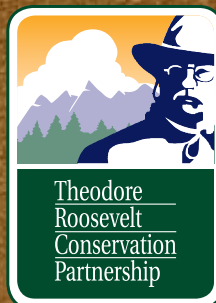


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# Message from the Chairman



Welcome to the "Annual Report Issue" of our *Rough Rider Reader*.

Seven years ago, Jim Range had the vision of an organization focused on enabling the sportsmen's community to have a more effective voice in Washington, D.C. He astutely observed that the views of 50 million hunters and anglers too often were overlooked in critical policy issues because sportsmen lacked an insider's knowledge of how decisions are made and how to get involved. Consequently, he pioneered the creation of the Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership.

Early in the planning process, Range recruited me onto the TRCP board. As a lifelong fisheries biologist from Oregon and a committed hunter and angler, I understood immediately how an organization like the TRCP could help sportsmen have a more effective and powerful voice on policy issues. Following the loss of Jim, I was proud to step forward and answer the call of my fellow board members—world-class conservationists all—to accept the role of TRCP board chairman. I am excited and humbled to take on this challenge and follow in my mentor's footsteps.

This edition of the *Rough Rider Reader* presents information about the TRCP's conservation initiatives and our recent accomplishments in the interest of American sportsmen. Important to note is that our group did not achieve our objectives alone. The TRCP is part of a broader community of hunting, fishing and conservation organizations pushing for sustaining huntable and fishable wildlife populations and the habitats on which these populations depend.

Whether working on the Farm Bill in America's heartland or on energy policy that affects habitats from the Rocky Mountains to the outer continental shelf, the TRCP is there, fighting for fish and wildlife populations. On the following pages you'll see how we are working on mining law reform, roadless area management, conservation funding in the climate bill, the restoration of Clean Water Act protections to wetlands, sportsmen's access and our growing Union Sportsmen's Alliance, all in the name of guaranteeing all Americans quality places to hunt and fish.

The TRCP is proud to demonstrate how the conservation legacy of Theodore Roosevelt is alive and well today and is applied to the most modern conservation challenges of the 21st century. We constantly remind ourselves of how T.R. would do it if he were here today, standing shoulder to shoulder with us in the fight. He would neither waver nor shuffle about, trying to be politically correct. He would tell it like it is, with science as his sword, and he would be looking out for the hunters and anglers of America and their children to come.

The TRCP is funded with grants from conservation foundations and large donations from outstanding conservationists and companies across America who want to give back. We also benefit from small donations from everyday sportsmen who understand what's at stake in the conservation policy battle currently underway in our nation's capital.

This year, the TRCP has launched a funding initiative in honor of our founder and visionary called the **Jim Range Conservation Fund**. Hunters and anglers from across America are sending checks and volunteering to help us fight the battles that will make a long-term difference in our sporting legacy. If you are as excited about the conservation opportunities before us as we are, please join us with your check and let Congress and the president hear your voice. Every day, important actions affecting our wildlife legacy are being pursued in Washington. And the TRCP is here to ensure that sportsmen's values are represented in these far-reaching decisions.

Check out this special *Rough Rider Reader* and join us in our campaigns any way you can. T.R. would be smiling, if he were here, and so would Jim Range.

Jim Martin, Chairman of the Board  
Conservation Director of the Berkley Conservation Institute

# Message from the President



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I don't know if the TRCP ever will experience a sadder yet more rewarding year than we have in 2009. While we are devoting time and attention to memorializing my close friend, Jim Range, the TRCP has moved forward and found success with our partners in advocating for sportsmen's issues and establishing a plan to chart the future of our group.

In January 2009, the TRCP released our organization's first strategic plan. Led by Chairman Range, our plan refined the TRCP's mission and established a bold vision for our future. We outlined goals in five areas for the organization to accomplish by 2012: initiative effectiveness, partner relationships, union partnerships, communications value and funding sustainability. Since enacting this plan, we've made strides toward accomplishing all five of these goals.

This year, the TRCP has established three working centers: the Center for Western Lands, the Center for Agricultural Lands and the Center for Marine Fisheries. Instrumental in our work with our partners, these centers help ensure that the sportsman's voice is heard early and often in natural resource policymaking. In the past year, the TRCP has collaborated with our partners to include fish and wildlife conservation measures in climate change legislation, advance new clean water and wetlands policy and present principles for assuring a balanced approach to offshore energy development, among many other achievements.

On these pages you'll see features that are in every issue of the *Rough Rider Reader*. The **Featured Rough Rider** profiles individuals who support the TRCP by donating at least \$500. To learn more about the Rough Rider Program, contact Maureen Bates (202-654-4600; mbates@trcp.org). The **Spotlight** presents interviews with individuals affiliated with the many institutions that support the TRCP. These are the people who help the TRCP ensure that all Americans have quality places to hunt and fish.

Our **Union Sportsman's Alliance** continues to grow, adding more than 900 members per month. The TRCP's partnership with unions has provided another voice advocating for hunting, fishing and conservation-related interests within federal policymaking.

To further promote interaction and communicate with all of our partners, we have launched a new dynamic Web site, [trcpsquaredealer.org](http://trcpsquaredealer.org).

The one goal that Jim Range was most adamant about achieving in our strategic plan was funding sustainability. Jim was supposed to be leading this effort with me, and, through our recent establishment of the Jim Range Conservation Fund, he still is. The state of the economy makes it a tough time to initiate an effort toward establishing a stronger funding base. But being able to memorialize Jim has pushed our staff, board and the JRCF Leadership Council to attack this organizational priority with the kind of passion and commitment that Jim would have commended.

As the TRCP family continues to grow with new staff members, board members, friends and their new children and grandchildren, I realize the importance of the TRCP's mission more and more. Jim always said, "Leave it a little bit better than you found it." That is exactly what the TRCP intends to do. With your help and support, with the continued hard work of everyone here at the TRCP and with the combined efforts of our partners, we can ensure that all Americans have access to quality places to hunt and fish—not just for this generation, but for my son's and daughter's generation, as well.

George Cooper, President and CEO

# Jim Range Conservation Fund



## T.R.'S LEGACY. JIM'S VISION. TRCP'S FUTURE.

NEW TRCP CAMPAIGN KEEPS FOUNDER'S MEMORY ALIVE WHILE ADVANCING SPORTSMEN'S GOALS

Jim Range was a driving force in the establishment of the TRCP in 2002, and he continued to provide leadership and direction to the organization until his death in January 2009.



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In an average week, Jim Range accomplished more for America's fish, wildlife and sportsmen-conservationists than most do in a lifetime. Through the TRCP, Jim channeled his passion for conservation and his firm belief that all Americans must have access to exceptional places to hunt and fish. Through his sweat, tears, time and dollars, Jim helped the TRCP realize a vision for redefining the role that sportsmen play in natural resource policymaking.

"The TRCP represents the crossroads of Jim's passions for hunting, fishing and conservation and his career as a policy-maker," says George Cooper, TRCP president and CEO. "His work ensuring a secure future for the TRCP was his way of ensuring the future of America's sporting traditions."

While Jim's life was cut short, his dedication to the conservation of fish and wildlife in support of our nation's sporting traditions is entrenched in our lives through the TRCP. At the spring meeting of the TRCP board of directors, the **Jim Range Conservation Fund** was established. The JRCF assures that Jim Range's voice will continue to influence the way we as a nation use and enjoy our fish and wildlife habitat.

"Through the Jim Range Conservation Fund, we intend to establish a strong base for the future of the TRCP, which is the best way that any of us can keep Jim's vision alive," says Mick Seidl, member of the TRCP board of directors and chair of the development committee.

**For questions about the Jim Range Conservation Fund and to learn more about opportunities to support the TRCP's conservation work, contact Maureen Bates, TRCP vice president of administration, at 202-654-4600 or mbates@trcp.org.**

### LIVING UP TO THE LEGACY

The Jim Range Conservation Fund will help the TRCP continue to achieve goals that Jim Range believed are crucial to America's sportsmen. Under the direction of the TRCP board of directors, the fund will be used to further the following efforts:

- Enhance the TRCP's flexibility to seize unexpected opportunities or confront sudden challenges on issues that affect the conservation of fish and wildlife habitat and hunting and fishing;
- Supplement funding to the TRCP's signature conservation programs in three major areas: Western public lands, agricultural private lands and marine fisheries; and
- Provide general operating support to the TRCP to ensure greater financial security, longevity and the ability to invest in organizational components necessary to move the TRCP to a new level of strategic effectiveness.

### THE JRCF LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

The use of all funds raised through the Jim Range Conservation Fund will be guided by the TRCP board of directors. A group of Jim Range's closest friends and colleagues has stepped forward to lead this effort and to ensure that Jim's conservation legacy endures.

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# Washington Watch



## SURVIVAL ADAPTATION

AS CONGRESS WEIGHS CLIMATE CHANGE LEGISLATION, SPORTSMEN ANTICIPATE ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FOR FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION

On the heels of the U.S. House of Representatives' passage of climate change legislation, sportsmen are embracing the prospect of billions of additional dollars for state and federal agencies to safeguard fish and wildlife from the effects of climate change. But approval in the Senate is far from certain.

The American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009 passed in the House on June 26. The ACES bill would create the Natural Resources Climate Change Adaptation Fund to provide substantial new funding to state and federal conservation agencies to implement fish and wildlife adaptation strategies. The bill included a tiered allocation from carbon allowances auction revenue, with fish and wildlife adaptation programs receiving 1 percent from 2012 to 2021, 2 percent from 2022 to 2026 and 4 percent from 2027 to 2050. The average annual funding through 2030 would approach nearly \$2 billion for the state-implemented plans.

Hunters and anglers already have witnessed changes in fish and game abundance and movement patterns while in the field, and many are encouraged by the bill's intent to ameliorate the effects of climate change. Scientists expect greenhouse gas pollution to affect fish and wildlife habitat in many ways, including a rise in sea level that inundates existing freshwater wetlands, fluctuating stream flows, evaporation of wetlands (especially the prairie potholes of the Dakotas),

the acidification of oceans and a higher frequency of intense storms, floods and droughts.

Members of the TRCP Climate Change Working Group support the incentives in the bill to sustain and expand habitat on farms, ranches and forests. A welcomed, late change to the bill, inserted by Agriculture Committee Chairman Collin Peterson, places the U.S. Department of Agriculture in charge of implementing agriculture and forestry carbon offset projects that include conservation programs, which will benefit many existing fish and wildlife conservation policies.

Despite its positive attributes for fish and wildlife conservation, political controversy dogs the ACES bill because of its "cap and trade" approach, which imposes a limit on greenhouse gas emissions. Proponents of the bill, such as the AFL-CIO, a TRCP partner, believe cap and trade will stimulate an investment in energy efficiency and new jobs in renewable energy technologies. Some groups, however, are concerned that measure could have serious economic consequences. This is the dilemma that senators face as they take action on a climate change bill in September.

The TRCP is pleased that ACES funding would assist America's farmers, ranchers, forest-land owners and public-land managers in solving the climate challenge. While applying fish and wildlife friendly conservation practices to the nation's lands and waters, the program also would enable the sequestration of atmospheric carbon and improve water quality. We will continue encouraging Congress to ensure that any future climate change legislation will include safeguards for fish and wildlife populations that sportsmen everywhere treasure.

—By Tom Franklin, TRCP Senior Vice President and Certified Wildlife Biologist

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# Center for Western Lands



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## CONSERVING WHAT'S BEST IN THE WEST

TRCP INITIATIVES: CLIMATE CHANGE, ENERGY, MINING LAW REFORM, ROADLESS

Federal public lands in the West always have hosted a wide range of uses and activities. Theodore Roosevelt conserved 230 million acres during his presidency yet cited ongoing conflicts with lobbyists representing timber, mining and grazing interests who used state and local politicians to generate public opposition. Then, as now, there is a need for sportsmen-conservationists to ensure that these vital fish and wildlife habitats are developed in a responsible, science-based manner.

The TRCP launched the Center for Western Lands in February 2009, increasing the TRCP's effectiveness in conserving public-lands fish and wildlife habitat and American sporting traditions. The policy expertise, grassroots support, communications savvy and strategic partnerships allow this new entity to influence public policy via the following three-pronged approach:

- promoting science-based conservation and policy;
- empowering leaders from the sportsmen-conservationist community;
- implementing public education campaigns and conservation advocacy.

"In many instances, Western federal public lands are governed by a multiple-use doctrine that originates in law as well as Western culture and tradition," says CWL Director Bill Geer. "These last, best places offer exceptional habitat for cherished species of fish and wildlife and are used by millions of sports-

men. Yet our public lands are threatened in some areas by energy development—both traditional and renewable—that has not been properly planned upfront to incorporate the needs of fish and wildlife, as well as hard-rock mining, climate change and unchecked backcountry development."

With guidance from the TRCP Fish, Wildlife and Energy Working Group, the CWL staff has recommended federal laws, policies and administrative actions to balance public-lands energy development with fish and wildlife conservation while sustaining hunting and fishing opportunities. Outreach to rank-and-file sportsmen continues with the TRCP's Hunters and Anglers for Responsible Development campaign. And through its participation in the Sportsmen for Responsible Energy Development coalition, the TRCP is flexing its political muscle on behalf of regional groups, businesses and individual sportsmen across the West.

The TRCP has made inroads into reforming the 1872 Mining Law with provisions that end mining's priority status on public lands and conserve important wildlife habitat and sporting opportunities. Sen. Harry Reid (D-NV), a longstanding critic of reform efforts, has stated his support of passage of such legislation as early as 2010, and CWL staff is mobilizing sportsmen in promoting revisions to the nation's most archaic natural-resources legislation.

Guided by the recently formed Roadless Initiative Working Group, CWL staff is coordinating sportsmen to advocate for strong national roadless area conservation through regulations that moderate backcountry development. In Idaho, CWL staff organized sportsmen to improve the Idaho Roadless Rule and successfully increased conserved habitat for more than 6 million acres. CWL staff also is actively involved in development of the Colorado Roadless Rule, currently in draft form, to conserve more than 4 million acres. And through its Banking on the Backcountry campaign, the TRCP has engaged hundreds of sportsmen-focused businesses and groups in influencing the management of 49 million acres of national forest roadless areas.

Finally, the CWL is working with Congress to ensure that climate change and energy legislation fund state agencies to address the impacts of climate change safeguard on fish and wildlife. The TRCP promotes the use of "sustainable wildlife planning," an approach that will guarantee places to hunt and fish for generations to come.

—By Katie McKalip



## FEATURED ROUGH RIDER

TIM CRAWFORD

BELGRADE, MONT.

RANCHER, BIG-GAME HUNTER, CONSERVATION ADVOCATE

I suppose the real origin of my interest in the outdoors came from my grandfather reading stories of the American Frontier, James Fenimore Cooper—those sorts of stories. That was how the real seed got planted. I continued to participate in hunting and fishing and seriously became involved in conservation issues.

Here at my ranch, my wife says I ranch for wildlife. That's not really true, but I believe that you need to manage your lands in a balanced way. We always leave some extra grain after the harvest for the wildlife, which has its hunting benefits, too.

I first became involved in the TRCP when my good friend Ken Barrett introduced me to Jim Range, and they hornsoggled me into giving some dough. I've always thought that hunters and anglers take the resource for granted. It's easy for them to sit around, drink beer and complain about license fees, but it's nearly impossible to get the average sportsman to contact their elected officials to urge them to manage public assets to benefit the public usage of the land. The TRCP has been able to do that, especially in the area of mining conservation. The average sportsman has no idea how terrible mining can be to the land and water.

—As told to Brian McClintock

## Spotlight

JANE DANOWITZ

WASHINGTON, D.C.

SENIOR OFFICER

Pew Environment Group

DIRECTOR

Mining Law Reform



*Why are you and your foundation interested in the TRCP's work?*

The Pew Charitable Trusts, with the Turner Foundation, was an original funder of the TRCP. Since the presidency of Theodore Roosevelt, sportsmen and -women have been critical to conservation efforts in this country. Given the threats to our environment today, we thought it critical to facilitate their participation in shaping new policies to provide long-term protections for our public lands.

*What do you think is the most important conservation issue facing hunters, anglers and outdoor recreationists today?*

So many critical conservation issues must be addressed that they're hard to rank. Global warming, unchecked energy development, mining and sprawl are just a few on a list, which, unfortunately, gets longer every day. In my view, what's most important is for everyone who cares about the outdoors to be actively engaged in promoting public policies that protect it. That means communicating to your members of Congress and other elected leaders that you want valuable fish and wildlife habitat protected.

*What are your hopes for the future of the U.S. roadless area policy?*

A game-changing victory was secured recently when the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals upheld the 2001 Roadless Area Conservation Rule, which protects roughly 60 million acres of undeveloped national forestland. We're hopeful that the Obama administration will fulfill its pledge to ensure that this landmark policy remains the law of the land. The TRCP has been critical to our success to date in protecting national forest roadless areas. But the continued clout that the TRCP and hunters and anglers bring to the table can ensure these treasured lands are protected for generations to come.

# Center for Agricultural Lands



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## CONSERVING YOUR LOCAL FISH AND WILDLIFE HABITAT

**TRCP INITIATIVES: ACCESS, FARM BILL, HIGHWAYS & HABITAT AND WETLANDS**

Much of the most vital fish and wildlife habitat in this country is found on land owned by ranchers, farmers and other private citizens. Whether a prairie pothole on a South Dakota ranch used by migratory birds, a roadside waterway that empties into a native brook trout stream in Pennsylvania or a bobwhite quail nesting field in Texas, private-lands habitats are relied upon by fish and wildlife, regardless of where they are located and who owns them. The TRCP established the Center for Agricultural Lands to ensure that, through our work with partner organizations, the quality of all these habitats is safeguarded for future generations.

“With more and more fish and wildlife habitat becoming privatized or lost to urban sprawl, sportsmen are commonly faced with the problem of access to their favorite spots,” says Geoff Mullins, initiative manager for the TRCP CAL. “If we can positively affect policy here in D.C. to provide incentives for landowners to conserve these habitats and enable access by hunters and anglers, we can open up a vast number of high-quality sporting opportunities for Americans.”

This past year, the TRCP has educated sportsmen and federal policymakers alike on many legislative issues important to

conservation. Since its success in May 2008 in ensuring passage of an updated Farm Bill, the TRCP Agriculture and Wildlife Working Group has remained busy providing input and monitoring implementation of established programs such as the Conservation Reserve Program and the Wetlands Reserve Program and defining the details of the newly created Open Fields program, which the TRCP helped develop and which provides incentives to landowners for allowing sportsmen access.

The TRCP’s work to restore lost protections of the Clean Water Act that conserve vital wetlands and waters also received a victory early in 2009 when the Clean Water Restoration Act was successfully advanced in a key Senate committee. While much work remains before this bill is passed and signed into law, the TRCP is encouraged that this momentum and the attention the legislation currently is receiving in Washington, D.C., will mean that there will be more quality wetlands and waters on which fish and wildlife can rely.

“Congress is very active right now working on legislation that directly affects hunting and fishing,” says Mullins. “Through the Clean Water Restoration Act; the Surface Transportation Act, or Highway Bill; implementation of the 2008 Farm Bill and others, the TRCP and our partners are ensuring that the sportsmen’s voice is heard on the policies that will determine the future of their favorite hunting and fishing spots.”

—By Brian McClintock

## FEATURED ROUGH RIDER

**TOD SEDGWICK**

WASHINGTON, D.C.

NEWSLETTER PUBLISHER, BIRD HUNTER,  
WETLANDS ADVOCATE

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## Spotlight

**CHARLES S. POTTER JR.**  
DUNDEE, ILL.

CEO

Max McGraw Wildlife Foundation



*How did you become interested in the outdoors?*

I grew up on a family farm in northeast Illinois with two parents who loved to hunt and fish. Some of my earliest memories are of watching through the dining room window as the ducks came into our marsh every spring. They’d multiply through the summer and then grow restless in the fall. After college, I spent six months following the waterfowl migration while writing for *Field & Stream* and *Outdoor Life*.

*How did that lead to a career in conservation?*

After that incredible experience of hunting the migration, I knew I wanted to continue my career in the outdoor recreation and conservation area. This led me to the Max McGraw Wildlife Foundation [an organization with the purpose of furthering management and conservation of wildlife and fisheries resources through programs of research, education and cooperation with other agencies]. At Max McGraw we have a combined mission of enhancing our hunting and fishing heritage and providing a science-based agenda for active habitat management.

*Why did you become involved with the TRCP?*

I met TRCP co-founder and former chairman Jim Range in the 1980s while working on the North American Waterfowl Management Plan. When he told me of his vision for the TRCP, I was anxious to support him both through my own personal time and dedication and through the support of the Max McGraw Wildlife Foundation. The TRCP’s work on improving access for hunting and fishing is at the core of the future success of conservation, which is why I’m proud to sit on the organization’s board of directors.

# Center for Marine Fisheries



## ENSURING EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT OF OUR SALTWATER RESOURCES AND ANGLING TRADITIONS

### TRCP INITIATIVE: FISHERIES

Our ocean and coastal resources face an increasing number of proposed activities and pressures—including wind and wave energy, liquefied natural gas, gas terminals, desalinization plants, oil exploration, aquaculture, recreational activities, shipping and commercial fishing. Current management practices, however, are sadly inadequate to assure the long-term health and support the range of sporting traditions that rely on them.

In 2009, the TRCP's Center for Marine Fisheries set an ambitious goal of better mobilizing and engaging our partners and affiliates toward balancing these multiple and competing uses while conserving an invaluable public resource and the outdoor opportunities it provides. By taking a leadership role in this area, the TRCP is effecting needed changes in the federal government's approach to administering these important and finite resources. Chief among these efforts entails continued guidance from the organization's Angling 4 Oceans coalition, a group of national, regional and local organizations and business associations that helps shape public policy surrounding saltwater angling and marine fisheries conservation.

"Our national policy regarding our marine resources reflects 30-plus years of commercial exploitation," says Tom Franklin, TRCP senior vice president. "This policy has led to repeated boom-and-bust cycles in the federally regulated fisheries of the coastal states—with the one constant being the continued and persistent federal practice of sustaining economic activity

at the expense of the fish."

In early 2009, the Angling 4 Oceans coalition learned that the new administration intended to tap energy resources from our oceans and shores as a catalyst for economic growth, and it dove headfirst into the emerging public policy debate.

The coalition recognizes the need for both renewable and nonrenewable domestic energy production from the outer continental shelf and our coastal regions. Yet its members have seen the undesirable effects of unplanned and unchecked energy development occurring on our onshore public lands, and these leaders believe strongly that energy development derived from the country's marine resources can and must be conducted responsibly to conserve the nation's fish and wildlife legacy for the benefit of all Americans. That's why the coalition developed its CAST principles—Conservation, Allocation, Science and Transparency—that spell out specific recommendations for federal decision makers to safeguard fish and wildlife resources and recreational angling opportunities as they look to the oceans for sources of energy. The TRCP and its coalition allies have taken these recommendations to key authorities in Washington and at the regional fisheries council levels to urge endorsement before development occurs.

Congress asked the TRCP to testify on behalf of recreational anglers, and the CAST principles were introduced as part of that briefing. Currently, TRCP partners are analyzing and commenting on energy legislation that has incorporated some of these guidelines and are working with the National Marine Fisheries Service to ensure that crucial fisheries habitat is safeguarded to sustain fish populations as development occurs—both in our oceans and on our shores.

Whether it is weighing in on new policies shaping offshore energy development or providing timely input and specific recommendations on implementation of other new federal policies that stand to affect saltwater recreational fishing, the TRCP through its Angling 4 Oceans coalition stands ready to continue building the effectiveness of the recreational angling voice in marine fisheries policymaking.

—By Katie McKalip



## FEATURED ROUGH RIDER

### RANDY REPASS

MONTEREY BAY, CALIF.

WEST MARINE OWNER, AVID BOATER AND ANGLER, SALTWATER CONSERVATION ENTHUSIAST

I am a serious boater and a casual angler. After college, I lived aboard and raced sailboats and fished for salmon and rockfish in Monterey Bay, Calif. My family and I own a 42-foot lobster yacht, which we cruise and fish in the Pacific Northwest. We also own a 65-foot passagemaking sailboat that we sailed through the South Pacific to Australia.

During our time on the water, my family and I have experienced changes to the marine environment that deeply concern us. Once-plentiful Monterey Bay rockfish populations have declined, resulting in extensive closures for both recreational and commercial anglers in recent years. And, of course, our recreational and commercial salmon fishing has been closed for the past two years in California.

Most fishing and marine environmental organizations have a common interest in "more fish." These two groups do work constructively together on specific issues; however, in some cases friction can result. In the past 30 years, recreational fishing has done more for marine conservation than generally is known by the marine environmental community.

In some fisheries, the numbers of commercial bycatch of popular recreational fish species outnumber those fish caught by recreational anglers. It is important to note that not all commercial fishing is wasteful, but the commercial fishing focus of the National Marine Fisheries Service has led to poor management of some fisheries and popular gamefish species, such as bluefin tuna.

To do the most good for the common interest of "more fish," these groups must work together. And the TRCP is in an ideal position to facilitate this collaboration.

—As told to Brian McClintock

## Spotlight

### MIKE NUSSMAN

WASHINGTON, D.C.

PRESIDENT AND CEO  
*American Sportfishing Association*



*Why are you personally and through the ASA involved in the TRCP's work?*

My involvement with the TRCP began with TRCP co-founder Jim Range. Jim made it his life's mission to ensure that our outdoors was conserved for everyone to enjoy, and he let nothing stand in his way. Jim brought me into the organization, and I'm honored to be a TRCP board member and to represent the sportfishing industry's interests.

*In your opinion, what are the most important conservation issues facing saltwater anglers today?*

The Obama administration is focused on rebuilding our marine fish stocks. This is a laudable goal. Without good science and sound data to inform their decisions, however, it's only going to be guesswork. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Marine Fisheries Service has done a poor job of collecting recreational saltwater fishing data. Since its inception, the NOAA and NMFS have focused on commercial fisheries, with recreational fishing as an afterthought at best, which is no surprise since NOAA is a part of the Department of Commerce. This is despite the fact, as affirmed by data published on NOAA's Web site, that although recreational saltwater fishing has only a 3-percent share of the total take of saltwater fish, from a jobs perspective, commercial and recreational saltwater fishing are pretty close in terms of employment. Put simply, if your focus is commercial fishing, recreational fishing is bound to be pretty far down the list. On the other hand, Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service are committed to developing the next generation of natural resources managers through the new Office of Youth. One way they plan to accomplish this is to teach young people to hunt and fish.

*How do you envision the TRCP playing a role in the future of marine fisheries conservation?*

If past results are any indication of future action, the NOAA and NMFS will have a difficult time focusing their attention on recreational saltwater anglers. We have argued for better data and better management practices for years. The ASA, TRCP and other organizations worked cooperatively to include provisions in the Magnuson-Stevens Act reauthorization to vastly improve data collection, which is the only way we can improve the conservation of our saltwater resources.

# Union Sportsmen's Alliance



## PROVIDING A CONSERVATION VOICE TO UNION MEMBERS

If you are a union member and a sportsman-conservationist, you belong. That always has been the philosophy behind the Union Sportsmen's Alliance. In early 2009, the USA put that concept into words through its "You Belong" member recruitment campaign, and in its wake support for the union-dedicated club is growing rapidly.

July 2009 marked the USA's second anniversary, and the young TRCP program ended the month with an impressive 11,715 members. This has been a year of recruitment records for the USA, with two consecutive months of 1,000-plus gains in individual members, including a record 1,256 signups in June. Since the beginning of the year, the USA has averaged 900 new members per month, compared to an average of 480 members per month during the same time period in 2008.

"Though many Americans are feeling the effects of difficult economic times, the USA's record recruitment numbers suggest that hunting and fishing are not a luxury but an essential part of life for many union members," says Fred Myers, USA executive director. "The USA is proud to connect thousands of union sportsmen and -women of all different trades and give them a way, through the TRCP, to help preserve the outdoor traditions they care so deeply about."

This increase in membership has also led to an increase in the participation of the TRCP's union partners on conservation issues. Earlier this summer, 20 of the TRCP's union partners signed on to a letter to the Senate requesting that dedicated funding to safeguard fish, wildlife and ecosystems that are important to sportsmen be included in climate change legislation being deliberated by Congress.

Thanks to its growing membership base, the USA has taken strides in recent months to enhance the value of the club for union hunters and anglers. The USA launched a quarterly newspaper, *The Union Sportsmen's Journal*, in February. August saw the launch of a revamped USA Web site, designed to be more dynamic, valuable and user friendly. The USA has continued to forge partnerships with well-known companies to offer exclusive deals and discounts as well as exciting promotions, like its Chevy truck giveaway. The USA also formed a partnership with American Bass Anglers to provide union anglers the opportunity to join a special USA Service Team and compete against fellow union members in ABA fishing tournaments.

The growth of the USA has enabled the club to initiate on-the-ground hunting, fishing, shooting and other sportsmen-fundraising events to connect and recruit members. In April, the USA hosted its inaugural sportsmen's dinner in Minneapolis, Minn., welcoming 120 new members and renewing 65. And in June, 152 shooters participated in the first-ever USA Capital Area Sporting Clays Shoot, which raised approximately \$30,000, after expenses.

"The USA's growth in the past year has been nothing short of phenomenal," says George Cooper, TRCP president and CEO. "As more and more union members join the USA and become TRCP partners, they strengthen the united voice of sportsmen in critical conservation issues. The hard work of our terrific staff and our union and corporate partners has made these record achievements possible."

—By Kate Cywinski



## FEATURED USA MEMBER

MARK GAGLIARDI

OAKLEY, CALIF.

UNION MEMBER, SPORTING CLAYS SHOOT ORGANIZER, AVID WHITETAIL HUNTER

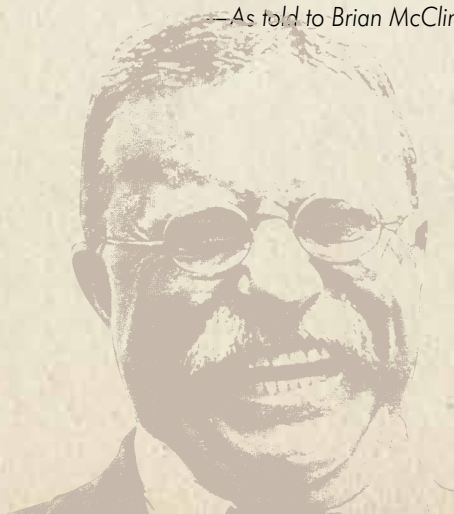
When I was growing up in western Pennsylvania, hunting and fishing were always a part of my life. When I moved to California, I continued to find new opportunities to hunt and shoot here and travel back to my home hunting camp every deer season.

I joined the Office and Professional Employees International Union 10 years ago and now serve as the chief steward, Western U.S., for OPEIU Local 277. Seven years ago, I was pheasant hunting with a couple of union presidents, and we hit upon the idea of a sporting clays shoot as a fundraiser. So, I started Shoot For A Cure in 2003. What started as one shoot in Northern California now has become a national nonprofit organization hosting 10 events per year all across the country to support the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. We always are looking for new sponsors and venues to expand our program.

A group of fellow union sportsmen formed the Sportsmen in Labor Coalition here in California, and when we heard about the Union Sportsmen's Alliance, we knew that the idea would work internationally. After meeting with Jim Range, then chairman of the TRCP, and Fred Myers, director of the USA, I started to help promote the USA. This spring, we held the first USA sporting clays shoot in Washington, D.C.

With all of my volunteer work, it's getting harder and harder to balance my professional job with all of my union and sporting activities. But when it comes to hunting, fishing, shooting and the outdoors, it's hard to say no.

—As told to Brian McClintock

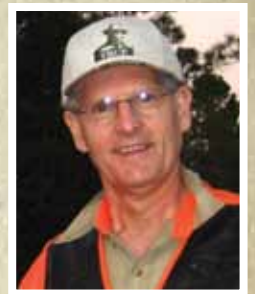


## UNION Spotlight

KINSEY ROBINSON

WASHINGTON, D.C.

INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT  
*United Union of Roofers, Waterproofers and Allied Workers*



*How did you get introduced to hunting?*

My father taught me about hunting at an early age. I first started taking hunting excursions with him for grouse, pheasant and squirrels and began target shooting when I was 8 years old. I was accompanying him on duck hunts by the time I was 12. My father, now 87, no longer hunts, but he was still proudly taking to the field for ringneck pheasants when he was 85 years old.

*Why are you involved with the TRCP and the USA?*

The TRCP is dedicated to the stewardship of the American landscape, helping to expand fish and wildlife habitat and increasing public access to quality hunting and fishing.

Unions are about a better quality of life for working men and women, not only in the workplace but also in the outdoors, where millions of union members enjoy hunting and fishing. Today's union members are finding that access to lands and waters for them, their children and grandchildren is becoming increasingly restricted. To help answer that need, the Union Sportsmen's Alliance was founded. While union members enjoy many benefits when they join the USA, their greatest benefit is that the USA and the TRCP strive to protect and maintain access to the best places to hunt and fish in America.

*Why is conservation important?*

It is our responsibility to be the stewards of all that man has been given: the land, water and all the life they sustain. Without proper conservation we will certainly destroy what God has so benevolently granted us and rob future generations of the treasures that rightfully belong to them. I believe it is my duty to help others understand the principle of protecting our natural resources so that those future generations may enjoy them.

We need to protect existing public lands, expand public lands, reverse wetland loss and maintain proven programs that protect wildlife habitat like the Conservation Reserve Program, the Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program and the Wetlands Reserve Program.

# Donors & Financial

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## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

December 31, 2008

### ASSETS

Cash and Other Current Assets	1,615,393
Grants Receivable	738,511
Fixed Assets	54,179
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>2,408,083</b>

### LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Current Liabilities	693,229
Net Assets	1,714,854
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>	<b>2,408,083</b>

## STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES

### REVENUE

Grants	1,892,200
Contributions	2,614,563
Donations	159,593
Other Revenue	186,978
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>4,853,334</b>

### EXPENSES

Conservation Programs	4,260,106
Communications	308,750
Fundraising	165,286
Management and General	748,445
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>5,482,587</b>

**NET ASSETS** December 31, 2008 **1,714,854**

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Life in the Open host Ken Barrett (left) with Maj. Brent Cummings during a Montana upland bird hunt. This hunt will air on season 5 of Life in the Open.



Gary Babineau, a union bricklayer from Minneapolis who became a national hero during the city's tragic bridge collapse, battled this dolphin fishing in Panama. This fishing trip aired on season 3 of Escape to the Wild.



Shannon Talbert, a union painter from San Francisco, on his successful dream elk hunt to Colorado. This hunt aired on season 3 of Escape to the Wild.



Kellie Stone, a union electrical worker and world kickboxing champion, traveled to northern Quebec in pursuit of a trophy caribou. This hunt aired on season 3 of Escape to the Wild.



Barrett (center) posing with a Tennessee whitetail shot during a hunt with Mike Butler and Terry Lewis, CEO and board member, respectively, of the Tennessee Wildlife Federation. This hunt will air on season 5 of Life in the Open.



# Field Work

## LIFE IN THE WILD

PEN-RAISED BIRDS PROVIDE GREAT SHOOTING OPPORTUNITIES FOR BIRD HUNTERS, BUT HUNTING WILD BOBWHITE QUAIL IS A TRUE ADVENTURE

BY KEN BARRETT

Lord Alfred Tennyson described the wild as “nature, red in tooth and claw.” I’m not sure if Tennyson was a bird hunter, or if pen-raised birds existed in 1849 when his poem was published, but anyone who has hunted pen-raised birds versus wild birds knows exactly what “red in tooth and claw” means.

As bobwhite quail habitat and populations continue to shrink, the opportunities to hunt wild birds become scarce. Luckily, through filming for the TRCP’s *Life in the Open*, I had two chances in the past year to chase wild bobs: first, in one of the last bailiwicks of bobwhites, south Texas, and, later, in the name of science, at Tall Timbers Research Station and Land Conservancy in Tallahassee, Fla.

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*Missing is bird hunting’s version of catch and release.*

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For those accustomed to pen-raised birds, the switch to hunting wild bobwhites can be striking. Pen-raised birds amble off through the air like so many vintage biplanes, while their wild brethren scatter in all directions like turbo-charged fighter jets. I can hit the pen-raised birds with regularity, while wild birds often leave me with egg on my face. At my age, however, the only thing better than hitting a bird is missing one. Missing is bird hunting’s version of catch and release.

Mick Seidl, TRCP board member, hosted me on his lease on the famed Kenedy Ranch next to the Gulf of Mexico for my inaugural bobwhite hunt of the season. Quail numbers were at a record high in 2008, and we kicked up enough birds to provide us with plenty of shooting. Joining Mick and me was Jeff Reh of Beretta, who cut his wing-shooting teeth on wild quail as a boy, and he quickly showed us how to do it. The wide-open landscape made for easy shooting with my Beretta Silver Pigeon 20-gauge over-under. In addition to quail, south Texas hosts abundant wildlife, including javelina, some head-spinning



PHOTO BY ROGER HILL; COURTESY OF QUAIL FOREVER

whitetails and nilgai—a large species of antelope native to India, introduced to Texas 70-plus years ago.

While the Texas trip was for pleasure, my hunt at Tall Timbers in Florida was for “scientific purposes.” A preeminent bobwhite quail research center, Tall Timbers is hunted only a few times per year and “for scientific collecting purposes only.” I always am happy to contribute to wildlife research.

Dave Perkins, Tall Timbers chairman, TRCP board member and vice chairman of Orvis, arranged the hunt with our guide and host Dr. Bill Palmer, one of Tall Timber’s head researchers. Though I consider myself a good upland shot, those little brown buzz bombs of the Florida tangles whipped past my eyes more times than I care to admit. I barely hit one third of the birds I shot at, while Dave seemed to scratch down a bird or two whenever a covey flushed. While I blame my new progressive-lens glasses for my poor shooting, I learned more about the lives and natural history of bobwhites in three days than in all my years of hunting them previously. For instance, more than one bobwhite hen will lay eggs in a single nest, and 75 percent of a local bobwhite population can succumb to raptors in as little as six weeks.

### CATCH THE ACTION

Both the Texas and Florida hunts will be featured on season 5 of *Life in the Open*, produced by Orion Multimedia, beginning in October on Versus. Tune in to watch as Ken practices “catch-and-release quail hunting.”

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