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SUBJ: PADDLE CRAFT REFLECTOR KITS

1. The Auxiliary National Supply Center (ANSC) currently has about 16,000 Paddle Craft Reflector Kits in stock. Developed by the Coast Guard Auxiliary under a grant from the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund, administered by the Coast Guard, these kits help make paddlers more visible to boaters. These kits are available from ANSC as stock line item #3004B. Due to the limited supply, there is a limit of 50 kits per order.

2. As the recreational boating season gets into full swing across the country, now is the ideal time to distribute these kits as part of Auxiliary engagement with paddlers at public education events, vessel safety checks, and program visits. Each kit consists of a sheet of shiny, reflective plastic film containing four reflectors, one for each paddle tip. Paddlers can peel the reflectors from the sheets and apply them to the tip of each paddle. On the water, these reflectors catch the sun, and reflect it with a glint to make the paddle craft more visible to other paddlers and boaters. Each kit includes a safety checklist that can be marked with the paddle craft owner's name and phone number, and then applied to the paddle craft. The kit also contains much more useful safety information for paddlers.

3. Auxiliary flotillas that engage with paddle craft communities are strongly encouraged to place their orders now and distribute these valuable reflector kits soon in order to promote and achieve improved paddle craft safety.

4. Internet Release and Distribution is Authorized.