

Making “Northeast” the National Model in Protecting Wildlife and Natural Resources From Climate Change

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BEFORE IT CHANGES YOU.**



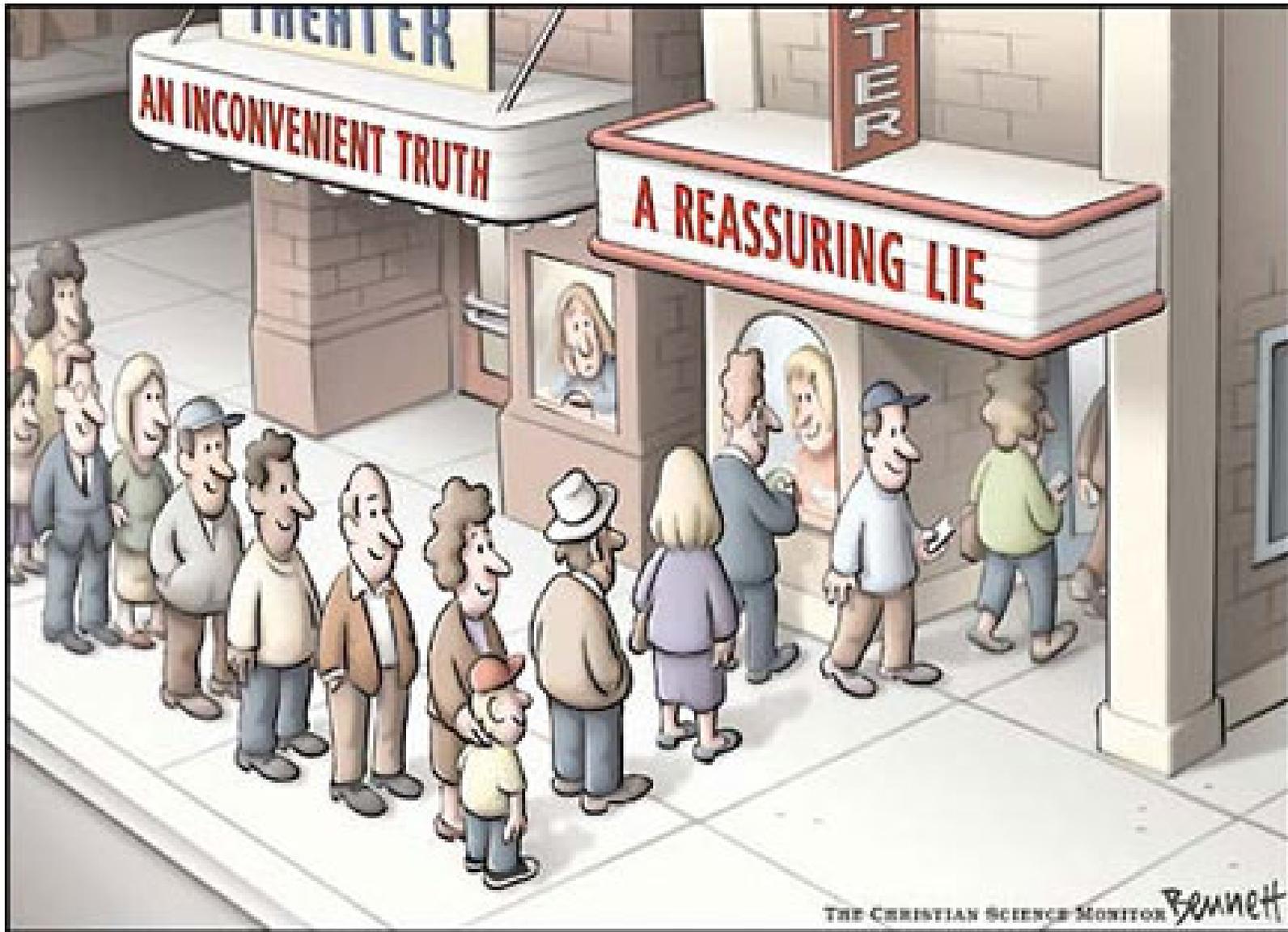
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THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR BENNETT

A Lot Challenges

- Climate
- Development
- Pollution
- Invasives
- Politics
- Budget Constraints

This is a Hard Job



If you agree with Al Gore, should you really be driving right now?

Success Breeds Success

- You All Have Done This Before



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Need A Comprehensive Effort

1. Solutions:

- Clean Energy Economy

2. Safeguarding:

- Resilience
- Protecting the Stage
and the Actors

3. Connecting People to Nature



“Adaptation” Bombs with the Public

- Poll: What is the “most powerful message to motivate the American public”?
 - Conserving wildlife and habitats threatened by global warming is essential to America’s economy and way of life. (43%)
 - They didn’t cause it, they shouldn’t be hurt by it. We need to help wildlife survive global warming. (24%)
 - In a global warming world, we can’t leave wildlife behind. (23%)
 - **In a global warming world, we have to fund strategies for wildlife adaptation. (10%)**

Limits to Adaptation



Focus Groups Data

- In 2009, eight focus groups gave a “thumbs down” to the word “adaptation” as well as to “cope” or “adjust” to global warming.
- Participants said it was like we had “thrown in the towel,” that this “just means deal with it,” and it was like saying to polar bears “Guys, get used to less ice.”
- Participants said they want future generations to have the same seasons, the same trees, the same wildlife in the same places and the same natural environment as they have now.
- One focus group member said, “I don’t want wildlife to adapt, I want them to survive and thrive.”

Top Messages

- In 2009, 800 random registered voters the most persuasive reason to allocate funding for natural resources:
 - “We need to find a better way to power our future and a better way to protect the planet
 - **“Safeguarding forests”**
 - A faith-based message (“We have a moral obligation to care for God’s creation, by reducing global warming pollution and safeguarding our natural world for our children and grandchildren.”)



And the Pollster Says

- Use: The goal is to “protect” or “safeguard” wildlife and natural areas which will be impacted by global warming.
- *Online 2009 survey of 5,300 people:*
 - **Protect** wildlife and natural resources from the impacts of global warming (23%)
 - **Safeguard** wildlife and natural resources from the impacts of global warming (18%)
 - Invest in wildlife and natural resources (17%)
 - Respond to the threat of global warming to wildlife and natural resources (13%)
 - Stop global warming from hurting wildlife and natural resources (8%)

Northeast has been a leader on Global Warming Solutions

- RGGI
- 80% by 2050 Plans
- Clean Energy Initiatives
- Strong public support



The Agenda

NWF and Manomet Center for Conservation have partnered to:

1. Create Regional Landscape-Scaled Solutions
2. Work with States to Become Leaders in Safeguarding Wildlife
3. Develop Climate-Smart Projects

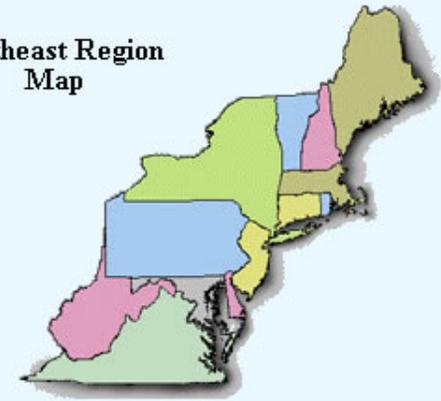


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Regional Leadership

Northeast Region
Map



NEAFWA:

- NWF/Manomet have been awarded a \$180k grant by the Northeast Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (NEAFWA).
- NEAFWA recently issued a “Regional Conservation Need” to prepare a regional vulnerability analysis.

Federal Agencies:

- USFWS/LCC; UGS; EPA; NOAA; USFS; USPS

Regional Website

Currently, no Northeast adaptation website

NWF and Manomet have created:

northeastclimatesafeguards.net

Still looking for funding. Not live yet.

Northeast Climate Safeguards Network

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Confronting Global Warming

This will make a mess. This lynx kitten is really cute and you should do something to make sure that he has somewhere to live in the future.

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Mission

Global warming is already harming wildlife, natural resources and our communities. A growing number of scientists, conservation organizations, businesses and local, state and federal officials are mobilizing to respond to this daunting reality as well as planning for more dramatic future impacts. The goal of the Northeast Climate Safeguards Network is to build a diverse network of these entities to work together in designing and implementing effective, science-based, landscape-scale solutions, to safeguard wildlife, natural resources and communities from the impacts of global warming.

Latest Updates

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State Leaders

In the past two years, 1,200 federal and state staff and NGOs have participated in NWF/Manomet organized climate conferences and workshops

VA (Oct, 08; Mar, 09), MA (Nov, 08), VT (April, 09), NY (July, 09), NJ (Oct, 09)



State Vulnerability Analysis

- Many Different Approaches
- Vulnerability Analysis: VA, CT, MA, ME, NY, NJ, VT
- MA model project is completed



Climate-Smart Projects

Advance climate-smart projects in partnership with federal agencies, states, land-trusts, municipalities and private landowners to protect fish and wildlife and their habitats from climate change.



West Henniker Dam removal, Contoocook River, Henniker, NH. Initial breach (June 2004), © USFWS photo

Collaboration in Action:

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