



**Pared Down Water Resources Bill Moves Forward**  
*Everglades Restoration Left on Cutting Room Floor as House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee Approves Water Resources Development Act*

WASHINGTON, DC (July 29, 2010) – The US House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee today passed the Water Resources and Development Act of 2010.

Malia Hale, the National Wildlife Federation’s national restoration and water resources campaigns director, said today:

“While this legislation includes measures to implement critical reforms passed in 2007, some important measures left on the cutting room floor that could have made the legislation even better.”

“Unfortunately, the bill fails to take the next step in investing in America’s Everglades. Without these investments, Everglades restoration will held hostage by political maneuvering.”

“The deterioration of our nation’s most treasured waterways and mounting effects of climate change demand that the Army Corps of Engineers do a better job of managing our nation’s water resources – to protect and restore the vital water systems, the natural infrastructure that protects and supports our society.

“We will continue to work with both the House and Senate to help ensure the Corps focuses attention on critical national water priorities and builds upon reforms made in previous WRDAs to modernize and improve our approaches to protecting, restoring, and managing water resources to meet the needs and challenges of the 21st Century. With huge deficits and continuing threats to our waters, we need a much more ambitious effort to properly protect and restore our Nation’s water resources.”

Specifically, National Wildlife Federation supports the following elements:

- Pressuring the Administration to implement reforms passed in 2007, to ensure projects have needed transparency and are properly mitigated.
- Language authorizing the Army Corps of Engineers to take additional measures to prevent the Asian Carp from entering the Great Lakes, critical to stem the spread of the invasive carp that threatens a multi-billion dollar economy.

National Wildlife Federation will be working to improve the following:

- An insurmountable, decades-long backlog of more than \$60 billion of construction projects, many of which are outdated and with little chance of ever being completed. Congress lost an opportunity to refocus the Corps to set priorities to meet the broad and increasing challenges.
- Following up on Congresswoman Donna Edwards (D-MD) efforts to work with the Chairman on moving the Corps towards nonstructural, environmentally friendly approaches.

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