

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,

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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

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

Arizona

Arizona Antelope Foundation
Arizona Backcountry Hunters & Anglers

Arizona Elk Society
Arizona Wildlife Federation
Audubon Arizona
Catalina Brewing Company
Coconino Sportsmen
O.S.H.O Brewing
Prison Hill Brewing Company
Town & Country General Contractors
Wren House Brewing Company
Yuma Rod & Gun Club

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

Horse & Dragon Brewery

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 Catch Seafood
Cajun Fishing Adventures
Catch Dat Charters
Creative Cajun Cooking
Diez Signs LLC
Friends of Black Bayou Lake, NWR
Gorman Brothers Appliances
Grant Ridge Golf Course
Gulf Restoration Network
LA Marsh Guide Service
Louisiana Wildlife Federation
Marsh Rat Guide Service
MQVN Community Development Corporation
Orleans Audubon Society
Rapides Wildlife Association

Salter's Jiggin Pole
Spot On Fishing Adventures
Tagging Memories
The Outdoor Kitchen Show
Venice Charters
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*
Bayside Researchers
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, Mar-
yland, 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