

President Addresses Fisheries Management

On June 8, the President signed the Recreational Fisheries Stewardship Executive Order, requiring federal agencies to develop a comprehensive recreational fishery resources conservation plan within the next 12 months. The order further directs federal agencies to:

1. Develop and encourage partnerships
2. Identify fisheries limited by poor water quality
3. Foster aquatic conservation and restoration
4. Provide access to and promote awareness of recreational fishing opportunities
5. Support outreach programs to stimulate angler participation in conservation and restoration of aquatic systems
6. Establish cost-share programs for conservation projects, and
7. Assist private landowners with conservation plans.

In addition, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and National Marine Fisheries Service are directed to establish a joint policy for administering the Endangered Species Act in a way that identifies and minimizes conflicts between recreational fisheries and the act.