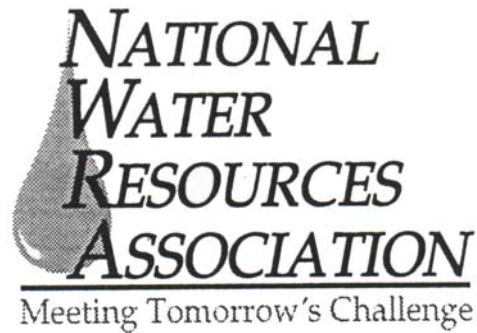


**National
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Update and Improve the Endangered Species Act Now!!

- At 30 years old, the ESA needs to be updated and improved to do a better job of recovering species.
- We need more State and local input and involvement in ESA decisions.
- The ESA can work to recover species while protecting people and their jobs.
- We need sound decision-making, including independent scientific review as a part of listing decisions and recovery plans.
- **Contact your Senators and Representatives and encourage them to support updating and improving the ESA!!**

NWRA Positions:

In lieu of a comprehensive reauthorization of the Act, NWRA advocates, among other changes, that:

- a.) the Act be implemented, like other federal laws, to minimize adverse social and economic impacts,
- b.) Agency actions be subject to the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act,
- c.) public hearings and stakeholder input be an integral part of the entire decision-making process,
- d.) all Section 7 consultations be limited to the specific action triggering the consultation,
- e.) the cost of recovering endangered species should be exclusively a federal responsibility, and
- f.) peer review by impartial experts should be utilized in all areas of data collection, species listing, recovery plan development, designation of critical habitat, and development of recommendations for endangered species habitat, including flow recommendations.

NESARC Guideposts

NWRA joins the other members of NESARC in encouraging Members of Congress to update and improve the ESA by including measures that will:

- Give States the option of being on the front line of species conservation
- Expand and encourage voluntary conservation efforts to recover species
- Focus funding of voluntary and State programs
- Encourage prelisting measures
- Establish recovery goals
- Improve habitat conservation planning procedures and codify “No Surprises”
- Ensure an open and sound decision-making process
- Remove the litigation bottleneck

What You Can Do

Contact your Senators and Representatives and encourage them to support updating and improving the ESA!!

For assistance in identifying your Congressional Members, call **(202) 224-3121**.

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