



## CLEAN WATER RESTORATION ACT UPDATE: July 27, 2009

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*Ask your congressional representative while he or she is home in August to restore Clean Water Act protections for America's waters. Streams, lakes, migratory bird habitat, and safe drinking water for millions of Americans are all at risk if Congress does not take action.*

While your representative is home for the August recess (August 3-September 4), urge him or her to move quickly to pass legislation to restore Clean Water Act protections for the Nation's wetlands and streams. **Take advantage of the August recess: schedule an in-district meeting with your Representative or send a letter or email to the district office.** A letter to the editor of your local newspaper can also demonstrate your support for protecting America's waters.

We won a big victory for clean water and wildlife in June when the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee passed the Baucus-Klobuchar-Boxer amendment to the Clean Water Restoration Act (S. 787). Now, the House of Representatives, and particularly members of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, need to hear from you that Clean Water Act protections must be restored to all waters protected prior to Supreme Court intervention in 2001.

We must keep the pressure on Congress for quick passage of a strong Clean Water Restoration Act. With each passing day, more wetlands, lakes, and streams are losing Clean Water Act protections leaving them vulnerable to pollution and destruction.

### WHAT ELSE YOU CAN DO NOW:

- ❖ Submit a Letter to the Editor to your local paper highlighting the importance of wetlands and small streams for drinking water supplies, flood control, pollution control, fishing and other outdoor recreation. Explain that the Clean Water Restoration Act must be passed to restore Clean Water Act protections for these waters.
- ❖ Send a letter from your organization (or a joint letter from several organizations) to your congressional delegation urging them to pass the Clean Water Restoration Act.
- ❖ Urge your Governor and water quality and natural resource agencies to ask your congressional delegation to pass the Clean Water Restoration Act.