

## Stop the Attack on Alaska's Drinking Water

Stop the attacks on America's drinking water. 1 in 3 Americans' drinking water sources are at risk now. **The Administration has a strong, commonsense plan to make clean water a priority by protecting the sources that feed the drinking water for more than 117 million Americans.** If Congress blocks the proposal to protect clean water, at least 20 million acres of wetlands nationwide will continue to be at risk from pollution and destruction from development, oil and gas production, and other industrial activities. Stopping this proposal imperils drinking water sources, as well as the small businesses and communities that rely on clean water.

### Black bear fishing in Anan Bay, AK



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- **Many Alaskans** get their drinking water from sources that rely on small streams currently vulnerable to pollution.
- **At least hundreds of miles of streams** that feed into Alaska's drinking water sources are at risk. The Clean Water Rule would clarify protections for many of the stream miles in Alaska's Source Water Protection Areas, including intermittent, ephemeral, and headwater streams.
- **Thousands of acres of wetlands** that provide flood protection, recharge groundwater supplies, filter pollution, and provide essential wildlife habitat are at risk.

## Rule Provides More Economic Benefits than Costs

- **This commonsense proposal restores, but does not expand, the historic coverage of the Clean Water Act.** EPA estimates that the proposed rule would provide **\$388 million to \$514 million annually in benefits** to the public, including reducing flooding, filtering pollution, providing wildlife habitat, supporting hunting and fishing, and recharging groundwater.
- **Protecting small streams and wetlands supports fish and wildlife and Alaska's vibrant recreational industry.** The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service reports that in 2011, \$3.3 billion was spent on wildlife recreation in Alaska, including \$640 million on fishing, and more than 1.0 million people participated in these recreational activities in Alaska.
- **Alaska's thriving brewing industry relies on clean water.** Alaska breweries contribute \$150 million to our economy every year and support more than 1,200 jobs.

## Alaska Clean Water Rule Supporters

- **More than 1,400 Alaskans, out of more than 800,000 Americans, expressed support for the rule.**
- Groups like the Alaska Independent Fishermen's Marketing Association, Center for Science in Public Participation, and EPA Region 10 Regional Tribal Operations Committee support the rule.
- In 2003, Alaska opposed Bush administration efforts to roll back protections for small streams and wetlands.

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