

HOW TO TAKE ACTION

WATERS OF THE US

Who Should Comment: AFS Chapters and Individuals

Comment Period: 60 day comment period ends April 15

Where to Comment: <http://www.regulations.gov>

Docket Number: EPA-HQ-OW-2018-0149

SUBSTANCE OF A COMMENT LETTER

Include the Docket Number: EPA-HQ-OW-2018-0149

Introduction

- State your expertise if commenting individually
- Include information about your organization if commenting on behalf of a group
- Indicate position on the proposed rule

Body of Letter

- Explain what the proposal will mean for fish and ecosystem services in your state or region.
- Give details and specific examples
- Explain why the proposed rule is not using science properly
- You do not have to comment on every issue in a proposal.
- Avoid name-calling, personal attacks, and inflammatory rhetoric

Conclusion

- Wrap up by re-stating your position and urging the agencies to amend the rule accordingly

SPREAD THE WORD

- Encourage others to comment
- Use modern communications channels
- Seek coverage from traditional media



For more information, see
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