



# TRCP Policy Issues for 2012

## **Department of Agriculture**

### *Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)*

Prevent acreage cap of 32 million from being lowered; need regularly scheduled sign-up periods

### *Voluntary Public Access-Habitat Incentive Program (VPAHIP)*

Reauthorize and fully fund VPA-HIP in 2012 Farm Bill

### *Native Prairie Protections*

Expand Grassland Reserve Program to encourage private landowners to conserve native prairies

### *Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP)*

Push for permanent reauthorization in next Farm Bill

### *Conservation Compliance*

Ensure that next Farm Bill includes conservation compliance requirements for Crop Insurance

### *Aspen Management*

Advise administration and Congress to fund and implement plans to actively manage aspen forests

### *National Forest Roadless Area Management*

Encourage administration to uphold Roadless Area Conservation Rule

### *Forest Service Planning Regulations*

Ensure revisions to National Forest Management Act are favorable to sportsmen and wildlife

## **Department of Commerce**

### *Marine Recreational Fisheries Conservation*

Sustaining fisheries populations and recreational use opportunities with a strong and effective Magnuson-Stevens Act, comprehensive and timely data collection and restoration activities in the Gulf of Mexico

## **Environmental Protection Agency**

### *Bristol Bay, Alaska*

Prevent construction of Pebble Mine in Bristol Bay, Alaska

### *Chesapeake Bay*

Reduce pollution in Bay watershed and pursue legislation to improve hunting/fishing access

### *Wetlands and Clean Water Protections*

Support Clean Water Act policies that protect wetlands and ephemeral streams

## **Department of the Interior**

### *Backcountry Lands Conservation*

Ensure that Bureau of Land Management lands important to sportsmen are conserved through land use designation and plan amendment process

### *Energy Development*

Work toward responsible multiple-use, sustained-yield public lands policy; advise land managers on balancing development of energy resources with fish, wildlife and sporting resources

## **Internal Revenue Service**

### *Tax Incentives for Conservation Easements*

Support legislation making the enhanced tax incentives conservation easements permanent

## **Department of Transportation**

### *Transportation Legislation*

Support efforts to include significant funding for fish/wildlife conservation and recreation in Highway Bill

## **Interagency**

### *Climate Change*

Advocate for increased levels and new sources of funding to help fish and wildlife adapt to climate change

### *Conservation Funding*

Partner with other conservation, recreation and preservation groups to form a unified voice to advocate for continued funding of conservation-related programs in Congress and with the administration