

Why ECR?

400+ environmental conflict resolution (ECR) cases undertaken annually by federal agencies, serving thousands of stakeholders, and hundreds of thousands of constituents nationwide.¹

150 different statutes are the subject of environmental and natural resource related dockets at the U.S. Department of Justice.²

7,500 active cases and matters on docket at the Environmental and Natural Resource Division of the U.S. Department of Justice.³

20 months shortened from average case durations when ECR is substituted for litigation according to a national survey of natural resource attorneys.⁴

\$168,000 saved per client on average when ECR is substituted for litigation according to a national survey of natural resource attorneys.⁵

70% - 80% settlement rate typical of ECR based on empirical studies published over the past three decades.⁶

75% of ECR participants report their first choice would be to use ECR again for similar issues according to a multi-agency study of ECR.⁷

Plus Tens of Billions Saved Annually when ECR maximizes the benefits of collaboration (e.g., timely progression of projects, reduced monitoring, improved working relationships).⁸

¹ U.S. Federal Departments and Agencies. "Environmental Conflict Resolution in the Federal Government - Analysis of FY 2008 Agency ECR Reports." Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget and the President's Council on Environmental Quality pursuant to the November 28, 2005, ECR Policy Memorandum. October 15, 2009. [http://ecr.gov/files/ReportSynthesizingFY2008AgencyECRReports\(101509Final\).pdf](http://ecr.gov/files/ReportSynthesizingFY2008AgencyECRReports(101509Final).pdf)

² U.S. Department of Justice, Environmental and Natural Resources Division. "Summary of Litigation Accomplishments Fiscal Year 2008." www.usjog.gov/enrd.

³ Ibid.

⁴ O'Leary, R. and Husar, M. "What Environmental and natural Resource Attorneys Really Think about ADR: A National Survey." *Natural Resources and Environment*, 2002, 14(4), pages 262-264.

⁵ O'Leary, R. and Husar, M. "Public Managers, Attorneys, and Alternative Dispute Resolution of Environmental and Natural Resource Conflicts: Results and Implications of a National Survey," *International Journal of Public Administration*, 2002, Volume 25, pages 1267-1280.

⁶ Emerson et al. "Environmental Conflict Resolution: Evaluating Performance Outcomes and Contributing Factors." *Conflict Resolution Quarterly*, Fall 2009, 27(1), pages 27-64.

⁷ U.S. Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution, "ECR Performance - Evidence from the Field." January 2009, page 3. www.ecr.gov

⁸ Ibid., page 4.

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