

IOWA WATER WATCH

Guide to Decision-Makers

You have a right to have your voice heard by lawmakers and agencies on water issues. You make a difference. Make sure your local leaders and representatives know you support policies that promote safe, clean water in Iowa.



Who are the decision-makers to contact regarding Iowa's recreational waterways?

There are a number of decision-makers on recreational water issues at every level of government, from local to federal. The lawmakers and agencies included in this guide each have their own role in making laws or administering them. As an advocate, it's important to make sure you are reaching out to the appropriate decision-maker regarding a policy change you are seeking.



The decision-makers, their responsibilities, and contact information:

State and local government

Decision-maker(s)	Purview/Responsibilities	Contact Information
<p>Iowa State Legislature - State Senate and Iowa House of Representatives</p> <p>Every Iowan has one state senator and one state representative</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposes, amends, and passes state legislation Passes a state budget 	<p>Find your state senator and representative and their contact information at legis.iowa.gov/legislators/find.</p>
<p>Governor</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Signs bills into law or veto Proposes bills and state budget Nominates or appoint department heads and judges Issues executive orders and disaster declarations Leads state agencies Oversees administrative rule promulgation 	<p>Phone: (515) 281-5211</p> <p>Mailing Address: Office of the Governor Iowa State Capitol 1007 East Grand Ave Des Moines, IA 50319</p> <p>The Governor's office has an online form you can use to Register an Opinion. Find it at governor.iowa.gov.</p>
<p>Iowa Department of Natural Resources</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implements the federal Clean Water Act and Safe Drinking Water Act in Iowa Implements/administers laws of the state related to water, land, and air Adopts administrative rules to prescribe how it will implement or administer state laws Manages the state beach monitoring program Manages state parks, forests, preserves, and wildlife management areas 	<p>DNR opens periods of public comment for some actions it takes. Comments must be submitted according to the procedures outlined in the notice for public comment.</p> <p>Reports of complaints or questions about activities related to environmental protection can be directed to a field office. Find your field office at iowadnr.gov/fieldoffice.</p> <p>Other staff contacts can be found on DNR's website.</p>
<p>County Conservation Board</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Manages county parks, natural areas, preserves, and trails 	<p>Find your county conservation board at mycountyparks.com or by searching for your county and "conservation board."</p>

Federal government

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<p>U.S. Senate</p> <p>Every state elects two U.S. Senators. Iowa's current senators are Joni Ernst and Chuck Grassley.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Passes bills • Oversee the federal budget • Approves or rejects presidential appointees for agencies 	<p>Sen. Joni Ernst Phone: (202) 224-3254</p> <p>Find more contact info and a contact form for Sen. Ernst at ernst.senate.gov/contact.</p> <p>Sen. Chuck Grassley Phone: (202) 224-3744</p> <p>Find more contact info and a contact form for Sen. Grassley at grassley.senate.gov/contact.</p>
<p>U.S. House of Representatives</p> <p>Every Iowan has one Representative.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposes, amends, and passes federal legislation • Passes a federal budget 	<p>Find your representative at ziplook.house.gov/.</p> <p>District 1: Marianne Miller-Meeks Phone: (202) 225-6576</p> <p>District 2: Ashley Hinson Phone: (202) 225-2911</p> <p>District 3: Zach Nunn Phone: (202) 225-5476</p> <p>District 4: Randy Feenstra Phone: (202) 225-4426</p> <p>Find links to more contact info and contact forms for Iowa representatives.</p>
<p>Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)</p> <p>Iowa is served by EPA Region 7.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develops and enforces regulations for environmental laws, including the Clean Water Act and Safe Drinking Water Act 	<p>EPA opens periods of public comment for some actions it takes. Comments must be submitted according to the procedures outlined in the notice for public comment.</p> <p>EPA Administrator: Michael S. Regan Phone: (202) 564-4700 Email: Regan.Michael@epa.gov</p> <p>Region 7 Administrator: Meg McCollister Phone: (913) 551-7006</p> <p>Mailing Address: 11201 Renner Boulevard Lenexa, KS 66219</p>