



Alabama Rivers Alliance
Water Is Life

Celebrating more than 20 years of uniting the
citizens of Alabama to protect our right to
clean, healthy waters



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Healthy streams for healthy lakes



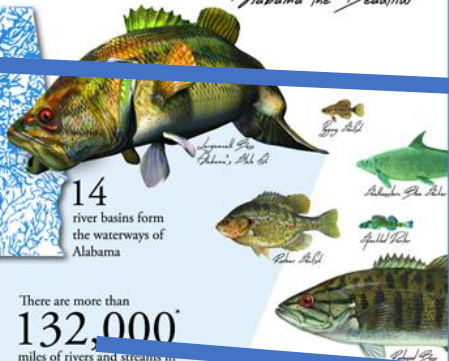
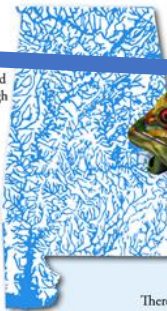




America's Amazon

Alabama the Beautiful

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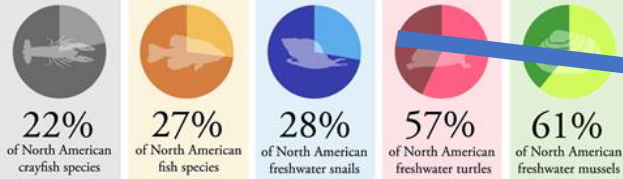


14 river basins form the waterways of Alabama

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Top 5 States Freshwater Fish Biodiversity

Rank	State	# Species
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2	Tennessee	320
3	Georgia	265
4	Kentucky	248
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Native to Alabama

Alabama Ranks Number 1 in the U.S. for the number of freshwater crayfish, fish, snail, turtle and mussel species!



19% of the freshwater fish species in Alabama are at risk due to pollution and destruction of habitat.



Get Involved!

Get certified as a water monitor and volunteer. Learn more at <http://alabamawaterwatch.org>

References:



Suggested Reading:

Fishes of Alabama by Herbert T. Boedong and Richard L. Mayden

Southern Wonder: Alabama's Surprising Diversity by R. Scott Duncan

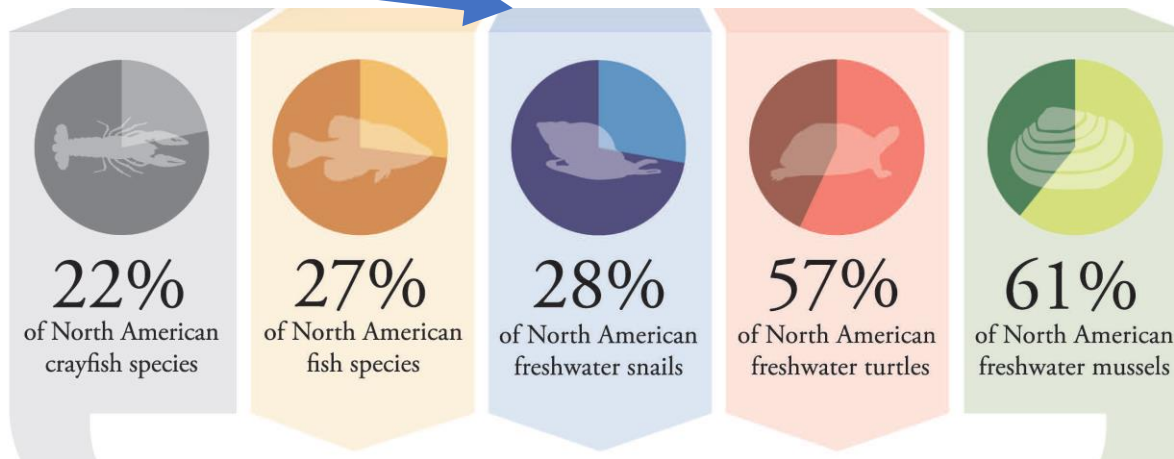


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Outdoor recreation is essential to the American economy.

Every year, Americans spend **\$646 billion** on outdoor recreation — on gear, vehicles, trips, travel-related expenses and more. This creates jobs, supports communities, generates tax revenue and helps drive the economy. Throughout America, people recognize that outdoor recreation and open spaces attract and sustain families and businesses, create healthy communities and foster a high quality of life.



At least **57%** of **Alabama** residents participate in outdoor recreation each year.¹

Alabama offers spectacular outdoor recreation opportunities at treasured destinations, including the **Bon Secour National Wildlife Refuge**, **Bankhead National Forest** and many others, bringing in dollars from residents and out-of-state visitors alike.

View all 50 states and learn more at:
outdoorindustry.org/recreationeconomy

In Alabama

OUTDOOR RECREATION
GENERATES...

\$7.5 BILLION in consumer spending	86K direct Alabama jobs ²
\$2.0 BILLION in wages and salaries	\$494 MILLION in state and local tax revenue

Preserving access to outdoor recreation protects the economy, the businesses, the communities and the people who depend on the ability to play outside.

Nationally

OUTDOOR RECREATION
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\$646 BILLION in consumer spending	6.1 MILLION direct American jobs ²
\$39.9 BILLION in federal tax revenue	\$39.7 BILLION in state and local tax revenue

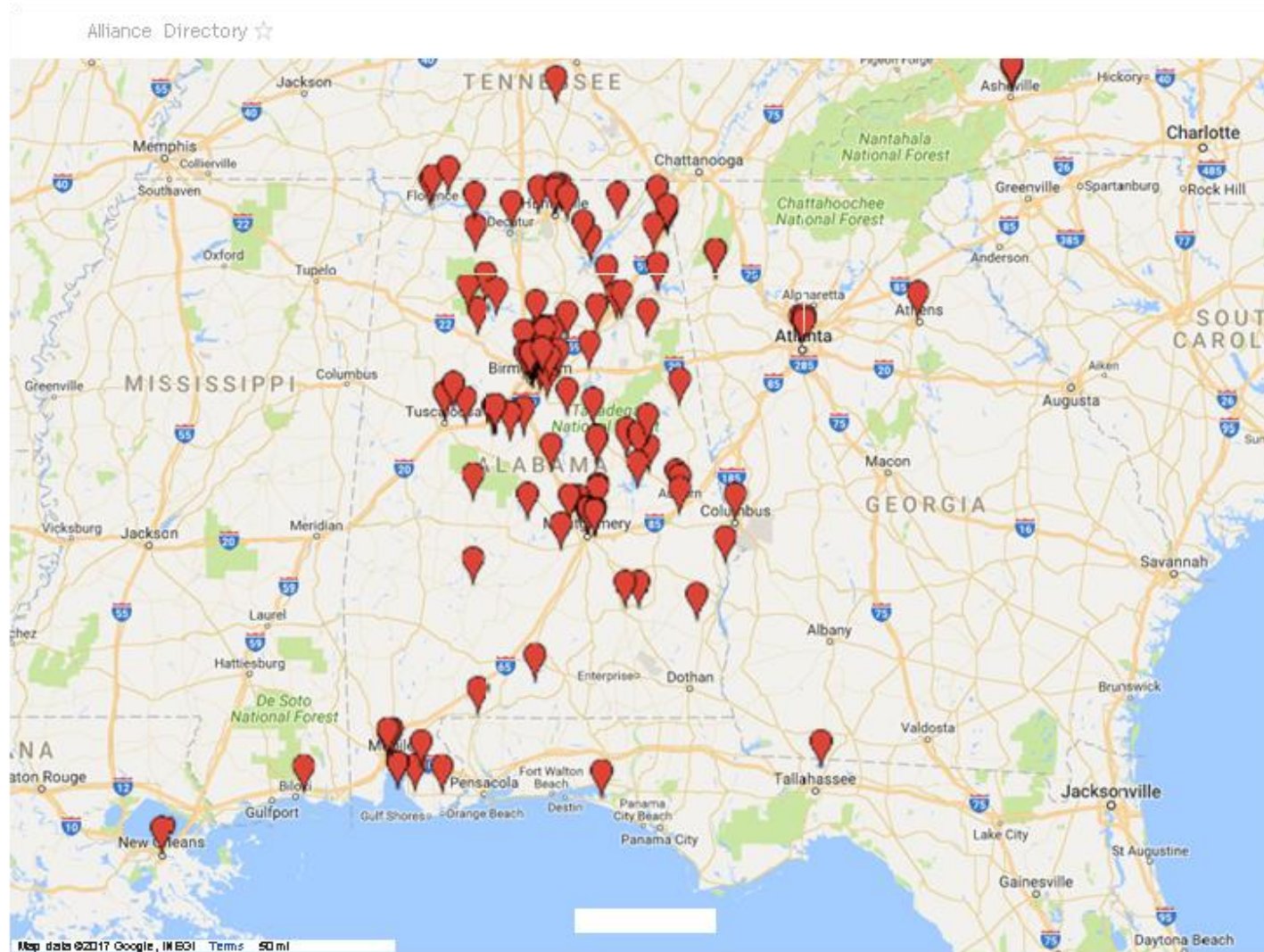
The [2021 Special Report on Fishing](#) found that:

- 19.7 million females went fishing in 2020, a 10% participation increase in comparison with 2019.
- Youth and adolescent fishing skyrocketed last year, with 13.5 million youth ages 6 to 17 hitting the water.
- 5 million Hispanic Americans went fishing in 2020, the highest recorded volume in 14 years.
- Overall participation continues to increase, with nearly 55 million Americans fishing at least once last year.
- African Americans have had the highest participation rate in the last three years, with a 7.4% increase in participation and 14.6% growth since 2019.

Our Mission

Alabama Rivers Alliance is a statewide network of groups working to protect and restore all of Alabama's water resources through **building partnerships, empowering citizens, and advocating for sound water policy and its enforcement.**

The Alliance – 50+ Partners Across Alabama



Public notification of health hazards

The 2021 Fish Consumption Advisories was released in August listing 223 advisories from all across Alabama.

<https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/tox/fish-advisories.html>

<https://waterkeepersalabama.org/fish/>

<https://www.coosariver.org/fishguide/>

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Alabama Fish Consumption Advisory Hotline

CALL (844) 219-RISK
(7 4 7 5)

to hear the fish consumption advisories
on your local waterways!

- Press **1** for the Coosa River
- Press **2** for the Tallapoosa River
- Press **3** for the Alabama River
- Press **4** for the Mobile Bay & Delta
- Press **5** for the Tombigbee River
- Press **6** for the Black Warrior River
- Press **7** for the Cahaba River
- Press **8** for the Tennessee River
- Press **9** for the Choctawhatchee River & Coastal Plain

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ways to reduce your exposure, please visit
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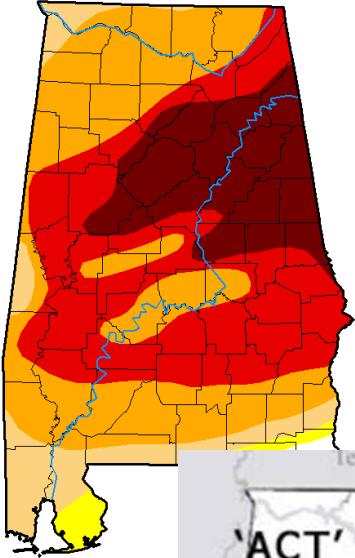
Land Application of Industrial Waste Sludge



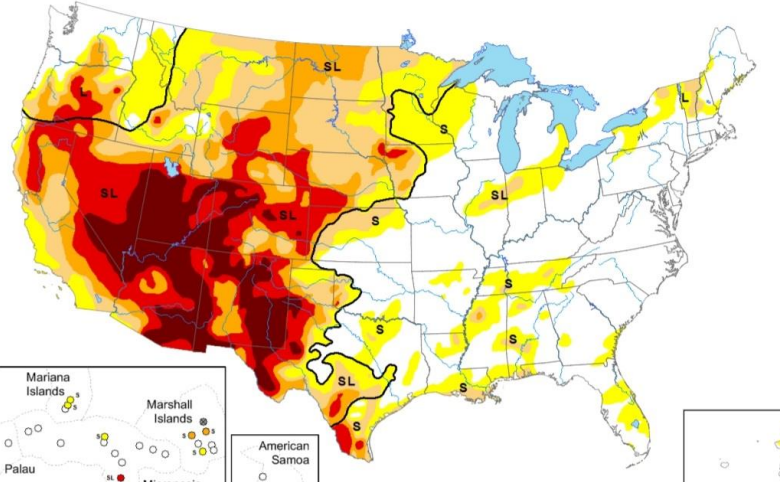
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documentary Directed by McKinleigh Lair

Water use and supply challenges

December 27, 2016



Data valid: February 9, 2021



Water infrastructure challenges

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Water equity challenges



The coronavirus is worse than ever in Alabama, as new cases hit all time high

Alabama leaves decision to utilities: When to cut off power for late bills in pandemic

Religious, social justice leaders urge utility to continue water service

Birmingham to resume cutting water service for overdue bills

We need an Alabama water plan!



■ ECONOMY

Clean water advocates want a comprehensive water plan for Alabama that creates jobs

Under new leadership, a plan for preserving clean water and fair access to it may be within reach in Alabama.

By **MICAH DANNEY** • Published December 2, 2020

- Protect stream flows
- Create state level oversight and regulation of water use
- Develop strategies for sharing water equitably and resolving conflict
- Ensure water is affordable and accessible to all
- Invest in adequate infrastructure and plan for federal dollars to spent wisely and equitably
- Incentivize conservation and efficiency in both energy and water sectors
- Help move toward clean energy sources that are less reliant on water

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FOR THE FUTURE

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Southern Environmental Law Center

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Energy Alabama

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Cahaba River Society

Land Trust of North Alabama

Freshwater Land Trust

South Alabama Land Trust

Sierra Club

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2021 STATE LEGISLATIVE SESSION



CONSERVATION ALABAMA FOUNDATION

Have you heard of the U.S. Water Alliance?

www.uswateralliance.org

- At the US Water Alliance, we believe that all water has value. It must be managed in a sustainable and inclusive manner to build strong economies, vibrant communities, and healthy environments.
- The Alliance aligns diverse stakeholders—utilities, public agencies, community organizations, environmental groups, agricultural interests, labor, researchers, artists and culture bearers, and many others—to find common ground solutions to our nation’s most pressing water challenges.
- Our mission: To drive One Water breakthroughs that positively transform our environment, economy, and society.
- [Opelika Utilities \(AL\)](#), [Jacobs](#), [Tetra Tech, Inc.](#), [River Network](#)

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world. Indeed it is the only thing that ever has. -- Margaret Mead

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