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NKFF Affiliates With Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership



“to ensure that America’s lands will always provide clean water, healthy habitat, bountiful fish and wildlife populations and opportunities to fish, hunt and enjoy the outdoors.”

By Mark England

At the June board meeting, the NKFF directors approved an affiliate membership with the Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership. The TRCP mission statement says their purpose is This group claims over 1,100 affiliated organizations and 75,000 individual members. Organizations with representation on their board include the Izaak Walton League of America, Trout Unlimited, Ducks Unlimited, BASS/ESPN Outdoors, the Sporting Goods Manufacturers’ Association, the Boone and Crockett Club, the American Sportfishing Association, and others. The group is headed by James D. Range, who also serves on the boards of Trout Unlimited and the American Sportfishing Association and is an

honorary president of the Izaak Walton League of America. He was chief counsel to Howard Baker when Baker was Senate majority leader. During that time he worked on the Clean Water Act amendments of 1977, the Endangered Species Act, and other important conservation legislation. The US Dept. of the Interior awarded him its highest honor, the Great Blue Heron Award.

Key issues for the Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership are:

- Improving management of federal lands and waters,
- Securing conservation funding,
- Protecting wetlands and clean water,
- Strengthening partnerships with private landowners,
- Energy and other resource development on public lands.

According to the group’s website, “TRCP’s work is undertaken in four stages:

1. Annual assessment of issues important to the hunting and fishing community;
2. Identification and development

- of priority campaigns;
3. Implementation of campaign at grassroots and national levels;
4. Evaluation of conservation impact and reassessment of priorities.

Two overarching tenets guide all TRCP’s work: 1) ensuring our nation’s public and private lands continue to be accessible to hunters and anglers, and 2) working with elected officials and land managers to support sound scientific fish and wildlife management decisions.”

The TRCP has a policy council of volunteers who review proposals for the group’s initiatives and make recommendations to the board on which ones should be undertaken. There are staff offices in Washington, DC, Missoula, MT, and Cody, WY.

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Treasurer’s Report by Tom Rust July 14, 2003

<i>Previous Checking Balance</i>	\$ 186.09
<i>Income</i>	\$ 529.00
<i>Expenses</i>	\$ (323.17)
<i>Transfers (+/-)</i>	\$
Current Checking Balance	\$ 391.92
<i>Red Barrington Scholarship Fund</i>	\$15,006.23
<i>Other Funds</i>	\$ 207.94
Total Assets	\$15,214.17