



Protecting Wildlife for our children's future



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NWF CEO calls on Senate to pass comprehensive clean energy and climate legislation, safeguard wildlife and natural resources from impacts

Washington, DC – National Wildlife Federation President and CEO Larry Schweiger testified today before the U.S. Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works on the urgent need to pass comprehensive clean energy and climate legislation that includes large-scale dedicated funding to safeguard wildlife and natural resources from the harmful effects of climate change. In his testimony, Schweiger praised Senators Kerry and Boxer for their efforts to address the current and forecasted impacts of climate change in the Senate Clean Energy Jobs and American Power Act (S. 1733).

Mr. Schweiger had this to say in his testimony:

“As goes America’s wildlife, so goes America. The health of wildlife and natural ecosystems is closely linked with the health of the economy, human health and safety and quality of life.

“Congress must enact legislation that offers Americans a better way to power our future and a better way to protect the planet. We must address carbon pollution and the growing threats to our natural world. We cannot do one without the other, or we will fail to meet our moral obligations to the generations that will follow us

“For too many years, commentators framed climate changes such as melting of Arctic sea ice and rising of the seas as mere possible outcomes in the distant future. In fact, these and other profound ecosystem changes are well underway and are occurring far more rapidly than scientists once projected. With the current pace of climate change, it is hard to imagine what life will look like even ten years from now.

“The National Wildlife Federation and its conservation partners are pleased that S. 1733 provides long-term dedicated funding, using pollution allowances, for a strategic approach

to natural resources adaptation. These investments will be a boon to the economy and will provide crucial public and private sector jobs, especially in rural areas of the country where local economies depend heavily on a healthy natural resources base. We look forward to helping you build bipartisan support for enacting a strong final product in the coming weeks.”

Today’s hearing is the second in a series of hearings on the Clean Energy Jobs and American Power Act. Scientists, business leaders and the President of the Quinault Indian Nation joined Schweiger in testifying before the committee today.

To read the full text of Mr. Schweiger’s testimony, visit www.nwf.org/news

For a review copy of Mr. Schweiger’s new book, *Last Chance: Preserving Life on Earth*, contact Aislinn Maestas at 202-797-6624.

The [National Wildlife Federation](http://www.nwf.org) is America's largest conservation organization inspiring Americans to protect wildlife for our children's future.

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