

Originating Committee: Rivers, Streams, and Fisheries

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Intended Recipient: Leaders in Washington, D.C. (See lines 19 & 20)

**Keep the “Waters of the U.S. Rule”**

1 WHEREAS, the White House in Washington D.C. has specifically requested the removal of the EPA  
2 Waterways and Wetlands Rule 118319, otherwise known as the Waters of the United States Rule  
3 ([whitehouse.gov/America-first-energy](http://whitehouse.gov/America-first-energy));

4 AND WHEREAS, this rule defines, for the purposes of the Clean Water Act, what is and is not  
5 protected, and adds measures of protection for small headwater streams and wetlands, which not only  
6 often contain fragile ecosystems but also provide nearly one-third of Americans with drinking water;

7 AND WHEREAS, many of the isolated wetlands that gained protection through the rule are essential  
8 recharge zones for drinking water in the Midwest;

9 AND WHEREAS, these same wetlands are an invaluable part of the migration path and life history of  
10 waterfowl and shorebirds;

11 AND WHEREAS, good water quality is a bipartisan value and is enjoyed by every American;

12 AND WHEREAS, the removal of this rule would be a political precursor to removing the Clean Water  
13 Act, which has protected over 60% of our nation’s streams and millions of acres of wetlands for 45  
14 years;

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Conservation Federation of Missouri assembled at  
16 the Capitol Plaza Hotel, Jefferson City, MO, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of March 2017 strongly opposes the removal  
17 of the Waters of the United States rule.

18 The Conservation Federation of Missouri opposes the removal of the Waters of the United States Rule  
19 and will send letters of strong opposition to the White House, Scott Pruitt (EPA Administrator), Senators  
20 Roy Blunt and Claire McCaskill, and all of Missouri’s representatives in the United States Congress.

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