

## **ESTUARINE RESOURCES-ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY – 1973**

The concern about water quality led the LWV to consider U.S. river basins and estuaries in the nation study of water resources. The League position, which resulted from this study, states that the nation regions and river basins should be planned for, and that their water resources should be developed and administered as entities, in differing ways, suitable for each basin or region.

Expanding on this, the LWV of Juneau recently developed a statement of position on estuarine resources in Southeast Alaska.

The League supports a re-zoning study of the Mendenhall Wetlands and stresses the importance of planning and zoning other estuarine areas in a careful manner. As an ideal, estuarine areas should be left in a natural state. Uses must be adjusted to control estuarine alteration; overdevelopment of the area must not be allowed. Also, the League encourages all concerned agencies to research estuaries, and to correlate this research in order to have a basis for comparison of the effects of development, particularly industrial development on a specific estuary