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Good morning. My name is Liz Birnbaum, and I am the Vice President for Government Affairs at American Rivers. I appreciate the opportunity to testify here today. American Rivers, founded in 1973, is the leader of a nationwide river conservation movement. Our mission is to protect and restore healthy rivers and the variety of life they sustain, for the benefit of people, fish and wildlife. Headquartered in Washington, D.C., we operate a Northwest regional office with locations in Seattle and Portland, and eight field offices across the country that work with local communities and river activists. We represent more than 40,000 members across the country, and work with more than 500 organizations that have endorsed the national *Citizens' Agenda for Rivers*. (A list of these organizations is attached as an appendix to my testimony.)

The question presented by this hearing, the impact of the Endangered Species Act on water supply, cannot be separated from broader questions about competing river uses and the over-allocation of limited water. I will address some of these broader questions, and then discuss some examples of how the Endangered Species Act and other environmental restrictions have actually served to highlight these conflicts and bring competing stakeholders together to find river management solutions.

Nationwide, we are using and abusing our rivers to the point where they can no longer provide abundant clean water for human use or for the other creatures that rely on them. Aquatic species are five times more likely to be listed as endangered than terrestrial species. This is not due to some bias toward listing fish and shellfish, but largely because we have removed so much water and so altered the timing of remaining water flow that the native species simply can't survive. As our river systems reach the limits of ecosystem sustainability, environmental laws like the Clean Water Act and Endangered Species Act are beginning to place hard limits on how much water we can divert. The instinctive response is to blame these laws and call for their amendment or repeal, but the real answer is to come together and work out coordinated solutions for ecosystems and people, preferably before impasses arise.

At the same time that we need to work together to find solutions, we must invest more in infrastructure to maintain clean water supplies. Polluted and contaminated waters cannot serve our water supply needs. To meet the national shortfall in wastewater treatment funding, we must increase investment, but also find ways to spend money more wisely, on infrastructure that works with natural processes. For example, treating stormwater as a waste stream diminishes both groundwater supplies and base stream flow, while finding ways to increase recharge reduces wastewater treatment costs as well as sustaining supplies. This committee may wish to work with other congressional committees to ensure that we make an adequate investment in clean water, as in a new stormwater management program proposed in the transportation bill and the reauthorization of the State Revolving Fund program under the Clean Water Act.

Maintaining river ecosystems and supporting human needs are both served by a continual supply of healthy, clean water. In-stream flow standards can successfully maintain both river health and water supply. Basic standards for keeping water in streams are good for fish and wildlife, but also for recreation, drinking water, and other

economic purposes. The federal government has a variety of tools that can be used to preserve in-stream flows, including the Clean Water Act, federal reserved and non-reserved water rights, the Endangered Species Act, administrative adjustments in federal dam operation, hydropower licensing under the Federal Power Act, federal land management improvements, and the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. States also have a variety of tools and many are taking an active role by legislating in-stream flows, using permit programs to enforce flow limitations, adding state-based permit requirements, using Clean Water Act Sec. 401 certification and Sec. 303(d) listings as an opportunity, granting or transferring in-stream water rights, mandating conservation programs and setting conservation goals. In-stream flow standards are critical not only to ensure the public has access to sufficient clean water now and in the future, but also to ensure that our rivers, wetlands and lakes retain sufficient water to sustain fish, wildlife and all of the ecosystem services that healthy freshwater systems contribute to our economy.

The Endangered Species Act has perhaps been the most controversial of the federal government's water management tools, but in many cases it has produced a positive and needed policy-making strategy for rivers – collaboration among stakeholders, states, and the federal family of agencies. We should never forget that the ESA has been extremely successful at preventing species from going extinct and disappearing forever, and we must rely on its mandates to prevent species extinction, but its regulatory provisions are not the sole benefit of the law. At its best, the Endangered Species Act serves as a catalyst and brings affected interests together to find solutions for sustainable river ecosystems. Increasingly, ESA-inspired efforts to convene river basin interests around a table to discuss how to manage rivers and the numerous biological and socio-economic values these rivers support provides a model for how we should approach river management nationwide, but we should begin before species near extinction.

American Rivers is active in some of the most prominent collaborative efforts in the West, and these and other such efforts across the country access the talents and passions of a unique blend of agricultural interests, power producers, municipal water users, recreation interests, biologists, conservation groups, community leaders, and state and federal agency representatives. Though many of these ongoing efforts are the offshoot of litigation or are otherwise intertwined in ESA-related matters, their genesis is ultimately the desire of residents along prominent rivers to share in decision-making, help guide future water management, and more directly tie the economic health of their communities to the resources their rivers provide. Unilateral, command-and-control management of rivers, especially those that cross multiple state boundaries, has proven to be a divisive management paradigm that local interests are seeking to transform.

For example, since 1997 the states of Nebraska, Wyoming, and Colorado, with their partner federal agencies and stakeholder interests, have been negotiating future management of the Platte River. This process was born out of conflicts over managing the Platte to improve habitat along the river in central Nebraska to support four ESA-listed species (whooping crane, interior least tern, piping plover, and pallid sturgeon). Urban water use to the west and irrigation along the river in Nebraska had reduced Platte River flows; the river lost much of its historic shallow, braided nature and no longer

provided the habitat necessary to support key species. Maintaining the Platte even for further human use was in peril, so the states and the Department of the Interior have been meeting with key stakeholders to hammer out details for sharing the Platte's vital water, protecting and restoring important habitat for the listed species, and sharing responsibility for decision-making on the river in the long term. Federal and state funds are being pooled to meet land and water goals, and users from the agriculture, power, municipal, and conservation sector all have seats at the Governance Committee table and are intimately involved in deciding the Platte's future. This form of management serves as a model for other river basins to consider, as it allows those most affected by important public policy decisions over limited water resources to share in the decision-making process.

Similarly, the nation's longest river, the Missouri, has been marked by some of the largest and most complicated water resource and ESA litigation in the country over the last several years. Even though that litigation is ongoing, American Rivers is working with the Missouri River Coalition to restore a string of natural places, reform dam operations to aid river wildlife and recreation, and revitalize riverfronts.

In 2002, the National Academies of Science published a report on Missouri River management noting that current unilateral management of the river by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers was failing to help the river meet the best interests of those in the basin. The Missouri is a perfect example of how endangered and threatened species are often mere indicators of greater problems in an ecosystem, and reflect the management changes necessary to help not just particular endangered species, but ultimately all of the native species that inhabit the ecosystem and the people that depend on that ecosystem as well. The Endangered Species Act has been invoked on the Missouri River to help three listed fish and bird species, but the NAS noted that, "Of the 67 native fish species living along the mainstem, 51 are now listed as rare, uncommon, and/or decreasing across all or part of their ranges." This demonstrates that the Corps of Engineers management has failed not only the listed species, but the entire river system.

The NAS team suggested that a new form of collaborative decision-making process be developed among all the interests in the basin and given authority by Congress to determine the river's future. Today, conservation, agriculture, navigation, power, municipality, state, and federal parties are beginning that very process and preparing to develop a collaborative process to manage the Missouri's water and ensure the river is meeting the modern economic and environmental needs of the basin. This collaborative effort will serve a range of river users, but might never have been convened without the pressure created by the Endangered Species Act.

In California, the CALFED Bay-Delta Program has provided another example of how environmental limits, including the Endangered Species Act and the Clean Water Act, as well as other pressures on California water allocation, have brought together a broad range of watershed interests to develop a collaborative plan for the state's water future. Although American Rivers has not been deeply involved in this watershed, we understand that negotiations have generally been fruitful in charting a course for

California's water future. The listing of the winter run Chinook salmon in the early 1990's served as an important catalyst to encourage collaborative efforts to protect the Bay-Delta Estuary, leading to the Bay-Delta Accord, which set new and stronger standards to protect water quality and fisheries in the largest estuary on the West Coast.

Endangered species listings were also a major factor in encouraging the creation of the CALFED Bay-Delta Program. That program has worked hard to find creative strategies both to help protect endangered species and to increase the reliability of water supplies for water users who divert from the Delta. In fact, since the CALFED plan was finalized, despite extensive actions in the Delta designed to protect endangered species, there has not been a single ESA-caused water supply impact on Bay-Delta exporters. The Environmental Water Account has provided an alternative water supply for those water users for every new endangered species action. CALFED shows the kinds of tools that can help protect endangered species and meet other needs. Frankly, the CALFED program has worked better for water users than it has for the Delta's endangered species; recent data on crashing populations of Delta fish species have only underscored how essential ESA protections are. In this case, Endangered Species Act protections have also helped to protect drinking water quality and the water supplies for Delta farmers.

These examples show that the Endangered Species Act can be a tool and an catalyst for basin-wide water management. Rather than looking to undercut the law's safety net for species, the Congress should work to provide more support for collaborative efforts to restore species while meeting the wide range of river uses. Increased funding for endangered species management and restoration, and for stakeholder negotiations, would serve the communities of the West far better than any effort to reduce species listings or habitat protections.

Regardless of endangered species protections, water allocation is an inherently contentious issue. Although the invitation letter for this hearing asked for witnesses to testify on Endangered Species Act issues in particular, I believe it's important to note – as the title of the hearing suggests – that limits on water use do not arise under the Endangered Species Act alone, but under a variety of state and federal laws designed to protect water supplies, support a range of river uses including fisheries, recreation and navigation, and preserve the environment. Finding a way to meet these competing uses with limited water supplies will always create conflict, and always require our best efforts to work together toward solutions.

We cannot eliminate species conservation from that list of uses; the American people support the conservation of species and believe we have a responsibility to prevent extinction, and that must be regarded as one of the water allocation imperatives for our rivers. We owe it to our children and grandchildren to be good stewards of the environment and leave behind a legacy of protecting endangered species and the special places they call home. Wildlife biologists and scientists, property owners, farmers, clergy and conservationists all know that we share a responsibility to prevent the extinction of water-dependent fish, plants and wildlife, because once they are gone we cannot bring them back.

# Citizens' Agenda for Rivers Endorsements

## National Organizations

American Canoe Association  
American Littoral Society  
American Rivers  
American Whitewater  
Center for Biological Diversity  
Earth Ministry  
Federation of Fly Fishers  
Friends of the Earth  
Izaak Walton League of America  
League of Conservation Voters  
National Audubon Society  
National Outdoor Leadership School  
National Water Center  
Physicians for Social Responsibility  
Republicans For Environmental  
Protection  
River Management Society  
Scenic America  
Sierra Club  
Trout Unlimited  
U.S. Environmental Watch  
WaveLength Magazine  
World Wildlife Fund

## Alabama

Individuals: 814  
Alabama Environmental Council  
Alabama Rivers Alliance  
American Littoral Society, Southeast  
Chapter  
Black Warrior Riverkeeper  
Cahaba River Society  
Cahaba Watershed Project  
Friends of Shades Creek, Inc.  
Friends of the Little Cahaba  
Outdoor Specialists  
Portersville Revival Group

## Alaska

Individuals: 34  
Alaska Center for the Environment  
Alaska Citizens for the Chugach  
Alaska Clearwater Sportfishing

Alaska Longline Fishermen's  
Association  
Alaska Public Waters Coalition  
Copper River Watershed Project  
Taiya Inlet Watershed Council  
Transboundary Watershed Alliance

## Arizona

Individuals: 5,708  
Alive Today Enterprise  
Arizona Public Interest Research Group  
Friends of Arizona Rivers  
Grand Canyon Trust  
Hands of Health  
Prescott Creeks Preservation  
SPEAK  
The Living Cosmos Society

## Arkansas

Individuals: 450  
Activists Against Factory Farming  
Arkansas Wildlife Federation  
Ecological Conservation Organization  
Friends of the North Fork and White  
Rivers

## California

Individuals: 24,104  
Alameda Creek Alliance  
BDS & Partners  
California Hydropower Reform Coalition  
California School of Flyfishing  
California Trout, Inc.  
Central Sierra Environmental  
Resource Center  
Citizens for Environmental Quality  
Coast Action Group  
Cosmic Rhino Gifts  
Desert Discovery Center  
Earth Day Los Angeles  
ECO  
ECORP Consulting, Inc.  
Endangered Habitats League  
Five Branches Students for Rivers

Foothill Conservancy  
 Friends of Deer Creek  
 Friends of the River  
 Friends of the Russian River  
 Friends of the Santa Clara River  
 Green Resource Center  
 Mono Lake Committee  
 Mountain Lion Foundation  
 Mountain Meadows Conservancy  
 Natural Heritage Institute  
 Salmon Protection and Watershed  
 Network  
 San Fernando Valley Audubon Society  
 SEIU Local 790  
 Sierra Buttes/Lakes Basin Coalition  
 Sierra Foothills Audubon Society  
 Sierra Nevada Alliance  
 Sierra Watch  
 South Yuba River Citizens' League  
 Spawarsyscen San Diego  
 Studio 10 Productions  
 Stoecker Ecological  
 TerraFocus  
 The River Project  
 Tuolumne River Trust  
 Wild Spaces

### **Colorado**

Individuals: 5,510  
 Action for the Public Trust  
 Animas Conservancy Land Trust  
 Blue River Watershed Group  
 Boulder Neurosurgical Associates  
 Center for Native Ecosystems  
 Colorado Environmental Coalition  
 Colorado Rio Grande Restoration  
 Foundation  
 Colorado Trout Unlimited  
 Fluvial Integration  
 GIS Training Source, Inc.  
 Glenco Distributing, Inc.  
 Great Old Broads for Wilderness  
 High Country Citizens Alliance  
 Little Thompson River Watershed  
 Stakeholders Group  
 Marshall Welding  
 North Fork River Improvement

Association  
 Rocky Mountain Watershed Network  
 San Juan Citizens Alliance  
 San Luis Valley Ecosystem Council  
 Western Colorado Congress  
 Western Slope Water Network

### **Connecticut**

Individuals: 1,016  
 Citizens Campaign for the Environment  
 Connecticut River Watershed Council  
 Farmington River Watershed  
 Association  
 New England FLOW  
 Pomperaug River Watershed Coalition  
 Rivers Alliance of Connecticut

### **Delaware**

Individuals: 5

### **District of Columbia**

Individuals: 6  
 Anacostia Watershed Society  
 Potomac River Association

### **Florida**

Individuals: 3,122  
 American Littoral Society, Southeast  
 Chapter  
 Apalachicola Bay and Riverkeeper  
 Audubon Society of Florida  
 Family Wellness Center  
 Friends of St. Sebastian River, Inc.  
 Kemp Valuation Services  
 Manatee/Sarasota Sierra Club  
 Orange Audubon Society  
 Sacred Circle  
 Sociedad Biologica Luis A. Escabi

### **Georgia**

Individuals: 3,154  
 Altamaha Riverkeeper  
 American Littoral Society, Southeast  
 Chapter  
 Bron Cleveland Associates  
 Canoochee Riverkeeper  
 Citizens for Clean Air and Water

Coosa River Basin Initiative  
Environmental Action!  
Georgia Chapter of the Sierra Club  
Georgia River Network  
Ohoopsee River Canoe Club  
Satilla Riverkeeper  
Savannah Riverkeeper  
Save Our Satilla  
Upper Chattahoochee Riverkeeper

### **Hawaii**

Individuals: 9  
Community Conservation Network  
Waihe'e Ahypua'a Initiative

### **Idaho**

Individuals: 3,200  
Idaho Conservation League  
Idaho Rivers United  
Idaho Trout Unlimited  
River Dance Lodge, LLC  
River Odysseys West  
Save Our Wild Salmon

### **Illinois**

Individuals: 5,002  
Adorers of the Blood of Christ Justice  
and Peace Office  
ASC Justice and Peace Office  
Citizens Against Factory Farms, Inc.  
Committee on the Middle Fork  
Vermillion River  
DuPage County Green Party  
Faith In Place  
FMPR  
Friends of Critters and Salt Creek  
Friends of the Chicago River  
Life Adventures  
Living Lands & Water  
Pigeon Creek Greenway Passage  
Advisory Board  
Prairie Rivers Network  
Rivers Project  
Salt Creek Watershed Network  
The Conservation Foundation

### **Indiana**

Individuals: 25,029  
Hoosier Environmental Council  
Izaak Walton League of America, Fort  
Wayne Chapter  
Protect Our Rivers Now!  
The Sunspot Natural Market  
Wildcat Guardians, Inc

### **Iowa**

Individuals: 1,020  
Des Moines Founders Garden Club  
Iowa Environmental Council  
Iowa Wildlife Federation  
Izaak Walton League, Johnson City  
Chapter  
Restore Our Wapsinicon  
Scott Community College Environmental  
Club  
Skunk River Navy  
Squaw Creek Watershed Coalition  
Wagner Conservation Coalition

### **Kansas**

Individuals: 28  
Arkansas River Coalition  
Fisher Team Realty  
Friends of the Kaw  
Jones Accounting, LLC  
Kansas Natural Resource Council  
The Heart of America Fly Fishers  
Wolf River Environmental Society

### **Kentucky**

Individuals: 549  
Appalachian Center for the Economy  
and the Environment  
Banklick Watershed Council  
Eagle Creek Watershed Council  
Karst Environmental Education and  
Protection, Inc.  
Kentucky Geographic Alliance  
Kentucky Resources Council, Inc.  
Kentucky Waterways Alliance  
Licking River Watershed Watch  
Ohio Valley Environmental Coalition  
Rockcastle Soil Conservation District



**Louisiana**

Individuals: 273  
American Littoral Society, Southeast  
Chapter  
Gulf Restoration Network  
Informed Choices  
Louisiana Bayoukeeper  
Save the Ouachita, Inc.

**Maine**

Individuals: 127  
Friends of the Presumpscot River  
Intercollegiate Outing Club Association  
Leave No Trace State Advocate  
Maine Rivers  
New England FLOW

**Maryland**

Individuals: 951  
Anacostia Watershed Society  
Chapman Forest Foundation  
Chesapeake Bay Foundation  
Herring Run Watershed Association  
Patuxent Riverkeeper  
Potomac River Association

**Massachusetts**

Individuals: 2,697  
Berkshire Environmental Action Team  
Boston College Environmental Law  
Society  
Charles River Watershed Association  
Connecticut River Watershed Council  
Environmental League of  
Massachusetts  
First Herring Brook Watershed Initiative  
Hoosic River Watershed Association  
Housatonic Riverkeeper  
Housatonic River Initiative  
Ipswich River Watershed Association  
Mass Audubon  
Massachusetts Watershed Coalition  
Mockingbird Web Design  
New England FLOW  
North and South Rivers Watershed  
Association

Organization for the Assabet River  
Saugus River Watershed Council  
Watershed Action Alliance of Southeast  
Massachusetts

**Michigan**

Individuals: 2,092  
Cannon Township  
Central Lake Superior Watershed  
Partnership  
Clinton River Watershed Council  
Friends of the Looking Glass River  
Huron River Watershed Council  
Michigan Hydropower Relicensing  
Coalition  
Michigan River Alliance  
Muskegon Riverkeeper  
River Raisin Watershed Council  
Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council  
West Michigan Environmental  
Action Council

**Minnesota**

Individuals: 836  
Audubon Center of the North Woods  
Coalition for a Clean Minnesota River  
Friends of the Mississippi River  
Mankato Area Environmentalists  
New Ulm Area Sport Fishermen  
Organic Consumers Association  
Sierra Club

**Mississippi**

Individuals: 6  
American Littoral Society, Southeast  
Chapter  
Environmental Coalition of Mississippi

**Missouri**

Individuals: 28  
Missouri Coalition for the Environment  
Professional Counseling Services  
SW Missouri Organic Association

**Montana**

Individuals: 1,444  
Alliance for the Wild Rockies

Beartooth Alliance  
Clark Fork Coalition  
Cold Mountain, Cold Rivers  
Craighead Environmental Research  
Institute  
Fishing Outfitters Association  
of Montana  
Friends of the Bitterroot  
Greater Yellowstone Coalition  
Montana River Action Network  
Montana Wildlife Federation  
Park County Environmental Council  
Picture Tomorrow  
Red Lodge Rod and Gun Club  
Yellowstone River Conservation

### **Nebraska**

Individuals: 78  
Audubon Nebraska  
Missouri Valley Group, Sierra Club  
Nebraska Chapter of the Wildlife  
Society  
Nebraska Chapter Sierra Club  
Western Nebraska Resources Council

### **Nevada**

Individuals: 37  
Lotus Designs  
Pneumatic Diner

### **New Hampshire**

Individuals: 490  
Appalachian Mountain Club  
Connecticut River Joint Commissions  
Connecticut River Watershed Council  
Lamprey River Advisory Committee  
Monadnock Paper Mills  
New Hampshire Rivers Council  
New England FLOW  
Pemigewasset River Local  
Advisory Committee  
Upper Merrimack River Local Advisory  
Committee

### **New Jersey**

Individuals: 32,993  
Association of New Jersey

Environmental Commissions  
Atlantic County Utilities Authority  
Bergen SWAN  
Citizens United to Protect the  
Maurice River  
Delaware River Greenway Partnership  
Delaware River Steamboat  
Floating Classroom  
Edison Wetlands Association  
Friends of Princeton Open Space  
Great Egg Harbor Watershed  
Association  
Great Swamp Watershed Association  
Hackensack Riverkeeper  
Lacey Rail-Trail Environmental  
Committee  
Manasquan River Watershed  
Association  
Millstone Valley Preservation Coalition  
Mountain Lake Community Association  
and Watershed Advisory Group  
Musconetcong Watershed Association  
Municipal Land Use Center, The  
College of New Jersey  
Navesink-Swimming River Group  
New Jersey Audubon  
New Jersey Future  
New York/New Jersey Baykeeper  
Northeast New Jersey Watershed  
Alliance  
Passaic River Coalition  
Pequannock River Coalition  
Pinelands Preservation Alliance  
Rancocas Creek Conservancy  
Save Hamilton Open Space  
Sourlands Planning Council  
South Branch Watershed Association  
Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed  
Association  
The Native Plant Society of New Jersey  
Troutmans Creek Neighborhood  
Association  
Unplug Salem (Nuclear Plant)  
Campaign  
Upper Rockaway River Watershed  
Association  
Washington Crossing Audubon Society

Wreck Pond Watershed Association

### **New Mexico**

Individuals: 1,669

Amigos Bravos

Gila Conservation Coalition

Rio Grande Restoration

Western Environmental Law Center

### **New York**

Individuals: 14,826

Action for Long Island

Atlantic States Legal Foundation, Inc.

Chenango Land Trust

Citizens Campaign for the Environment

First Class Fitness, Inc.

Friends of Werthiem

Hudson River Audubon Society of  
Westchester

Hudson River Sloop Clearwater, Inc.

Kayak and Canoe Club of New York

Kids Against Pollution

Misamartin.com

Moore Charitable Foundation

New York/New Jersey Baykeeper

New York Rivers United

Riverkeeper

Orange/Ulster BOCES

Riverkeeper

Save The River

Suffolk Global Warming Meet Up

WaterLife Foundation

### **North Carolina**

Individuals: 5,270

Audubon North Carolina

Blue Ridge Outdoors Magazine

Campbell Soup Supply Company

Cape Fear River Watch, Inc.

Catawba-Wateree Relicensing Coalition

Carolina Surf Adventures

Conservation Council of North Carolina

Dan River Basin Association

Davidson College Young Democrats

Eno River Association

Headwaters Resource Group, LLC

Hopecaravan

Lower Neuse Riverkeeper

National Committee for the New River

Neuse River Foundation

North Carolina Coastal Federation

Pamlico-Tar River Foundation

Stewards of the White Oak River Basin

Upper Neuse Riverkeeper

Western North Carolina Alliance

### **North Dakota**

Individuals: 2

Dacotah Chapter of the Sierra Club

### **Ohio**

Individuals: 245

Friends of the Crooked River

Greater Akron Audubon Society

Maumee Bay Association

Midwestcanoesport.com

Native Village

Ohio Environmental Council

Ohio River Foundation

Ohio Valley Environmental Coalition

Raccoon Creek Watershed Partners

Rivers Unlimited

Tinkers Creek Land Conservancy

Western Lake Erie Waterkeeper

### **Oklahoma**

Individuals: 863

Grand Riverkeeper, LEAD Agency, Inc.

Save the Illinois River, Inc.

### **Oregon**

Individuals: 13,523

Audubon Society of Portland

Columbia Deepening Opposition Group

Friends of Living Oregon Waters

Friends of the Columbia Gorge

Gifford Pinchot Task Force

Headwaters

Johnson Creek Watershed Council

Native Fish Society

Northwest Environmental Advocates

Northwest Environmental Defense  
Center

Northwest Rafters Association

Oregon Council of Trout Unlimited  
Oregon Natural Desert Association  
Oregon Natural Resources Council  
Oregon Public Interest Research Group  
Riverhawks  
Salmon For All  
Save Our Wild Salmon  
Tualatin Riverkeepers  
Treecology  
Umpqua Watershedss  
WaterCycle Inc.  
WaterWatch of Oregon  
Wild Salmon Center  
Willamette Riverkeeper

### **Pennsylvania**

Individuals: 117  
Brodhead Watershed Association  
Charter of Human Responsibilities  
Chesapeake Bay Foundation  
ClearWater Conservancy  
Codorus Creek Improvement  
Association  
Doc Fritchey Chapter, Trout Unlimited  
Eastern Pennsylvania Coalition for  
Abandoned Mine Reclamation  
Friends of the Manayunk Canal  
Muddy Creek Chapter, Trout Unlimited  
Neshaminy Watershed Association  
Pennsylvania League of Conservation  
Voters  
Pennsylvania Organization for  
Watersheds & Rivers  
Responsibilities/CitNet  
Roaring Run Watershed Association  
Water Alliance of York  
Western Pennsylvania Conservancy

### **Rhode Island**

Individuals: 6  
Friends of the Moshassuck  
New England FLOW

### **South Carolina**

Individuals: 5,412  
Catawba-Wateree Relicensing Coalition  
Charleston Natural History Society

Coastal Conservation League  
Columbia Audubon Society  
Friends of the Reedy River  
Friends of the Rivers  
South Carolina Council Trout Unlimited  
Upstate Forever

### **South Dakota**

Individuals: 2  
Izaak Walton League of America,  
McCook Lake Chapter  
Living River Group of the Sierra Club  
Northeast South Dakota Walleye Club  
South Dakota Bass Federation  
South Dakota Wildlife Federation

### **Tennessee**

Individuals: 4,511  
Bluff City Canoe Club  
Chota Canoe & Kayak Club  
Conservation Fisheries, Inc.  
Elizabethton High School Ecology Club  
Emory River Watershed Association  
Harpeth River Watershed Association  
Johnson County Citizens Committee for  
Clean Air and Water  
Little River Watershed Association  
Maury Heritage Land Trust  
Mid-South Fly Fishers  
Swan Conservation Trust  
South Chickamauga Creek  
Greenway Alliance  
TEAMS West  
Tennessee Citizens For Wilderness  
Planning  
Tennessee Clean Water Network  
Tennessee Environmental Council  
Tennessee Izaak Walton League  
United Church of Christ  
Wolf River Conservancy

### **Texas**

Individuals: 95  
American Littoral Society, Southeast  
Chapter  
Aquifer Guardians in Urban Areas  
Bayou Preservation Association

Duve Services  
Texas Public Interest Research Group  
Texas Rivers Protection Association  
The Pod Project  
The Queenie Foundation, Inc.  
San Marcos River Foundation  
Soulforce  
Nortel

### **Utah**

Individuals: 7  
Glen Canyon Institute  
Utah Rivers Council

### **Vermont**

Individuals: 9  
Connecticut River Joint Commissions  
Connecticut River Watershed Council  
Connecticut RiverFest  
Friends of the Mad River  
Lewis Creek Association  
New England FLOW  
Vermont Natural Resources Council

### **Virginia**

Individuals: 1,062  
AP Communications, LLC  
Appalachian Center for the Economy  
and the Environment  
Blackwater Creek Association  
Chesapeake Bay Foundation  
Friends of Fairfax Streams and Water  
Friends of the North Fork of the  
Shenandoah River  
Friends of the Rivers of Virginia  
Friends of the Roanoke River  
Friends of Urbanna Creek  
Goose Creek Association  
Hillside House Environmental  
Education Center  
Rivanna Conservation Society  
WaterLife Foundation

### **Washington**

Individuals: 4,534  
CaterArts at the Lakeside  
Center for Environmental Law

and Policy  
Chehalis River Council  
Columbia River Crab Fisherman's  
Association  
Columbia Riverkeeper  
Fish First  
Friends of the White Salmon  
Gemni Creative  
G.W. O'Halloran Lumber Company  
Izaak Walton League of America,  
Seattle Chapter  
Kettle Range Conservation Group  
Livable Communities Coalition  
Lower Columbia Canoe Club  
Northwest Ecosystem Alliance  
Northwest Environmental Defense  
Center  
Puget Sound Keeper Alliance  
Salmon For All  
Save Our Wild Salmon  
Seattle Audubon  
Steelhead Anglers  
Terra Forma  
Vancouver Audubon  
Washington Environmental Council  
Washington Water Trust  
Wild and Scenic Institute

### **West Virginia**

Individuals: 7  
Appalachian Center for the Economy  
and the Environment  
Friends of the Blackwater  
Greenbrier River Watershed Association  
Ohio Valley Environmental Coalition  
West Virginia Rivers Coalition

### **Wisconsin**

Individuals: 2,658  
1000 Islands Environmental Center  
Citizens for Safe Water Around Badger  
Friends of Lake Wingra  
Friends of Milwaukee's Rivers  
Friends of the Branch River  
Lake Superior Greens  
River Alliance of Wisconsin  
The Bauen Camp Inc.

## **Wyoming**

Individuals: 757

Bighorn Forest Users Network

Biodiversity Conservation Alliance

Friends of the Red Desert

Jackson Hole Kayak School

North Plains Region, Sierra Club

Rendezvous River Sports

Snake River Fund

Wyoming Wilderness Association

## **International Organizations**

Center for International

Environmental Law

Information for Action (Australia)

Rivers Foundation of the Americas

WATERWATCH International