

# WHY #CleanWaterRules

**Clean water upstream means cleaner water downstream.**

Our Clean Water Rule protects the streams and wetlands that feed our rivers, lakes, bays and coastal waters. These waters are critical for agriculture, healthy communities, our economy and our way of life.

60 % of stream miles in the U.S. only flow seasonally or after rain.



Streams and wetlands filter pollution, reduce flooding and give fish and wildlife a place to live.

One-third of threatened and endangered species live only in wetlands.

Farms depend on clean water for irrigation, crops and livestock.



Normal farming and ranching activities – like planting, harvesting and moving livestock – won't be affected by the Clean Water Rule.

1 in 3 Americans get drinking water from seasonal and rain-dependent streams.



Tourism, fishing, recreation, energy production, manufacturing and other industries that depend on clean water add billions of dollars to our economy every year.

19 million people per year go paddling, spending \$86 billion on gear and trips.



Fishing adds \$48 billion to the economy every year, and supports nearly a million jobs.