



UPDATE ON CONSERVATION COMMITTEE ACTIONS TAKEN BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 15, 2017 AND APRIL 1, 2018

Submitted by Dave Peterson
Conservation Chair

The FFI Conservation Committee has taken following Conservation Actions or signed off on letters with collaborating partners on the following issues.

- **Clean Water Rule**- Sent a letter to Senators Murkowski and Udall urging that no Clean Water Rule riders be adopted by the Appropriations Subcommittee. Sign on to TCRP Clean Water Rule letter (11/28/17) to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology's Subcommittee on the Environment.
- **Pebble Mine**- Signed on to an October 13 letter to the EPA and Secretary Pruitt regarding the Pebble Mine.
- **Menhaden**- Signed onto an October 3 TCRP letter regarding Menhaden management and sent notice to members in Councils most directly impacted by this issue.
- **Everglades Restoration**- Signed on to an 10/10/17 TRCP letter to Congressional Leadership supporting inclusion of Everglades restoration funding in upcoming disaster relief legislation.
- **Boundary Waters**- Signed onto a October 13 letter opposing mining. Posted on social media on 11/14/17. Signed onto another letter to the House Rules Committee members on 11/20/17.
- **Smith River Mining**-FFI sent a letter opposing mining on the Smith River drainage on 11/14/17. Rhonda Sellers testified at hearings held in Livingston and social media posts were made.

- **Asian Carp**- Signed onto 11/27/17 letter with the National Wildlife Foundation to the Corps of Engineers encouraging stronger prevention of Asian Carp getting into the Great Lakes.
- **Regional Conservation Partnership Program**- Signed on to an October 16, 2017 letter to Senators Stabenow and Ernst supporting the RCCP Improvement Act as part of the Farm Bill reauthorization.
- **Federal Budget**- Joined TRCP #BudgetDealNow Twitter campaign on 12/4/17. This campaign urges Congress to pass a budget deal and avoid sequestration.
- **Bears Ear Monument**, 12/5/17- Posted FFI position on administration action on national monuments on social media.
- **Management of Public Lands**, 12/18/17-Signed on TRCP letter regarding retention, acquisition and management of public lands held by the Department of Interior.
- **Bristol Bay**, 12/24/17- Posted FFI position on mining on Bristol Bay on social media.
- **Mitigation Principles**, 1/8/18- Signed on TRCP letter regarding retention, acquisition and management of public lands held by the Department of Interior.
- **Clean Water Rule**, 1/23/18- Signed on to National Wildlife Federation letter to all US Senators on Clean Water Rules.
- **Public Land Renewable Energy Development Act**, 1/25/18- Signed on to TRCP letter supporting this act.
- **Menhaden**, 1/31/18- Signed on to letter to ASMFC Chairman Gilmore encouraging appropriate Menhaden management vote.
- **Boundary Waters**, 3/1/18- Signed on to letter to USFS on environmental study for BWCA mining proposal.
- **Advancing Conservation and Education Act**, 3/1/18- Signed on to a letter supporting this legislation.
- **Molekumne River**, 3/4/18- Sent FFI letter supporting designation of the Molekumne River as a wild and scenic river.

- **Water Resources Development Act, 3/12/18-** Signed on to TCRP letter advocating reforms.
- **Amicus Brief on Salmon Barriers, 3/20/18-** Agreed to join an amicus brief to filed in the US Supreme Court on barrier culverts in Washington.
- **Swordfish Long Lining, 3/30/18-** Signed on to TRCP letter encouraging rejection of a permit that would open sword fish long lining off Florida.