

## 2. ENDANGERED SPECIES

The United States must enforce the Endangered Species Act as written, streamline listing procedures, and add Endangered Habitat provisions.

## 3. FOREST PRESERVATION AND RESTORATION

We must reform U.S. Forest Service policies to protect our public forests and impose an immediate ban on clearcutting of old growth forests.

## 4. OCEANS, RIVERS AND WETLANDS

We must recognize that the oceans are a limited, international resource by tightening standards on treatment and discharge of sewage and industrial waste. The United States should improve seaworthiness standards for commercial and military vessels with the goal of reducing oil and toxic spills at sea, and ban ocean transportation of nuclear waste.

Seventy-five percent of the pollution load of the ocean is from land-based sources. We support regional regimes to address this problem and seek dramatic reductions. We support international regimes to address over-exploitation of fisheries, including threatened migratory species. The Fisheries Conservation Management Act of 1976 should be reformed to address overfishing and habitat protection.

We must institute a genuine "no net loss" policy with regards to wetlands development, with a provision that impartial scientific analysis of proposed restoration plans assure that the restored ecosystems will be equal to or better than existing natural wetlands from the points of view of biodiversity and self-sustainability.

## 5. PHASE OUT THE USE OF PERSISTENT HAZARDOUS CHEMICALS

All persistent hazardous chemicals, such as chlorine compounds, mercury and PCBs, or their waste products, bioconcentrate in plant and animal life. Only a true prevention strategy of phasing these substances out of use will protect human health and the environment.

## THE GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT

Global Conservation Corps. The United States should spearhead the establishment of a Global Conservation Corps, under the auspices of the United Nations, which will bring together people of all nations, all religions, all races, to work on the tasks of environmental education, restoration of damaged habitats, reforestation, cleaning polluted waterways.