

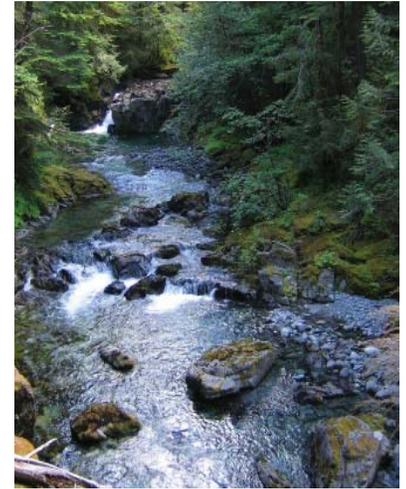
# FACT SHEET



## IZAAK WALTON LEAGUE OF AMERICA

The Izaak Walton League of America — named for the author of *The Compleat Angler*, one of the first books about conservation — was founded in 1922 to bring common-sense conservation solutions to natural resource problems. Today, the League's more than 44,000 members across the country are doing just that. Whether the issues are local or national, our members advocate for sensible solutions to the most pressing challenges facing America's natural resources, including:

**WATER:** From community streams to national policy, the League is working to ensure America's waters are clean and safe for people, fish, and wildlife.



**ENERGY:** We promote energy choices that are cost effective and environmentally responsible — choices that ensure future generations can benefit fully from our country's unique natural heritage.

**AGRICULTURE:** Agriculture in America has a major impact on the health of natural resources, including waters, wetlands, and soils. The League is working to ensure conservation is common practice on farms nationwide.

**REGIONAL CONSERVATION:** Iconic river systems that shaped our conservation consciousness are threatened with habitat loss and pollution. We are working on the Missouri and Upper Mississippi Rivers to restore habitat for native fish and wildlife and to promote the outdoor recreation that thrives in a healthy environment.

**YOUTH:** To develop an interest in conserving natural resources, youth must have meaningful experiences outdoors. Yet today's youth spend more than seven and a half hours each day with electronic media — and just 30 minutes each week in unstructured play. At more than 245 community-based chapters, League members are connecting kids with nature, conservation, and outdoor recreation.



Through chapters across the country, the League is working to ensure the health of America's natural resources for generations to come. Visit [www.iwla.org](http://www.iwla.org) for more information about our work.

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### IZAAK WALTON LEAGUE MISSION STATEMENT

To conserve, restore, and promote the sustainable use and enjoyment of our natural resources, including soil, air, woods, waters, and wildlife.