



## LOUISIANA WILDLIFE FEDERATION

*“... conserving our natural resources and your right to enjoy them since 1940.”*

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Dear Prospective Affiliate:

Thank you for your interest in the Louisiana Wildlife Federation (LWF). Your organization's support and participation would be most welcome. There are currently more than 20 affiliates of LWF ranging from hunting and fishing clubs to environmental and natural resources conservation groups, working as a coalition in *“conserving our natural resources and your right to enjoy them.”*

The organizational structure of LWF is based on its network of affiliates. The affiliates, through their representatives on the LWF's Board of Directors and delegates to the Annual Meeting, guide the development of the LWF's programs and its policies and positions on conservation matters.

Any Louisiana organization that has a primary interest in the conservation of renewable natural resources and the quality of the environment, and subscribes to the basic mission of the LWF “to restore, preserve, develop, and increase the birds, fish, game, forestry, wild flowers and all other wildlife resources of the state...” as stated in the LWF Charter, may apply for affiliation.

**The reasons for affiliation** include 1) to become more knowledgeable, effective and influential in conservation matters; 2) to meet and interact with other conservationists from throughout the state to secure support for the affiliate's goals; 3) to take advantage of the Federation's communication network to inform a larger audience of the work and interests of the affiliate and to recruit new affiliate members.

As an affiliate organization of the Louisiana Wildlife Federation, your group would join forces with conservationists from throughout the state to correct abuses in the use of our soils, air, water, forests, wildlife and fisheries; to bring about the wise use of our natural resources; and to serve as a voice of the people in outdoor recreation and conservation matters.

### **Benefits include:**

1. Your organization would have an opportunity to present proposals before the representatives of the Federation's other affiliates to gain approval, support, and influence.
2. Your members and delegates would have an opportunity to participate in the annual Federation convention which decides most questions of conservation policy by democratic majority vote of the delegates.
3. Each year the Louisiana Wildlife Federation sponsors a Conservation Awards Program in cooperation with the National Wildlife Federation. This awards program is designed to give recognition to those persons and organizations who make outstanding contributions through their natural resources work. The Federation can also assist affiliates in giving special recognition to other individuals or organizations who make outstanding contributions to the affiliate's conservation efforts.

4. The Louisiana Wildlife Federation is the official state affiliate of the National Wildlife Federation. Thus, the leaders of LWF affiliates may receive regular publications, communications, and conservation news from NWF.

5. The LWF maintains a small, full-time staff and office in Baton Rouge to assist affiliates and to carry on the day to day administrative duties of the organization. Staff work includes monitoring legislation and notifying affiliates of any action that needs to be taken.

6. Representatives of the Federation attend public meetings of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to present Federation policy, views, and resolutions. Representatives of the Federation also attend meetings of other state and federal agencies whose actions have an effect on sportsmen, natural resources, and the environment. The Federation also has appointments on commissions and task forces related to natural resource management.

7. LWF provides, through its Board of Directors and members, the services of trained and skilled people of many professions and trades who contribute their knowledge, skills and labor for the common good.

Organizations interested in affiliating with LWF are invited to download an [application/renewal form](#) from the website or contact the LWF office for more information at (225) 344-6707.

Thanks again for your interest in joining with Louisiana Wildlife Federation!