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**SPECIAL EDITION:
Update on Senate ESA Legislation**

STATE OF PLAY

Despite press reports of late, key Members of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee continue to work in a bipartisan fashion to craft legislation to improve the ESA. Staff of Committee Chairman James Inhofe (R-OK), Ranking Member Jim Jeffords (I-VT), Fisheries Subcommittee Chairman Lincoln Chafee (R-RI), and Subcommittee Ranking Member Hillary Rodham Clinton (D-NY) continue to meet on a daily basis in an ongoing attempt to reach consensus on a bill. While the initial March timeframe for Committee action has slipped, none of the negotiating parties have walked away from the table. Many hours have been put into these negotiations, and all parties involved are still working towards the goal of producing a bipartisan bill that will be brought before the EPW Committee for consideration.

Opponents of improving the ESA are telling Senators that the status quo is acceptable. Rather than working towards reasonable improvements to the ESA, they are engaging in environmental fear-mongering to stop the bipartisan discussions to update and improve the Act. Senators and their staff need to be reminded how important it is to update the ESA in 2006.

SENATORS MUST HEAR LOUD AND CLEAR THAT THE STATUS QUO IS UNACCEPTABLE.

**SENATORS INHOFE, JEFFORDS, CLINTON & JEFFORDS NEED TO KNOW THAT THEIR
CONSTITUENTS AND THEIR COLLEAGUES WANT BIPARTISAN LEGISLATION TO UPDATE THE
ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT IN 2006.**

PLEASE ACT NOW!

1. **Call Chairman James Inhofe and Senators Lincoln Chafee, James Jeffords and Hillary Clinton** and urge them to complete bipartisan discussions on improvements to the ESA.
2. **Call and write to your own Senators.** Contact them in Washington D.C. and ask them to support timely action to update and improve the Endangered Species Act and to tell the EPW Committee that we need improvements to the ESA now.
3. **Meet with your Senators.** Ask them to support efforts to update and improve the ESA and to communicate their support to Senate leadership and members of the Senate EPW Committee.
4. **Write a letter to the editor of your local newspaper** calling on your Senators to support timely action to update and improve the ESA in 2006.
5. **Let us know what you hear from your Senators.** Please forward all communications sent to Senators and intelligence gathered on their position on ESA to nesarc@vnf.com.

NOW IS THE TIME TO ACT...DO YOUR PART TO UPDATE AND IMPROVE THE ESA IN 2006!

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