

## 2015 – 02 Social Cost of Carbon

The Izaak Walton League of America has endorsed a policy that references cap and trade: Chapter II Environmental Health > E) Greenhouse Gases > 5)

*“The League urges federal agencies to evaluate market-based measures, such as cap-and-trade, as potential policy solutions for curbing global climate change. The League believes that cap-and-trade is a promising market-based policy tool and supports the adoption of a cap-and-trade system as a means of reducing global climate change as well as green house gasses in the United States, in conjunction with regulatory measures. Any cap-and-trade system established should strive to have a cap that is at a level consistent with the emission reductions necessary to minimize climate disruption. In the absence of federal action, the League supports state and regional efforts to move forward with establishing cap and-trade systems.”*

The League has also endorsed energy policies that take into account the external costs of energy production and consumption, as in Chapter VII Energy > A) Principals > 1)

*“An energy policy for the United States, should strive to have energy prices closely reflect total energy cost. This policy should favor least-cost means of providing energy that include consideration of external costs (e.g., environmental damage, costs associated with a trade deficit, interest payments, or defense costs).”*

Be it resolved that...

The League applauds the implementation and success in Minnesota and other states, countries and regions to accurately identify the environmental and health impacts of carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxide, lead, particulate matter, sulfur dioxide, mercury, and volatile organic compounds, and take steps to regulate and reduce these pollutants. In recognition of the comprehensive work done by the US EPA to develop the social cost of carbon (<http://www.epa.gov/climatechange/EPAactivities/economics/scc.html>), the League calls on US states and the federal government to immediately begin a process to phase in a market-based mechanism that similarly values the impacts of carbon pollution on human health and the environment.

*Submitted by the Bush Lake Chapter*