

BAN ON USE OF NEONICOTINOIDS (neonics)

Background:

Neonicotinoids (neonics) are commonly used and found in agricultural and lawn products for pest management. These chemicals are found in water, invertebrates, vertebrates, and seeds. Neonics have been discovered to affect both invertebrates and vertebrates. Neonics indiscriminately affect insects, are linked to bee colony collapse, and affect birds consuming the insects. There has been a 33% decline of insect eating birds across the North American continent since the 1970s. Neonics are found in all life stages of plants, making many consumers (insects, birds, and humans) susceptible to the effects. Only 5% of neonics are taken up by the plant, while the rest leaches off into ground and surface water adversely affecting invertebrates and vertebrates.

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Izaak Walton League of America, assembled in convention, July 21, 2021, calls upon Congress to ban neonicotinoid pesticides in agricultural as well as lawn and garden products within three years and direct the relevant regulatory agencies to implement the ban on the use of neonicotinoid pesticides and neonicotinoid coated seeds. The purpose of this action being to halt the decline of pollinators and insect eating birds across North America, as well as the adverse impacts to humans and other wildlife, such as deer.