

## 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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