.

- 47 • Use of illegal drugs or narcotics during club activities results in automatic lifetime
48 expulsion upon Board approval.
- 49 • Membership dues are non-refundable. Prepaid event fees may be refunded at Board
50 discretion.

51 **Section 6. Compliance**

52 All members shall comply with all local, state, and federal laws, including the rules and
53 regulations of the **California Department of Fish and Wildlife**.

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55 **ARTICLE IV – BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

56 **Section 1. Composition**

57 The Board of Directors shall consist of:

- 58 • President

- 59 • Vice President
- 60 • Secretary
- 61 • Treasurer
- 62 • Three (3) Members-at-Large

63 **Section 2. Term of Office**

- 64 • Directors serve two-year terms.
- 65 • Elections are held at the December General Meeting in odd-numbered years.
- 66 • No Director may serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office.

67 **Section 3. Eligibility**

- 68 • Active members with at least twelve (12) months of membership are eligible.
- 69 • Former or inactive members may be nominated upon payment of dues at the
70 General Meeting.
- 71 • All Board members must reside in the **State of California** during their term of office.

72 **Section 4. Duties**

- 73 • **President:** Presides at meetings, represents SCDAC, and ensures proper
74 governance.
- 75 • **Vice President:** Assists the President, assumes duties in the President’s absence,
76 and manages club property.
- 77 • **Secretary:** Maintains organizational records, minutes, correspondence, and
78 meeting notices.
- 79 • **Treasurer:** Oversees financial accounts, maintains the membership database, and
80 provides financial reports. Expenditures over \$500 (excluding approved trip costs)
81 require Board approval.
- 82 • **Members-at-Large:** Assist with audits, programs, and duties assigned by the Board.

83 **Section 5. Removal and Resignation**

- 84 • Directors may be removed with or without cause by a two-thirds (2/3) Board vote.
- 85 • Any Director missing three consecutive meetings without cause may be removed.
- 86 • Resignations must be submitted in writing to the President or Secretary.

87 **Section 6. Vacancies**

88 Vacancies shall be filled by majority vote of the remaining Directors until the next election.

89 **Section 7. Board Vote on Business Matters**

90 Any business matter, policy decision, contract, financial commitment, or organizational
91 action requiring approval of the Board of Directors shall be **approved by a single Board**
92 **vote**. Once approved, such action shall remain in effect unless modified, revoked, or
93 superseded by a subsequent Board vote.

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95 **ARTICLE V – MEETINGS**

96 **Section 1. Board Meetings**

97 Board Meetings may be called by the President with at least two (2) weeks' notice.

98 **Quorum:** Five (5) Directors.

99 **Section 2. General Meetings**

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- The Annual General Meeting shall be held in December.

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 - An additional General Meeting may be held in May if requested by at least five (5)
102 members by March 31.

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 - Notice shall be given at least 180 days in advance via website posting, email, and
104 social media.

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 - **Quorum:** Fifteen (15) voting members.

106 **Section 3. Special Meetings**

107 Special Meetings may be called by the President or by a majority of the Board with seven (7)
108 days' notice.

109 **Quorum:** Five (5) Directors.

110 **Section 4. Minutes**

111 Minutes of all Board, General, and Special Meetings shall be distributed within thirty (30)
112 days by email and posted on the website and social media.

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114 **ARTICLE VI – COMMITTEES**

115 The Board may establish standing or special committees as needed, including
116 tournaments, fundraising, membership, newsletter, and website committees. Committee
117 chairs shall be appointed by the President.

118 The SCDAC Facebook group shall have at least three (3) administrators with full privileges.

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120 **ARTICLE VII – ELECTIONS**

121 1. Nominations shall take place at the December General Meeting.

122 2. Elections shall be conducted by secret ballot.

123 3. Terms are two (2) years, limited to two consecutive terms in the same office.

124 4. **Elections shall be held at the December General Meeting in odd-numbered**
125 **years.**

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127 **ARTICLE VIII – FISH RECORDS**

128 • Official fish records remain valid after membership expiration or death.

129 • Records may be updated only upon approval of a larger or heavier fish by a two-
130 thirds (2/3) Board vote.

131 • Records may be revoked only in cases of cheating or false submission.

132 • All historical records shall be permanently archived.

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134 **ARTICLE IX – AMENDMENTS**

135 These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of members present at a General
136 Meeting, provided amendments are submitted in writing at least sixty (60) days in advance
137 and notice is given at least thirty (30) days prior to the vote.

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139 **ARTICLE X – PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

140 The most recent edition of **Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised** shall govern SCDAC in
141 all cases not otherwise covered by these bylaws.

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143 **ARTICLE XI – DISSOLUTION**

144 Upon dissolution of SCDAC, and after payment of all debts and liabilities, all remaining
145 assets shall be distributed to **one or more organizations organized and operated**
146 **exclusively for charitable, educational, or recreational purposes within the meaning of**
147 **Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code**, or to the federal, state, or local
148 government for a public purpose.

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150 **ARTICLE XII – CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

151 Directors, officers, and committee members shall disclose any actual or potential conflicts
152 of interest. Individuals with a conflict shall abstain from deliberation and voting. Directors
153 shall receive no compensation except reimbursement for reasonable expenses incurred on
154 behalf of SCDAC.