

Business and Conservation Interests Support Dedicated Funding to Recover America's Fish and Wildlife

We, the undersigned, support preventing fish and wildlife from becoming endangered by dedicating \$1.3 billion annually into the federal Wildlife Conservation and Restoration Program, using existing revenue from the development of energy and mineral resources on federal lands and waters. We support this recommendation of the Blue Ribbon Panel on Sustaining America's Diverse Fish and Wildlife Resources, comprised of national business and conservation leaders.

Our nation has been blessed with a diverse array of fish and wildlife. While some of these species are thriving, many more are facing increasing challenges and are in steep decline – increasing their possibility of becoming endangered. State fish and wildlife agencies have identified 12,000 species nationwide in need of proactive conservation action.

At the request of Congress, every state has developed a State Wildlife Action Plan to assess the health of their state's fish and wildlife and outline conservation actions necessary to sustain them. Collectively, these action plans have identified these 12,000 species and formed a nationwide strategy to prevent them from becoming endangered. However, the current federal State Wildlife Grants program is funded at only a fraction of what states need to conserve these species. State fish and wildlife biologists estimate that it would cost \$1.3 billion annually to implement 75 percent of these actions. The magnitude of the solution must match the magnitude of the challenge.

America has a proud history of bringing fish and wildlife back from the brink of extinction through professional wildlife management. A century ago, prized game species like elk, wood ducks, pronghorns, and striped bass were at risk of extinction—now they are thriving due largely to user fees provided by hunters and anglers. Today we face a new conservation crisis as emerging diseases, invasive species, habitat loss, and extreme weather threaten many wildlife populations at a scale inconceivable just a few decades ago.

This growing wildlife crisis poses a threat to America's vibrant outdoor economy. Hunters, anglers, birders, hikers, campers, and backyard wildlife watchers have created a fast growing outdoor consumer base that depends on healthy wildlife populations. Today, the outdoor economy contributes \$887 billion to our national economy annually, creates 7.6 million direct jobs, and generates \$124.5 billion in federal, state, and local tax revenue.

Further, by preventing the decline of species so that they do not require the stricter protections of the ESA, other businesses will be able to operate with more regulatory certainty and reduced risk. As the decline of numerous species and their habitats across the country worsens, preemptive action can reverse this trend and keep species from the critical, yet often costly, "emergency room" measures required by the ESA. Proactive conservation is good for wildlife, good for taxpayers, and good for business. We support the protection of our nation's precious fish and wildlife heritage by supporting efforts to direct dedicated funding into the Wildlife Conservation and Restoration Program.

Sincerely,

[Sign the letter by clicking here!](#)

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National and Regional

American Bird Conservancy
American Fisheries Society
American Fly Fishing Trade Association
American Littoral Society
Association of National Estuary Programs
Association of Zoos & Aquariums
Bass Pro Shops
Bat Conservation International
Central Mountains & Plains Section of The Wildlife Society
Cornell Lab of Ornithology
Delta Waterfowl Foundation
DJ Case & Associates
Greater Yellowstone Coalition
Izaak Walton League of America
Maryland-Delaware Chapter of The Wildlife Society
National Audubon Society
National Bobwhite Conservation Initiative
National Wildlife Federation
National Wild Turkey Federation
Nature Abounds
NatureServe
North American Bluebird Society, Purple Martin Conservation Association
Northeast Section of The Wildlife Society
Pheasants Forever
Southern Environmental Law Center
Southeast Section of The Wildlife Society
The Raptor Trust
The Conservation Fund
The Wildlife Society

Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership
Trout Unlimited
Quality Deer Management
Western Section of The Wildlife Society
Wildlife Forever
Yellowstone to Yukon Conservation Initiative

National Wildlife Federation Affiliates

Alabama Wildlife Federation
Arizona Wildlife Federation
Arkansas Wildlife Federation
Colorado Wildlife Federation
Connecticut Forest & Park Association
Conservation Council for Hawai'i
Conservation Federation of Missouri
Delaware Nature Society
Earth Conservation Corps
Florida Wildlife Federation
Georgia Wildlife Federation
Idaho Wildlife Federation
Indiana Wildlife Federation
Iowa Wildlife Federation
Kansas Wildlife Federation
Kentucky Waterways Alliance
Louisiana Wildlife Federation
Minnesota Conservation Federation
Mississippi Wildlife Federation
Conservation Federation of Missouri
Montana Wildlife Federation
National Aquarium
Nebraska Wildlife Federation
Nevada Wildlife Federation

New Hampshire Audubon
New Jersey Audubon
New Mexico Wildlife Federation
North Carolina Wildlife Federation
North Dakota Wildlife Federation
Association of Northwest Steelheaders
PennFuture
Prairie Rivers Network
Sociedad Ornitológica Puertorriqueña Inc.
South Carolina Wildlife Federation
South Dakota Wildlife Federation
Tennessee Wildlife Federation
Texas Conservation Alliance
Vermont Natural Resources Council
Virgin Islands Conservation Society
WA - Conservation Northwest
West Virginia Rivers Coalition
Wyoming Wildlife Federation
Vermont Natural Resources Council
Wisconsin Wildlife Federation

Alabama

Alabama Wildlife Federation
Pritchett Environmental & Property Law LLC

Alaska

American Fisheries Society, Alaska Chapter
Susitna River Coalition
The Wildlife Society, Alaska Chapter
West Hair Studio

Arizona

Arizona Wildlife Federation
Catalina Brewing Company
Prison Hill Brewing Company

Wren House Brewing Company

Arkansas

American Fisheries Society, Arkansas Chapter
Arkansas Wildlife Federation
Arkansas State University
Best Pallets, Inc.
Building Plastics Inc.
Friends of White River National Wildlife Refuge
Pine Ridge Gardens
RW Standage Fisheries Services
The Wildlife Society, Arkansas Chapter

California

California Department of Water Resources
ECOSLO-Environmental Center of San Luis Obispo
Highway Safety Stewards
National University
Point Blue Conservation Science
Western Sonoma County Rural Alliance
The Wildlife Society, Bay Area Chapter
University of California, Davis

Colorado

American Fisheries Society, Colorado/ Wyoming Chapter
Black Canyon Audubon Society
Colorado State University
Colorado Wildlife Federation
One Earth Future
The Wildlife Society, Colorado Chapter
Vet Voice Foundation

Connecticut

Connecticut Audubon Society
Connecticut Forest & Parks Association

Delaware

American Fisheries Society, Mid-Atlantic Chapter
Anchor QEA LLC
Citizens' Climate Lobby, Lower Delaware
Delaware Center for the Inland Bays
Delaware Interfaith Power & Light
Delaware Nature Society
Delaware Wild Lands
Delmarva Ornithological Society
Green Watch Institute Foundation
Inland Bays Foundation
League of Women Voters of Sussex County, DE
Protecting our Indian River
University of Delaware

Florida

Environmental Consulting
Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
Florida Wildlife Federation
Guy Harvey Magazine
Kemp Design Services
The Wildlife Society, Florida Chapter
University of Florida
University of South Florida

Georgia

Georgia Bat Working Group
Georgia Wildlife Federation
The Wildlife Society, Georgia Chapter

The Wildlife Society, UGA Student Chapter

Hawaii

Conservation Council for Hawai'i

Idaho

Ada County Fish and Game League
American Fly Fishing Trade Association*
Archery Idaho
Friends of MK Nature Center
Idaho Backcountry Hunters and Anglers
Idaho Chukar Foundation
Idaho Deer Alliance
Idaho Fish & Wildlife Foundation
Idaho Hunters Education Association
Idaho Outdoor Business Council
Idaho State Bowhunters
Idaho Trappers Association
Idaho Wild Sheep Foundation
Idaho Wildlife Federation
JD High Country Outfitters
RIO Products
Safari Club International Idaho Chapter
Southwest Idaho Fishing
The Wildlife Society, Idaho Chapter
Trout Hunt
Waterworks-Lamson
Western Bear Foundation
Yellowstone to Yukon Conservation Initiative*

Illinois

American Fisheries Society, Illinois Chapter
Anita Purves Nature Center, Urbana Park District
Douglas-Hart Nature Center

Illinois Environmental Council Education Fund
Illinois Human
Fisheries Conservation Foundation*
Openlands
Peoria Audubon Society
Prairie Rivers Network
The Conservation Foundation
The Friends of Volo Bog State Natural Area
The Wetlands Initiative
The Wildlife Society, Illinois Chapter
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

Indiana

American Fisheries Society, Indiana Chapter
DJ Case & Associates*
Indiana Wildlife Federation

Iowa

American Fisheries Society, Iowa Chapter
Blank Park Zoo
Bur Oak Land Trust
Iowa Conservation Education Coalition
Iowa's County Conservation System
Iowa Raptor Project
Iowa Wildlife Federation
Page County Conservation Board
Raptor Resource Project
Tallgrass Prairie Audubon Society
Ty Smedes Nature Photography

Kansas

American Fisheries Society, Kansas Chapter
Honey Bunny Ranch
Kansas Alliance for Wetlands and Streams
Kansas State University

Kansas Wildlife Federation

Kentucky

Kentucky Waterways Alliance
The Wildlife Society, Kentucky Chapter

Louisiana

Biological Surveys, Inc.
Black Bear Conservation Coalition
Cajun Fishing Adventures
Diez Signs LLC
Friends of Black Bayou Lake, NWR
Grant Ridge Golf Course
Gulf Restoration Network
LA Marsh Guide Service
Louisiana Wildlife Federation
MQVN Community Development Corporation
Orleans Audubon Society
Rapides Wildlife Association
Tagging Memories
The Outdoor Kitchen Show
Zion Travelers Cooperative Center

Maine

The Wildlife Society, Maine Chapter

Maryland

Association of Zoos & Aquariums*
American Fisheries Society*
Baltimore Trees Trust
Cecil Land Use Association
Chesapeake Wildlife Heritage
Elk Creeks Watershed
Friends of Lower Beaverdam Creek

Friends of St Clements Bay
Izaak Walton League of America*
Lower Shore Land Trust
Maryland Conservation Council
Maryland Native Plant Society
The Mattawoman Watershed Society
National Aquarium
Rock Creek Conservancy
Savage River Watershed Association
Southern Maryland Audubon Society
The Wildlife Society, Maryland Chapter

Massachusetts

Mass Audubon
University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth
Wetland Strategies and Solutions, LLC

Michigan

Backcountry Hunters & Anglers, Michigan Chapter
Central Michigan University
Michigan Department of Natural Resources
Michigan United Conservation Clubs
Tomahawk Archers

Minnesota

Minnesota Conservation Federation
The Wildlife Society, Minnesota Chapter
Wildlife Forever*

Mississippi

Mississippi Wildlife Federation
The Wildlife Society, Mississippi Chapter

Missouri

Bass Pro Shops*
Conservation Federation of Missouri
Mississippi Valley Duck Hunters Association
Missouri Bird Conservation Initiative
Missouri Conservation Pioneers
Missouri Hunter Education Instructor's Association
Missouri Native Seed Association
Missouri River Bird Observatory
Missouri Prairie Foundation
Missouri Trappers Association
Mockingbird Hill Farm
River Bluffs Audubon Society
University of Missouri Wildlife and Fisheries Science Graduate Student Organization
Wild Bird Rehabilitation

Montana

American Fisheries Society, Montana Chapter
Bear Creek Council
Five Valleys Audubon Society, Missoula, MT
Greater Yellowstone Coalition
Headwaters Montana, Inc.
Hellgate Hunters and Anglers
HydroSolutions
Last Chance Audubon Society
Montana Audubon
Montana Conservation Voters Education Fund
Montana Trout Unlimited
Montana Wildlife Federation
Pintler Audubon Society
The Wildlife Society, Montana Chapter
Upper Missouri Breaks Audubon
Yellowstone to Yukon Conservation Initiative*

Nebraska

Nebraska Wildlife Federation
The Wildlife Society, Nebraska Chapter

Nevada

Nevada Wildlife Federation

New Hampshire

New Hampshire Audubon

New Jersey

American Littoral Society*
Archeological Society of New Jersey
Citizens United to Protect the Maurice River
and Its Tributaries, Inc.
Cohansey Watershed
Conserve Wildlife Foundation of New Jersey
Essex County Beekeepers Society
Fyke Nature Association
New Jersey Audubon
New Jersey Conservation Foundation
New Jersey Outdoor Alliance
New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs
of GFWC
New Jersey Bluebird Society
New Jersey Division of the Allegheny Society of
American Foresters
North American Bluebird Society, Purple Mar-
tin Conservation Association*
North Jersey RC&D
NY/NJ Baykeeper
Raritan Headwaters
Ruffed Grouse Society New Jersey Chapter
Save Barnegat Bay
Pheasants Forever, South Jersey Chapter
South Jersey Land & Water Trust

South Jersey Wheelmen
Sweetwater Travel
The Raptor Trust*
Trout Unlimited, Central New Jersey Chapter
Trout Unlimited, Fred S. Burroughs North Jer-
sey Chapter
Wildlife Center Friends, Inc

New Mexico

Design 2211 Graphic Arts
First Presbyterian Church
JACO Outfitters, LLC
Las Cruces Green Chamber of Commerce
Matkat Pottery
New Mexico Interfaith Power and Light
New Mexico Sportsmen
New Mexico Wilderness Alliance
New Mexico Wildlife Federation
Nuestra Tierra Conservation Project
Pueblo of Santa Ana
RESULTS-Santa Fe and Health Action NM
Sierra Club, Northern New Mexico Group
Southwest Environmental Center
Taos Mesa Brewing
TNRC, LLC
Trout Unlimited, New Mexico Chapter

New York

Basha Kill Area Association
Cornell Lab of Ornithology*
Environmental Advocates of New York
New York League of Conservation Voters

North Carolina

American Fisheries Society, North Carolina
Chapter

North Carolina State University Student Fisheries Society

North Carolina Wildlife Federation

The Wildlife Society, North Carolina Chapter

North Dakota

North Dakota Wildlife Federation

Oklahoma

Oklahoma State University

Oregon

Anderson's Outdoors

Association of Northwest Steelheaders

Astoria Sportfishing

BC Angling Supply

Bill Monroe Outdoors

Bob Rees' Fishing Guide Service

Daric Moore Building Arts

David Johnson's Guide Service

Day One Outdoors

Double G Guide Service

Ferris Landscaping

Fight Club Guide Service

Fish the Swing Guide Service

FishEng Products

Flying Fish Co.

Grant's Outdoor Adventures

In the Zone Sportfishing

It's All Good Guide Service

Joe Domenico Insurance Agency

JT NW Guide Service

Kevin Hendrickson Music

Tom Kelly, Labor Commissioner, State of Oregon

Nancy Slavin, LLC

Neil Kelly Remodeling

North Coast River Guides

Northwest Angling Experience

Northwest Fishing Adventures

Northwest Guides and Anglers Association

Representative Ken Helm, Oregon State Legislature

Okulitch and Associates

Organic Earthly Delights

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission

Oregon State Legislature

Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Association

Paradise Guide Service

Peck's Guide Service

Public Purposes, LLC

Ritchie Services

River Trail Outfitters

Ron Chamness Auctions

Salem (OR) Audubon Society

SandC Rod Racks

Skylen Freet Guided Sportfishing, LLC

Steel Deals, LLC

T & S Guide Service

Tim Wilson Sells Homes, LLC

We Win, LLC

Western Fishing Adventures

World Class Fishing

Ohio

Ohio EPA

Pennsylvania

Audubon Pennsylvania

Aquashicola/ Pohopoco Watershed Conservancy

Delaware Highlands Conservancy

Elk Creeks Watershed Association

Mehoopany Creek Watershed Association

PennFuture

Pennsylvania Council of Churches

Penn State University

Southeast Montgomery County Trout Unlimited #468

Trout Unlimited, Valley Forge Chapter

Trout Unlimited, Western Pocono Chapter

Quality Deer Management*

Puerto Rico

Sociedad Ornitológica Puertorriqueña Inc.

Rhode Island

National Wildlife Organization

South Carolina

South Carolina Wildlife Federation

The Wildlife Society, South Carolina Chapter

South Dakota

American Fisheries Society, South Dakota Chapter

South Dakota Wildlife Federation

Tennessee

American Fisheries Society, Tennessee Chapter

BirdWorks Consulting

Conservation Fisheries, Inc.

Delta Waterfowl Foundation*

Greg A. Vital Center for Natural Resources and Conservation at Cleveland State

Harpeth River Watershed Association

K Gregg Consulting

Middle Tennessee State University Center for Environmental Education & Center for Cedar & Glades Studies

Mill Creek Watershed Association

National Bobwhite Conservation Initiative*

Obed Watershed Community Association

R&R Fly Fishing

Richland Creek Watershed Alliance

Rough Country Outdoors Hunting Club

Sierra Club, Tennessee Chapter

Southern Environmental Law Center*

South Chickamauga Creek Greenway Alliance

Stephens Seed and Supply

Tennessee Citizens for Wilderness Planning

Tennessee Clean Water Network

Tennessee Conservation Voters

Tennessee Environmental Council

Tennessee Interfaith Power and Light

Tennessee Ornithological Society

Tennessee Parks and Greenways Foundation

Tennessee Wildlife Federation

The Conservation Fund, Tennessee Chapter

The Wolf River Conservancy

The Wildlife Society, University of Tennessee - Martin Student Chapter

University of Tennessee, Knoxville

Texas

American Fisheries Society, Texas Chapter

Bat Conservation International*

Bexar Audubon Society

Dallas Down River Club

East Texas Woods & Waters Foundation

Friends of the Brazos River

Friends United for a Safe Environment (FUSE, Inc.)

Fort Worth Audubon Society

Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance

Houston Safari Club

Houston Zoo

Native Plant Society of Texas

Native Plant Society of Texas, San Antonio Chapter

Pharr- San Juan- Alamo Independent School District

San Antonio Conservation Society

Save Barton Creek Association

Texas Conservation Alliance

Texas League of Conservation Voters

United States Virgin Islands

Virgin Islands Conservation Society

Utah

American Fisheries Society, Utah Chapter

Utah State University

Wild Utah Project

Vermont

Vermont Natural Resources Council

Virginia

American Fisheries Society*

Friends of Accotink Creek

National Wildlife Federation

NatureServe*

Radford University

Richmond Audubon Society

The Conservation Fund*

The Wildlife Society, Virginia Chapter

Trout Unlimited*

Virginia Tech

Washington

Brandon's Guide Service

Conservation Northwest

Dan Ponciano Guide Service

The Guide's Forecast

Washington, DC

American Bird Conservancy*

Audubon Naturalist Society

Designgreen, LLC

Earth Conservation Corps

Interfaith Power & Light (Washington, DC, Maryland, and Northern Virginia)

Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership,

West Virginia

West Virginia Rivers Coalition

Wisconsin

Wisconsin Wildlife Federation

Wyoming

Audubon Rockies

Back Country Horsemen Wyoming Chapter

Bowhunters of Wyoming

Greater Yellowstone Coalition*

Muley Fanatic Foundation

Pheasants Forever, Wyoming Chapter

Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership, Wyoming Chapter

Trout Unlimited, Wyoming Chapter

Wyoming Wild Sheep Foundation

Wyoming Wildlife Federation

