



NATIVE AMERICAN SPORT FISHING FEDERATION

PROGRAM PLAN 2026–2027

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NASFF puts Native American anglers on the international stage. We enter athletes in sanctioned championships, starting with the Pan American Surf Fishing Championships, and we're building the federation behind them: selection, sponsorship and a home base tribal nations can stand behind.

WHO WE REPRESENT

Enrolled citizens of federally recognized tribal nations. NASFF confirms enrollment privately before anyone is named to a roster and never publishes enrollment details. We respect tribal protocols: before we feature a tribe or its citizens, we ask first.

2026 · YEAR ONE: FLORIDA

EVENT 6th Pan American Surf Fishing Championships, the first held in the U.S.

WHERE / WHEN Sebastian Inlet State Park, Florida · Nov 5–8, 2026

HOSTS USA Surf Fishing Team, US Angling, Pan American Sportfishing Federation

NASFF's entry: founding president Robert Jacobo III (Fort Mojave Indian Tribe) fishes as the federation's first athlete. Year one is one angler and a camera. The entry is filmed start to finish so future athletes, tribes and sponsors can see what the path takes.

2027 · BUILDING TOWARD PANAMA

A full team is the goal, not a promise. Panama 2027 is where NASFF's team starts to take shape. The team score counts each nation's three best anglers, so the first target is a scoring core of three to four. Pan Am rules allow up to 10 adult men, or 15 anglers with at least three women and two under-21s (ages 11–21, with a guardian).

Principle: we'd rather send a few well-supported anglers than a big team we can't back. We only name the anglers we can support.

WHAT WE LOOK FOR

- Shore fishing with lures for warm-water game fish (jacks, snook, tarpon)
- Stamina for two sessions a day, two days running, plus practice
- Team-first: shares what's working, helps teammates
- Organized; plans own travel and training
- Fit for long days in heat and surf
- Tournament experience helps; it isn't required

ROADMAP

- **SEPT 2026** Federation founded: name, nasff.org, info@nasff.org
- **NOV 2026** Florida: NASFF's first Pan Am entry
- **WINTER 2026–27** The Florida film; 2027 roster call opens
- **2027** Selection criteria published once the tournament details are released; applications reviewed, enrollment confirmed
- **THEN** Roster named, only as big as sponsorships can support; travel booked
- **2027** Panama: NASFF's first multi-angler team

BUILDING THE FEDERATION

- **Now:** trade name registration; federation email, domain and social accounts
- **After Florida:** incorporate as an Arizona nonprofit corporation
- **Then:** apply for 501(c)(3) status, so donations are tax-deductible and tribes and companies can fund athletes directly

SUPPORT THE TEAM

Sending one angler runs about **\$8,600** with competition gear, or about \$2,000 for an angler who owns their gear. NASFF is building sponsorships so cost isn't what keeps a qualified angler home.

- **Tribal nations:** share the roster call, sponsor an athlete, host a tryout or clinic
- **Businesses and brands:** sponsor an athlete or the team, supply gear, partner on the film
- **Anglers and crew:** join the roster, or help as a coach, captain, volunteer or film crew

JOIN THE 2027 ROSTER

Scan the code or visit
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