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## Take Action Today to Protect our Streams and Wetlands



There are 30 days left for the public to comment on new EPA and Army Corps of Engineers policy that will begin to restore Clean Water Act protections for our nation's waters. These waters are threatened by Supreme Court decisions and damaging agency policies that are chipping away at protections the Clean Water Act provided for streams and wetlands, drinking water supplies, and outdoor recreation.

The League and our members have been working hard to restore the Clean Water Act. This action by EPA and the Corps is a small, but important, victory in our fight. Now, it's up to us to support the proposal during the comment period. Support from League members and other Americans who hunt, fish, and enjoy the outdoors will make a difference. [Please take just a minute to submit a comment today.](#) Our Web site makes it simple!

## Support the Izaak Walton League Tax-Free Through Your IRA

If you're an IRA owner age 70½ or older, here's a great opportunity to support the conservation programs you care about: Through the end of 2011, you can make **tax-free distributions of up to \$100,000** from an IRA to qualified charitable organizations like the League! [Visit our Web site for details.](#)

## Take Action



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## IWLA National Convention: Register Today

Want to network, share ideas, hear great speakers, learn "what works" – and have fun while you're doing it? Join us in Des Moines this summer to explore how Izaak Walton League members can make a difference for the future of America's great rivers and the people and wildlife that depend on them. We'll have the great convention events you love – including the Parade of States – plus dynamic new workshops and convention speakers and a dinner hosted by the Des Moines Chapter. Our Youth Convention for children ages 8-18 is a fun mix of conservation, outdoor recreation, and community service, so bring the kids or grandkids!



Register today for the 2011 Izaak Walton League national convention. Visit the [IWLA 2011 Convention Web page](#) to download the convention kit and registration form.

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## Stop Toxic Air Emissions



For more than a decade, the League has actively championed strong federal regulations for coal-fired power plants, which are the largest source of mercury and air toxic emissions in the United States. League members enjoy fishing in our nation's lakes, rivers, and streams – but because of mercury pollution, we cannot eat many of the fish that we catch.

## Not a Member?

To join the Izaak Walton League, [click here](#).

## Get Conservation Currents Today

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After many years of delay, the Environmental Protection Agency has finally proposed a strong air standard for these dangerous power plant emissions. Requiring all power plants to install proven pollution control technologies will produce benefits that far outweigh the costs of implementation. According to EPA's own estimates, for every \$1 spent to reduce air pollution, Americans receive \$5 to \$13 in benefits.

[Please contact EPA today](#) and urge the agency to issue the most protective national standards for toxic air emissions from power plants. By doing so, we will protect public health and help restore the quality of our water and fishing resources.

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## Propose Resolutions for 2011

Each year at our national convention, League members consider and vote on resolutions that become part of our conservation policies. These policies guide the League's conservation and advocacy work at the local, state, and national levels.



The deadline for submitting resolutions to the national headquarters for consideration at the 2011 convention is 5pm ET on Wednesday, June 29, 2011. Visit the [Resolutions Process page](#) on the League's Web site for useful information about structuring resolutions and where proposed resolutions can be sent.

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## Spread Invasive Species Awareness



League members and staff held the fourth annual Clean Boats Event at Gavins Point Dam near Yankton, South Dakota, last month. The event raised

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awareness of the threats posed by aquatic invasive species to native species and the health of lakes and rivers. Boaters and other people who enjoy water

recreation can help prevent the spread of invasive species with three simple steps: Clean, Drain, and Dry. Clean mud and vegetation off your boat and other equipment, drain all water, and allow your boat and gear to thoroughly dry every time you come off the water before launching again.

Staff from the National Park Service; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; Army Corps of Engineers; South Dakota Department of Game, Fish, and Parks; the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission; and the city of Yankton plus members of area Boy Scouts Troops joined members of the League's Yankton and McCook Lake Chapters in talking with hundreds of boaters and anglers about preventing the spread of aquatic invasive species.

Did you miss Invasive Species Awareness Month in May? You can still get the word out. Visit the League's [Clean Boats Campaign Web site](#) for educational information and tips you can share with your community.

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## Celebrate National Hunting and Fishing Day

National Hunting and Fishing Day encourages people from all walks of life to learn more about outdoor skills and conservation through hunting, shooting, fishing, archery, and more. Events held around the country help nurture understanding and appreciation of conservation in our communities – something League members work toward every day!



The Izaak Walton League co-chaired the steering committee for the first National Hunting and Fishing Day in 1972 – and we've encouraged our chapters to be involved ever since. You can find a link

to the National Hunting and Fishing Day Event Planning Guide, plus tips from the IWLA *Chapter Manual*, on the [League Web site](#). Your Chapter Manual also offers a wealth of outdoor activity ideas.

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