



ESA at 50 Committee Activities

Arts and Culture

Endangered Species Coalition Members are collaborating to create a series of murals in locations throughout the US, celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Endangered Species Act. The purpose of these murals will be to spotlight regional ecological and cultural diversity within ESA at 50 themes. We will do this to increase local, grassroots engagement around native species currently listed, proposed for listing, or recovered from the ESA. The target audience for this project will be local and national decision makers, as well as local community members and project partners.

Education and Youth Engagement

The purpose of the Education and Youth Committee is to connect educators, students, and youth to learning opportunities related to the celebration of ESA @ 50. Our committee has created a calendar that features both an endangered species quiz and a highlighted educational activity for each month of 2023. Additionally, we are organizing nationwide events including an essay contest for K-12 students, as well as a series of conservation career panels for high school and college students - with one panel specifically focused on uplifting current BIPOC conservation professionals and engaging with BIPOC students nationwide. We are excited to connect young people with the opportunities to learn about endangered species, the importance of conservation, and the Endangered Species Act, a landmark piece of legislation.

Events

There are several events we are participating in and/or organizing. In the Fall, we plan to hold an awards reception for individuals and groups actively working to protect threatened and endangered species work on the ground. We plan to coincide the ceremony with a fly-in to Washington, DC to educate Members of Congress about the importance and success of the Endangered Species Act. In addition, we will work with the Department of Interior and Department of Commerce on a series of site visits to highlight conservation success stories across the country. Finally, the Events committee has reached out to the White House in an attempt to get President Biden engaged in celebrating the 50th Anniversary (when a junior Senator from DE, President Biden was a signatory to the passage of the ESA in 1973).