

The Honorable Tom Wolf  
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Harrisburg, PA 17120

The Honorable Chris Christie  
Office of the Governor  
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The Honorable Bill de Blasio  
Office of the Mayor  
City Hall  
New York, NY 10007

The Honorable Andrew Cuomo  
Office of the Governor  
Executive Chamber  
State Capitol  
Albany, NY 12224

The Honorable John Carney  
Office of the Governor  
Tatnall Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor  
150 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. South  
Dover, DE 19901

May 26, 2017

Dear Governors Carney, Christie, Cuomo, and Wolf and Mayor de Blasio:

As organizations working to protect and restore water resources throughout the four states of the Delaware River Watershed, the undersigned members and partners of the Coalition for the Delaware River Watershed are extremely concerned that the Delaware River Decree Parties have been unable to reach an agreement on a plan to manage water releases in the Upper Delaware. This impasse threatens the health of the entire watershed from flood mitigation to fish and wildlife habitat protection.

The Coalition for the Delaware River Watershed unites more than 110 organizations working throughout the region to share information, leverage resources, and advocate for a healthy Delaware River Basin. We strongly support long-term, watershed-wide planning that benefits the people, businesses, and fish and wildlife that rely on the incredible natural resources of our watershed.

We understand the current Flexible Flow Management Plan is subject to disagreement and that room for improvement exists, however, it is far superior to the alternative. Should the Decree Parties fail to reach an agreement by midnight on May 31<sup>st</sup>, management of the reservoirs would revert to the plan known as 'Revision 1,' resulting in dramatically lower water releases that would have a detrimental impact on the overall health of the river and the communities that depend on it.

We urge you to work together to develop a reservoir management plan before midnight on May 31<sup>st</sup> that avoids Revision 1 and provides strong environmental and economic protections for the entire watershed. Please contact Madeline Urbish, Coalition director, with any questions at [madeline.urbish@njaudubon.org](mailto:madeline.urbish@njaudubon.org) or 609-400-3845.

Sincerely,

American Rivers  
American Littoral Society

Aquashicola/Pohopoco Watershed Conservancy  
Brandywine Red Clay Alliance  
Castkill Center  
Central Jersey Trout Unlimited  
Citizens United to Protect the Maurice River  
Conservation Voters of Pennsylvania  
Damascus Citizens for Sustainability  
Delaware Canal 21  
Delaware Chapter of Trout Unlimited  
Delaware Highlands Conservancy  
Delaware Nature Society  
East Jersey Chapter of Trout Unlimited  
Ernest Schwiebert Chapter of Trout Unlimited  
Environmental Advocates of New York  
Environment New Jersey  
Federation Fly Fishers – Eastern Waters Council  
Fly Fishers International  
Forks of the Delaware chapter of Trout Unlimited  
Friends for the Abbott Marshlands  
Friends of the Upper Delaware River  
Friends of the Wissahickon  
Glen Foerd on the Delaware  
GreenTreks  
Guardians of the Brandywine  
Indian Springs, LLC  
Ken Lockwood Chapter of TU  
Kirkwood Lake Environmental Committee  
Lehigh Gap Nature Center  
Little Lehigh Chapter of Trout Unlimited  
National Parks Conservation Association  
National Wildlife Federation  
New Jersey Audubon  
New Jersey Conservation Foundation  
New Jersey Future  
New Jersey League of Conservation Voters  
New Jersey Outdoor Alliance  
New Jersey State Council of Trout Unlimited  
North Delaware River Watershed Conservancy  
PennFuture  
Pennsylvania Land Trust Association  
Pennsylvania Trout Unlimited  
Rancocas Pathways  
Ray Neirle South Jersey Chapter of Trout Unlimited  
Ridge & Valley Trout Unlimited  
River Network  
Stanley Cooper Sr. Chapter of Trout Unlimited  
The Delaware River Club  
The Land Conservancy  
Tobyhanna Creek/Tunkhannock Watershed Association  
Town of Hancock, NY  
Town of Sanford, NY

University of Delaware Water Resources Center  
Upper Delaware Council  
Upper Delaware River Business Coalition  
Upper Delaware River Chapter of Trout Unlimited  
Upper Delaware River Tailwaters Coalition  
UrbanPromise Ministires  
Valley Forge Chapter of Trout Unlimited  
Village of Deposit, NY  
Village of Hancock, NY  
Western Pocono Trout Unlimited  
Wild Trout Flyrodders

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