

Healthy Seeds, Healthy Streams

2026 Action Plan to protect aquatic
insects from neonicotinoid
pesticides



Core Team



John Thompson, Monta Hayner, Tyler Kutscheid, Bob Luck, Rich Femling, Angie Begosh, Lee Stoe, Chris O'Brien

2 have testified for the legislature, 3 have fishing-related businesses, 1 has a PhD in pollinators, and all 8 are bug lovers!

TCTU Team: 30 members (file [here](#))

First Name	Last Name	Email	Mobile phone number	Zip Code	State Senator	State Rep	Troul Angler	Interest in Aquatic Measurements	Have fishing related business	Landowner	Farmer	Care Team	Fishing / writing legislation	Attending hearings	Visiting legislators	Providing testimony	Other comments/questions
Angie	Begosh	angela.begosh@gmail.com	508-836-1028	88431	Alice Mann	Julie Greene	No	Yes	No	No	No	Yes					I work for the federal government so I need to be sure my involvement is not in conflict with my job. I will help in whatever way I can. I have a PhD in Zoology and my research focused on how land use affected pollinator communities in Texas, including cropland.
Rick	Feeling	rick@rose-steele.com	783-807-5876	88713	John Marty	David Goffield	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes					
Monte	Hayner	monteh@comcast.net	612-356-3676	55415	Champion	Edwin Adams	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes					
Tyler	Kutschoid	kutschoid@gmail.com	612-703-4834	55487	Dean Fisher	Joshua Connor	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes					Commercial fisherman on Mississippi
Bob	Lusk	bob.lusk@haindelsa.org	224-277-8056	88481	Champion	Edwin Adams	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Chris	O'Brien	chris.obrien@haindelsa.org	(857) 765-5873	55190	Tsu-Kiong	Leon M. Lille	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	I'm already significantly tied into Land Stewardship Project activities in this area of concern. With this in mind, my availability might conflict at times.
Lee	Stee	lyhook2@gmail.com	9522809134	55124	Lindsay Port	Kaela Berg	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes					
John	Thompson	chocappetvtdy@gmail.com	(952) 965-6768	55337	Jen Carlson	Liz Reyer	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes					
Clyde	Barlowe	cday@blackdog1.com	6123843638	55429	Susan Pitts	Habitat Hilshey	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	
David	Brookway	dbrook@aol.com	952-334-4612	55343	Ann Johnson	Felty Jacob	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Signed up at Winter Fish Camp
Jeff	Buck	jrbuck.wx@gmail.com		55115	John Marty	David Goffield							Yes	Yes	Yes	No	I serve on the board as President. Will support the team, but can help an activities identified by team.
Yves	Charon	yves.charon@telecomstx.org	2242128601	88004	Duckworth	Jen Kucinski Cerie Katyca-Willhu	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	
Todd	Christerson	toddchrist@gmail.com	952-228-6575	55367	Cowdwrski	In	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Signed up at Winter Fish Camp
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Mark	Hanson	markhanson@gmail.com		55423	Alice Mann	Julie Greene							Yes		No	No	Signed up at Winter Fish Camp
Quane	Hepokoff	hepokoff385@gmail.com	612-425-8752	55376	John Hoffman	Darryl Nadeau	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	Signed up at Winter Fish Camp
Matt	Holten	holtenmtd@gmail.com			PHH	PHH							Yes				Farmer! SFR employees who do site pesticide applications. Attended winter fish camp and willing to serve as advisor. See a form.
Zachary	Kawen	zkawen@gmail.com		55489	Scott Debbie	Jamie Long							Yes				Signed up at Winter Fish Camp
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Neal	Murdahl	nmurdahl@wiscosa.edu	(307) 697-5865		JINA	JINA	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Neal is a professor at Wisconsin State. Would like to help out with his skill set--maybe expert witness?
Bob	Parvot	bobparvot@gmail.com		55311	John Hoffman	Darryl Nadeau							Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Signed up at Winter Fish Camp
David	Pflum	dpflum@gmail.com		55470	Alice Mann	Julie Greene							Yes				Signed up at Winter Fish Camp
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RONALD	SEIFF	ron.seiff@gmail.com	6123258633	55124	Lindsay Port	Kaela Berg	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	I will do my best to be an advocate.
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We are the “hook and bullet” wing of a broad coalition (working name: Alliance for Healthy Seeds)

- American Bird Conservancy
- Audubon Upper Mississippi River
- Austin MN Chapter 10 Izaak Walton League of America
- Clean River Partners
- Clean Water Action
- CURE
- Environment Minnesota
- Environmental Working Group
- Friends of Minnesota Scientific and Natural Areas
- Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy
- Metro Blooms
- Midwest Farmers of Color Collective
- Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy
- Minnesota Division Izaak Walton League of America
- NRDC Action Fund
- Pesticide Action & Agroecology Network
- Pollinate Minnesota
- Pollinator Friendly Alliance
- Renewing the Countryside
- Roots Return Heritage Farm
- Sierra Club North Star Chapter
- Vote Climate
- Wes Libbey Northern Lakes Chapter of Izaak Walton League
- Wild Farm Alliance
- Wild Ones Prairie Edge Chapter
- Wild Ones St. Croix Oak Savanna Chapter
- Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation

AHS Goal: To pass legislation in Minnesota to regulate neonicotinoid pesticides

- Ban use of treated seeds for specified field crops (esp. corn and soybeans)
- Prohibit needless lawn and garden uses of neonics and restrict outdoor, non-agricultural uses of other systemic insecticides.
- Allows MN Dept. of Agriculture to develop a waiver program to allow use where farmers have a demonstrable pest problem, and to permit non-ag uses in the case of an environmental emergency, like invasive species.
- Modeled after legislation passed in NY and VT

Action Plan Development Process

On January 10th, the Core Team met to answer the following question:

“What should TCTU do in 2026 to drive legislation to regulate Neonics in Minnesota”?

We brainstormed 30-odd ideas, voted on them and developed a list of 6 key areas of focus with actions and timeline

#1 Broaden the Coalition by recruiting other sports and conservation groups

Contact the following groups by the end of January and hold a conversation by February 10th

Pheasants Forever	Angie & Bob—have several contacts
FFI—Upper Midwest Council	Monta—on their board
MN Deer Hunters Association*	Rich—has possible contact
Wild Turkey Federation*	Lee
Back Country Hunters & Anglers	Tyler—knows board member
Friends of the Mississippi River	Rich—has contact

* Bob will send out a Mailchimp/social media post to find hunters in our chapter who may be willing to help

#2 Organize in-person meetings for key legislators and constituents

Meetings should ideally happen before the start of the legislative session on Feb. 17
Most important legislators are Sen. Aric Putnam (St. Cloud) , Ag. Committee Chair and Rep Rick Hansen (S St. Paul) and Rep Paul Anderson (W Central MN) Ag Committee co-chairs. Lobbyists Jasmine and Amos from the Coalition will help to organize the meetings.

Priority is Sen Putnam. We need to find willing constituents! Yves recruiting from his company, Monta to contact guides Kip Vieth and Will Swanson. Rich to contact dealer “Stoplight Bait”, Bob provide “Fish camp” roster to Monta (she recalls a St. Cloud participant), Tyler to speak with his dad who lives in St. Cloud. Bob to provide talking points to everybody.

#2 Priority is Rep. Hansen. Bob to contact TCTU members who live in his district; Angie and Lee to help get them educated if we get a volunteer.

Rep. Anderson is outside TCTU geography, but Lee has a personal contact through wife’s family

#3 Create 1-Page Flyer Focused on Hook and Bullet Groups

Complete by Feb. 10

Talking points should include recreation economics and key neonic research findings

Team:

Monta (has econ data)

Angie (general content)

Lee (can help with graphics design)

The coalition has encouraged TCTU to create such a document; Bob will introduce the team to coalition leaders Lucas Rhoads and Willa Childress to enlist their support.

#4 Include a Neonics Education Component at every major TCTU Event in 2026

To include chapter meetings, Great Waters Expo and other key events

Bob will work with TCTU board to set aside time/space at each event

All core team members have volunteered to attend the events, talk with members, pass out lit, etc.

#5 Day(s) at the Capitol!

We will participate in a day being planned by the AHS coalition

We will consider leading a contingent at “Minnesota Water Action Day”, and recruit other water-related members of our coalition such as Clean River Partners, Clean Water Action and Izaak Walton League.

Bob to reach out to Lucas and Willa to discuss whether this would be impactful and feasible.

#6 Maintain close communication with Coalition Partners

AHS holds a biweekly coalition call—soon to become weekly.

Bob has participated in this call.

John to replace Bob during his absence in Asia (Jan 29 to Apr. 15), and report key topics to Core team as needed.

Bob has kept in close touch with MNTU (John Lenczewski, Exec Director; Mike Madigan, Advocacy Chair) and will continue to do so.

Backup Slides—All Ideas and Votes

