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MICHIGAN - 101st Legislative Session

Bill #	Description	Actions	AFA Action	Notes
SB 50 , 51	Makes knowingly providing an animal to another individual who intends to abuse or mistreat the animal a 4-year felony; SB 51 revises sentencing guidelines; Sens.	1/28/2021 introduced, referred to Judiciary	Support	Introduced because of Sterling, a dog found tortured in a Macomb Co. park in 2019 [SB 316, 317 from last session; testimony in support]
HB 4186	Further weakens Large Carnivore Act by removing restrictions for non-residents; Rep. Albert	2/9/2021 introduced, referred to Agriculture	Oppose	[HB 4860 last session; AFA testimony in opposition]

HR 30	Resolution calling on NPS to institute moose hunt on Isle Royale; Rep. S. Johnson + 7 co-sponsors	2/9/2021 introduced, referred to Natural Resources (2 co-sponsors on committee; 1 is Majority Vice Chair)	Oppose	[HR 154 last session; AFA testimony in opposition]
HB 4256	Amends penal code to require public accommodations permit use of service animals for training or socializing; Rep. Brann + 3 co-sponsors (bi-partisan)	2/16/2021 introduced, referred to Regulatory Reform (1 co-sponsor is Minority Vice Chair); 4/27 committee hearing, testimony taken, no vote; 5/4 reported with recommendation without amendment; 5/26 passed by House 94 - 14, Not Voting 2; 5/27 transmitted to Senate. SENATE: 6/2 REFERRED TO REGULATORY REFORM; 9/14 COMMITTEE HEARING, TESTIMONY TAKEN, NO VOTE; 2/8/2022 REPORTED WITH RECOMMENDATION THAT IT PASS 10-0; 4/13 REPORTED BY COMMITTEE OF WHOLE WITH SUB S-1; 4/14 PASSED SENATE 34 -- 4; House: 4/14 returned from Senate with Sub S-1; 4/26 House concurred 80 -- 22 Not Voting 4; 4/28 presented to Governor; 5/12 Governor signed, assigned PA 75'22	Support, AFA testimony at 4/27 hearing ; and at 9/14 Senate Regulatory Reform hearing	AFA testimony -- 9/14
SR 15	Urges NRC/DNR to organize wolf hunting, trapping as part of wolf management plan in 2021; Sen. McBroom + 1 co-sponsor	2/17/2021 introduced, assigned to Natural Resources (sponsor is chair; co-sponsor Majority Vice Chair); 2/24 hearing, referred favorably, 4 - 1; 3/9 ADOPTED BY SENATE BY VOICE VOTE, 2 SENATORS PROTESTING (see page 5)	Oppose; AFA testimony and testified at 2/24 hearing	AFA signed onto letter in opposition from 20 MI organizations for 2/24 hearing
SR 20	Encourages NRC to add Eastern Sandhill crane as game species and seek USFWS approval of hunt; Sen. McBroom + 6 co-sponsors	2/25/2021 introduced, referred to Natural Resources (sponsor is chair; 1 co-sponsor on committee); 3/3 hearing held, no vote taken; 3/17 reported favorably with SUBSTITUTE (S-1) 4-1; 3/18 placed on Order of Resolutions (SUBSTITUTE S-1 available only in Senate Journal, pg 23 of 26)	Oppose; AFA submitted testimony with coalition and testified at 3/3 hearing; submitted testimony in opposition to SUB (S-1) at 3/17 hearing	AFA testimony -- 3/17/2021

<p>SCR 7</p>	<p>Same as SR 15, urging wolf season in 2021; Sen. McBroom, Rep. Cavanagh (<i>bi-partisan at introduction</i>)</p>	<p>3/9/2021 INTRODUCED (IN SENATE), REFERRED TO GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS; RULES SUSPENDED; ADOPTED BY SENATE ON VOICE VOTE. House: 3/10 received, referred to Natural Resources, 1/27/22 hearing, reported favorably 6-2 (1 pass) with Substitute (H-1) (changing date to 2022); 2/8 adopted (voice vote); 2/9 RETURNED FROM HOUSE WITH SUBSTITUTE (H-1) LAID OVER ONE DAY UNDER THE RULES</p>	<p>Oppose; AFA testimony at 1/27/22 hearing</p>	<p>Rep. Sowerby floor speech opposing (also opposing HR 219); Rep. Cavanagh moved her name be removed as co-sponsor</p>
<p>HBs 4703, 4704</p>	<p>Amends 750.50b to provide restitution for care and treatment of forfeited animals and impose penalty on ownership of animal to person convicted of certain crimes against animal (4703); amends 750.50 to provide restitution for care and treatment of certain forfeited animals and impose penalties on owner (4704); Rep. Wozniak + 4 co-sponsors (<i>bi-partisan</i>)</p>	<p>4/22/2021 introduced, referred to Judiciary (sponsor on committee) 9/28 committee hearing, testimony taken, no vote; 10/26 reported with recommendation with Substitute (H-1); 11/9 H-1 adopted and placed on 3rd reading; 11/10 passed by House 91 -- 14, not voting 4; transmitted to Senate. SENATE: 11/30 REFERRED TO JUDICIARY; 6/14/2022 HEARING; 6/15 REPORTED FAVORABLY W/O AMENDMENT</p>	<p>Support; AFA testimony with coalition at 6/14/2022 hearing; also at 9/28/2021 House hearing</p>	<p>4704 Substitute (H-1); NOTE: bill sponsor now in Senate and member of Judiciary Committee</p>
<p>HB 4723</p>	<p>Designates Shelter Pet as state pet; Rep. Kuppas + 6 co-sponsors (<i>bi-partisan</i>)</p>	<p>4/27/2021 introduced, referred to Government Operations</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>Rep. Kuppas interviewed on AFA's Lunch + Legislation, 5/3/2021 [HB 4455 last session; AFA supported]</p>

HB 4726	<p>Veterinarian mobility law authorizes vets, vet techs to practice in MI for up to 90 days in case of emergencies or to respond to large scale animal cruelty cases; Rep. Meerman</p>	<p>4/28/2021 introduced, referred to Regulatory Reform; 6/15 on agenda, testimony taken; 6/22 on agenda, no vote</p>	<p>Support; AFA testimony 6/15/2021</p>	<p><i>Note: see HBs 4912 and 5804 also involve veterinarians, but regarding telmedicine.</i></p>
SB 395	<p>Amends 750.50 to require dogs be kept indoors in certain weather; Sen. Polehanki</p>	<p>4/28/2021 introduced, referred to Agriculture Committee (sponsor is Minority Vice Chair)</p>	<p>In review</p>	<p><i>Note: see HBs 4784-86 which AFA supports</i></p>
<p>SBs 396 SUBSTITUTE S-1, 397, 398, 399</p>	<p>Amends various statutes to allow pari-mutuel wagering on horse races run in past (SB 396); allow video lotteries at racetracks (SB 397; SB 399 revised sentencing guidelines); remove the ban on casinos televising simulcast horse races (SB 398); Sens. Lauwer (396); Ananich (397, 399); Hertel (398); all bi-partisan</p>	<p>4/28/2021 introduced, referred to Agriculture (1 co-sponsor is chair, 1 sponsor/co-sponsor of all bills is on committee); 4/29 hearing, testimony taken, no vote; 5/13 reported favorably without amendment; 11/2: S 396 REPORTED BY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE FAVORABLY WITH SUBSTITUTE (S-1), PLACED ON ORDER OF THIRD READING WITH SUBSTITUTE (S-1), RULES SUSPENDED, PLACED ON IMMEDIATE PASSAGE, PASSED 27 -- 8, EXCUSED 1; 397 PASSED 25 -- 10 EXCUSED 1; 398 PASSED 27 -- 8 EXCUSED 1; 399 PASSED 28 -- 7 EXCUSED 1. House: 11/2 received, referred to Regulatory Reform; 12/7 AFA testimony, no vote</p>	<p>Oppose, submitted written testimony at 4/29/2021 hearing; testified at 5/13/2021 hearing; submitted written testimony at House hearing 12/7 .</p>	<p>AFA testimony -- 4/29/2021 [SB 396 similar to SB 661 last session; AFA opposed]</p>

<p>HBs 4784, 4785, 4786</p>	<p>"Shelter bills" amend 750.50 to clarify and re-define shelter for dogs, especially in extreme weather; Rep. Brann + 7 co-sponsors (bi-partisan) (4784); Rep. Brann (4785, 4786)</p>	<p>5/4/2021 introduced, referred to Judiciary (4784: 1 co-sponsor is Majority Vice Chair, 1 co-sponsor on committee)</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>Rep. Brann interviewed on AFA's Lunch + Legislation, 5/2/2022 <i>ACTION: MI residents, continue to call Judiciary Chair Rep. Filler (517) 373-1778 and ask him to set hearing on the shelter bills before the session ends</i></p>
<p>HBs 4823, 4824</p>	<p>Removes cap on horseracing fund; Rep. Alexander + 1 co-sponsor (bi-partisan) (4823); Rep. Hertel + 1 co-sponsor (bi-partisan) (4824)</p>	<p>5/11/2021 introduced, referred to Agriculture (4823: sponsor is chair; 4824 co-sponsor is chair); 5/12 hearing, testimony taken, no vote; 5/19 reported with recommendation without amendment, 8 - 3; 5/27 placed on third reading; 6/2 passed by House 88 -- 21, Not Voting 1 (4823), 87 -- 42 (4824), transmitted to Senate. SENATE: 6/3 REFERRED TO AGRICULTURE; 11/2 DISCHARGE COMMITTEE APPROVED, PLACED ON ORDER OF GENERAL ORDERS (no committee hearing)</p>	<p>Oppose, submitted written testimony at 5/12 hearing; testified at 5/19 hearing</p>	<p>AFA testimony -- 5/12 <i>ACTION: MI residents, contact your State Senators and ask them to oppose</i></p>

<p>HBs 4881, 4882</p>	<p>"Teddy's Law" would require a research facility to offer retired dogs, cats used in research to a MI rescue or shelter for adoption before euthanizing;; require research facilities using dogs, cats to report to MDARD animals adopted; and establish penalties for failure to follow adoption standards; Rep. Hertel + 10 co-sponsors (bi-partisan) (4881); Rep. Brann + 10 co-sponsors (bi-partisan) (4882)</p>	<p>5/19/2021 introduced, referred to Regulatory Reform (4881 sponsor is Minority Vice Chair; 4882 co-sponsor is Minority Vice Chair); 2/22/2022 committee hearing, testimony, no vote</p>	<p>Support; last session, AFA supported version of this bill (which had been assigned to Agriculture and got no hearing); AFA testimony at 2/22 hearing</p>	<p>Teddy's Law discussed on AFA's Lunch + Legislation, 6/7/2021; Rep. Brann interviewed on AFA's Lunch + Legislation, 5/2/22 <i>ACTION: MI residents, continue to call Regulatory Reform Chair Rep. Hauck (517) 373-1789 and ask him to schedule a vote on Teddy's Law before the session ends</i></p>
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<p>HB 4912</p>	<p>Revises Public Health Code re veterinary practice law, including veterinarian-client-patient relationship, delegation of duties and allowing telemedicine without owner consent in some circumstances, and authorizing alternative therapies; Rep. Bezotte + 5 co-sponsors (bi-partisan)</p>	<p>5/25/2021 introduced, referred to Agriculture, 6/16 reported with recommendation with Substitute (H-1) which omits vet mobility piece, referred to second reading; 7/21 referred to Rules and Competitiveness; 11/9 on agenda for committee with sub H-3, testimony, no vote; 3/10/2022 reported with recommendation with substitute (H-4), referred to second reading; 3/16 Substitute (H-1) adopted, Substitute (H-4) adopted, placed on third reading; 3/17 read a third time, passed, given immediate effect 85 -- 17, Not Voting 4, transmitted. SENATE: 3/22 REFERRED TO AGRICULTURE</p>	<p>Oppose see 4726, stand-alone vet mobility bill HB 4912 is a stand-alone "veterinarian mobility" law which AFA supports Summary of Substitute (H-4) and 5804</p>	<p>4912 and HB 5804 generally prohibit veterinarians from practicing outside vet-client-patient relationship (5804); but provide exceptions to general rule (4912); are tie-barred</p>
<p>SB 486</p>	<p>Would require all members of the Wolf Management Advisory Council to be from the UP; if DNR determines there are wolves in the Lower, then a majority of WMAC members would be from UP; Sen. McBroom</p>	<p>5/26/2021 introduced, referred to Natural Resources (sponsor is chair); 6/2 scheduled for hearing 6/2 hearing, reported favorably without amendment 4 - 1; 6/10 PASSED BY SENATE 19 -- 16; EXCUSED 1; NOT VOTING 0. House: 6/10 received, referred to Natural Resources</p>	<p>Oppose; submitted testimony and testified at 6/2 hearing</p>	<p>AFA testimony -- 6/2/2021</p>
<p>SB 510, 511</p>	<p>Revision of Dangerous Dog law</p>	<p>6/3/2021 introduced, referred to Agriculture, Sen. McCann + 4 co-sponsors</p>	<p>Neutral, urge sponsor to work with various stakeholders. Article with concerns that clearer definition of 'dangerous behavior' and mandatory ACO training</p>	<p>[See SB 1231-32 last session; introduced late in session, AFA did not take position].</p>
<p>SB 549</p>	<p>Creates new act to regulate Pet Cemeteries; Sen. Theis + 1 co-sponsor (bi-partisan)</p>	<p>6/17/2021 introduced, referred to Regulatory Reform (sponsor is Majority Vice Chair; co-sponsor on committee)</p>	<p>Support; SB 823 in last session; likely in response to 2018 incident</p>	

HB 5078	Modifies composition of MI Wildlife Council to increase representation by tribes, scientist, non-consumptive users; Rep. Aiyash + 16 co-sponsors	6/22/2021 introduced, referred to Natural Resources (sponsor on committee, 1 co-sponsor is Minority Vice Chair)	Support	6/22/2021, AFA attended sponsors' press conference
HB 5079	Modifies composition of Wolf Management Advisory Council to increase representation by tribes, scientist, non-consumptive users; Rep. Sowerby + 16 co-sponsors	6/22/2021 introduced, referred to Natural Resources (sponsor is Minority Vice Chair, 1 co-sponsor on committee)	Support, AFA attended sponsor's press conference	Rep. Sowerby interviewed on AFA's Lunch + Legislation, 3/7/22
SB 582	New act to prohibit dog experiments causing pain or distress, by an affiliate of a public body; Sen. Wojno + 4 co-sponsors	6/30/2021 introduced, referred to Agriculture (1 co-sponsor is Minority Vice Chair)	Support; [HB 5090, SB 971 last session, AFA supported] 8/26, 11 legislators (bi-partisan, bi-cameral) sent letter to WSU President urging end of invasive, terminal dog experiments	Sen. Polehanki, Rep. Koleszar letter to National Institutes of Health to stop funding
HB 5185	Deer and elk feeding; Rep. Hoytenga + 2 co-sponsors	7/1/2021 introduced, referred to Regulatory Reform (sponsor on committee)	Oppose; [HB 4687 last session which Gov. vetoed, AFA opposed]	
HR 155	A resolution to encourage public universities to eliminate painful experiments on dogs; Rep. Koleszar + 14 co-sponsors (bi-partisan)	9/14/2021 introduced, referred to Regulatory Reform (2 co-sponsors on committee)	Support	AG opinion of 5/9/2022 confirms law requires state agency to develop humane standards for research, register research facilities

HB 5358 sub (H-1) , 5359, 5360	Hunting, fishing guide criteria; (all tie-barred); Rep. Howell + 6 co-sponsors (bi-partisan)	10/5/2021 introduced, referred to Natural Resources (sponsor is chair, 1 co-sponsor is Minority Vice Chair, 4 other co-sponsors on committee); 10/28 committee hearing, testimony taken, no vote; 12/2 hearing, Substitutes (H-1) to 5358 and 5359 adopted; 4/28/2022, all reported with recommendation, 5358 and 5359 with subs (H-1) , referred to second reading	Support, AFA testimony at 12/2 hearing	
HB 5390	Would allow hunting of squirrels year-round without license; Rep. S. Johnson + 1 co-sponsor	10/13/2021 introduced, referred to Natural Resources	Oppose	
SB 0761	Revises 750.50b to exempt sled dogs from requirement to provide adequate care; Sen. Schmidt + 1 co-sponsor	12/1/2021 introduced, referred to Agriculture	Oppose	
SB 0762	Revises Dog Law to exempt sled dogs; Sen. Schmidt + 1 co-sponsor	12/01/2021 introduced, referred to Agriculture	Oppose	
HB 5683, 5684	Revise General Sales Tax (5683), Use Tax (5684) Acts to exempt pet food sales; Rep. Hornberger + 1 co-sponsor; Rep. Brann + 1 co-sponsor	1/25/2022 introduced, referred to Tax Policy; 2/16 committee hearing; testimony, no vote	Support	

HR 219	Resolution calling for wolf hunt; Rep. Markkanen + 9 co-sponsors	2/1/2022 introduced, referred to Natural Resources; 2/8 rule suspended, motion to discharge committee approved, adopted (voice vote)	Oppose	NOTE: 9 co-sponsors listed when introduced, 19 (or 28, depending on which document is reviewed) at adoption; no committee hearing, voice vote; Rep. Sowerby floor speech opposing (also opposing SCR 7)
HB 5804	Requires and defines veterinarian-client-patient relationship; (tie-bar with HB 4912); Rep. Alexander	2/23/2022 introduced, referred to Rules and Competitiveness; 3/10 reported with recommendation with Substitute (H-1) , referred to second reading; 3/16 read a second time, Substitute (H-1) adopted, placed on third reading; 3/17 read a third time, passed, given immediate effect 71 -- 31 Excused 0, Not Voting 4, transmitted. SENATE: 3/22 REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE	Support	
HB 6192	Would repeal DNR's ability to issue orders suspending open season for fish, game, or fur-bearing animals; Rep.LaFave + 15 co-sponsors	6/9/2022 introduced, referred to Oversight; 6/22 Committee hearing, reported with recommendation and without amendment; 9/21 read a second and third time, placed on immediate passage, passed 58 -- 42 Excused 0, Not Voting , transmitted. SENATE: 9/27 REFERRED TO OVERSIGHT	Oppose	

HB 6381	Would make baiting of deer a civil infraction with a fine of no more than \$1.00 for violation; Rep. Beson + 9 co-sponsors	9/21/2022 introduced, referred to Government Operations	Oppose	
HB 6383	UP Commission is a defined term; Rep. Markannen + 2 co-sponsors	9/21/2022 introduced, referred to Natural Resources (sponsor is Majority Vice Chair, 1 co-sponsor on committee)	Oppose	6383, 84, 85, 86, 87 are tie-barred
HB 6384	Would give UP Commission exclusive authority to regulate sport fishing in UP; Rep. Markannen + 2 co-sponsors	9/21/2022 introduced, referred to Natural Resources (sponsor is Majority Vice Chair, 1 co-sponsor on committee)	Oppose	6383, 84, 85, 86, 87 are tie-barred
HB 6385	Would create UP Natural Resources Commission; Rep. Markannen + 2 co-sponsors	9/21/2022 introduced, referred to Natural Resources (sponsor is Majority Vice Chair, 1 co-sponsor on committee)	Oppose	6383, 84, 85, 86, 87 are tie-barred
HB 6386	Would give UP commission exclusive authority to regulate taking of game with UP-only impact, or with no significant impact outside the UP; explicitly includes wolves; Rep. Markannen + 2 co-sponsors	9/21/2022 introduced, referred to Natural Resources (sponsor is Majority Vice Chair, 1 co-sponsor on committee)	Oppose	6383, 84, 85, 86, 87 are tie-barred

HB 6387	Would limit NRC membership to those who've held hunting or fishing license for no less than 4 of the past 6 years prior to appointment; Rep. LaFave + 2 co-sponsors	9/21/2022 introduced, referred to Natural Resources (sponsor is committee member, 1 co-sponsor is Majority Vice Chair)	Oppose	6383, 84, 85, 86, 87 are tie-barred
HB 6459	Would ban cat declawing except for therapeutic purposes; punishable by civil fine, enforceable by county prosecutor or AG; Rep. Rabhi + 1 co-sponsor	10/11/2022 introduced, referred to Agriculture	Support	See HB 5508 of 2020, identical bill; Michigan Humane article
HB 6484	Would preempt local governments from banning fur; Rep. S. Johnson	11/9/2022 introduced, referred to Local Government	In review	

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<p>H.R. 151/S. 37</p>	<p>Prevent Future Pandemics Act would establish measures to address global public health risks posed by wildlife markets where alternative nutritional or protein sources are available; Reps. Quigley (D-IL), Upton (original co-sponsor) (R-MI); Sponsor's Press Release. <i>Senate: Sen. Cornyn (R-TX) + 3 original co-sponsors</i></p>	<p>1/4/2021 introduced, referred to: Foreign Affairs, Energy and Commerce, Judiciary, Ways and Means, Financial Services, Natural Resources; 2/2 referred to Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Health; 2/18 referred to Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water, Oceans and Wildlife; 3/4 referred to Judiciary Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security. <i>Senate: 1/25/2021 introduced, referred to Foreign Relations</i></p>	<p>Support; see H.R. 8433/S. 4749 last session, AFA supported</p>	<p>185 co-sponsors including Reps. Upton, Stevens, Lawrence, Tlaib, Slotkin, Dingell, Levin, Kildee; 175-D; 10-R. <i>Senate: S. 37, 3 co-sponsors (none MI); 2-D; 1-R</i></p>
<p>H.R. 197</p>	<p>FACT Act would amend ICCVAM Authorization Act to improve reporting about animal testing, alternative test method use by Federal agencies; Rep. Calvert (R-CA) + 5 original co-sponsors</p>	<p>1/5/2021 introduced, referred to Energy and Commerce; 2/2 referred to Subcommittee on Health</p>	<p>Support; see H.R. 249 last session, AFA supported</p>	<p>11 co-sponsors (none MI); 7-D; 4-R</p>
<p>H.R. 263</p>	<p>Big Cat Public Safety Act would amend Lacey Act to prohibit private ownership of cats born after enactment; require exhibitors to get license; prohibit direct contact with public; Rep. Quigley (D-IL) + 7 original co-sponsors</p>	<p>1/11/2021 introduced, referred to Natural Resources; 2/18 referred to Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife; 5/12/2022 Subcommittee hearings held; 6/15 Subcommittee Discharged, Committee Mark-up; ordered reported (amended), 25-17; 07/28 debate, voice vote, Chair announced the ayes had prevailed, proceedings postponed after Ranking Member of Natural Resources Committee demanded the yeas and nays; 7/29 Roll Call vote, passed 278 - 134, not voting: 18. <i>Senate: 8/1 received</i></p>	<p>Support; see S. 1210 introduced 4/19/2021; also see H.R. 1380/S. 2561 last session, AFA supported; see House Report 117-428</p>	<p>258 co-sponsors including Reps. Kildee, Upton, Levin, Stevens, Lawrence, McClain, Slotkin, Dingell; 206-D; 52-R</p>

H.R. 286	Managing Predators Act would permanently remove gray wolves from ESA; Rep. Tiffany (R-WI) + 5 original co-sponsors	1/12/2021 introduced, referred to Natural Resources; 2/18 referred to Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife	Oppose; see H.R. 4494 last session, AFA opposed	12 co-sponsors including Rep. Bergman; 12-R Sponsor's release
H.R. 406	Shark Sales Elimination Act would amend Magnuson-Stevens Act to prohibit possession, sale or purchase any shark part or product containing any shark part; Rep. Lieu (D-CA) + 0 original co-sponsors	1/21/2021 introduced, referred to Natural Resources	Support; see HR 614 last session; <i>also see similar bill last session "Shark Fin Sales Elimination Act", HR 737, S 877, AFA supported</i>	1 co-sponsor (none MI); 1-D
H. R. 630 , 631	Would revise MMPA to allow import of polar bear parts for animals trophy-hunted in Canada before being listed as threatened, H.R. 630; currently, H.R. 631 ; Rep. Young (R-AK) + 0 original co-sponsors	1/28/2021 introduced, referred to Natural Resources; 2/22 referred to Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife	Oppose	0 co-sponsors (both bills)
H.R. 763	Would amend Child and Animal Abuse Prevention and Reporting Act to require that data collected by HHS from state child protection agencies include information about animal abuse as a risk factor for child abuse; Rep. Kuster (D-NH) + 23 original co-sponsors	2/3/2021 introduced, referred to Education and Labor	Support; see H.R. 2808 last session, AFA supported	49 co-sponsors (none MI); 43-D; 6-R Article

H.R. 815	Arctic Refuge Protection Act would repeal ANWR oil and gas program and designate approximately 1.5M acres of land in ANWR as part of the National Wilderness Preservation System; Rep. Huffman (D-CA) + 49 original co-sponsors	2/4/2021 introduced, referred to Natural Resources	Support	140 co-sponsors including Reps. Levin, Kildee, Lawrence, Stevens; 139-D; 1-R
H.R. 917	Kangaroo Protection Act would amend criminal code to bar all kangaroo products from US; create private right of action/citizen suit; Rep. Carbajal (D-CA) + 1 original co-sponsor	2/8/2021 introduced, referred to Judiciary, 4/23 referred to Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security	Support	18 co-sponsors including Rep. Kildee; 15-D; 3-R Article
H.R. 921	Horse Transportation Safety Act would ban transport in double deck trailers; Rep. Cohen (D-TN) + 105 original co-sponsors	2/8/2021 introduced, referred to Transportation and Infrastructure	Support; see H.R. 1400 , last session, AFA supported, passed House	123 co-sponsors including Reps. Stevens, Levin; 119-D; 4-R Article re history of current bill
H.R. 1016	"Animal Cruelty Enforcement Act" would establish Animal Cruelty Crimes Section in DOJ's Environment and Natural Resources Division; Rep. Neguse (D-CO) + 2 original co-sponsors	2/11/2021 introduced, referred to Judiciary; 4/23 referred to Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial, and Administrative Law	Support; see H.R. 8052 last session, AFA supported	63 co-sponsors including Reps. Slotkin, Upton; 46-D; 17-R

<p>H.R. 1022/S. 951</p>	<p>Would direct VA Secretary to provide grants to private entities to provide service dogs to eligible veterans with PTSD; Rep. Rutherford (R-FL), Senate: Sen. Fischer (R-NE) + 8 original co-sponsors</p>	<p>2/11/2021 introduced, referred to Veterans' Affairs; 3/11 referred to Subcommittee on Health. <i>Senate: 3/24/2021 introduced, referred to Veterans' Affairs; 6/23 hearings held</i></p>	<p>Support; <i>see H.R. 1448 which has been signed into law</i></p>	<p>43 co-sponsors (none MI); 24-R; 19-D. <i>Senate: S. 951, 14 co-sponsors (none MI); 9-D; 5-R</i></p>
<p>H.R. 1442</p>	<p>PREPARED Act would mandate emergency preparedness plans for entities regulated under Animal Welfare Act; Reps. Titus (D-NV), Davis (R-IL) + 120 original co-sponsors</p>	<p>2/26/2021 introduced, referred to Agriculture; 4/8 referred to Subcommittee on Livestock and Foreign Agriculture</p>	<p>Support; <i>see H.R. 1042 last session, AFA supported</i></p>	<p>158 co-sponsors including Reps. Dingell, Levin, Stevens, Tlaib; 144-D; 14-R Article</p>
<p>H.R. 1448</p>	<p>PAWS for Veterans would require VA to implement 5-year pilot program to provide canine training to eligible veterans with PTSD</p>	<p>3/1/2021 introduced, referred to Veterans' Affairs; 5/12 reported (Amended) by Veterans' Affairs; 5/12 considered under suspension of rules, passed House; 5/13 received in Senate, referred to Veterans' Affairs; 8/6 discharged by Veterans' Affairs w/o amendment by unanimous consent, passed Senate (voice vote); 8/20 presented to President; 8/25 signed by President, became Public Law No: 117-37.</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>317 co-sponsors, including Reps. Slotkin, Moolenaar, Bergman, Walberg, Huizenga, Upton, McClain, Dingell, Meijer, Tlaib, Stevens; 197-R; 120-D</p>

<p>H.R. 1569</p>	<p>Would create Critically Endangered Animals Conservation Fund, which finances a grant program to protect critically endangered species, to be funded by separate account by Dept of Interior; Rep. Huffman (D-CA) + 19 original co-sponsors</p>	<p>3/3/2021 introduced, referred to Natural Resources; 7/29 Subcommittee hearings held</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>44 co-sponsors including Reps. Kildee, Levin; 41-D; 3-R; Sponsor's remarks on introduction</p>
<p>H.R. 1739/S. 3083</p>	<p>Support our Military Working Dogs Act would authorize DOD to provide charitable support for retired, injured military dogs after adoption; ensure that government covers transportation costs to new homes; allow research on treatment, avoidance of injuries for military dogs; Rep. Garamendi (D-CA). <i>Senate: Sen. Blackburn (R-TN) + 1 original co-sponsor</i></p>	<p>3/10/2021 introduced, referred to Armed Services. <i>Senate: 10/27/2021 introduced, referred to Armed Services</i></p>	<p>Support; House Sponsor's remarks on introduction</p>	<p>10 co-sponsors (none MI); 9-D; 1-R. <i>Senate: S. 3083, 1 co-sponsor; 1-D</i></p>
<p>H.R. 1744</p>	<p>Humane Research and Testing Act would establish the National Center for Alternatives to Animal Research and Testing within NIH; Rep. Hastings (D-FL) + 4 original co-sponsors</p>	<p>3/10/2021 introduced, referred to Energy and Commerce; 3/11 referred to Subcommittee on Health</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>15 co-sponsors (none MI); 13-D; 2-R</p>

<p>H.R. 1815/S. 713</p>	<p>Safe Line Speeds During COVID-19 Act would protect worker, consumer, animal safety by suspending USDA waivers, regulations allowing increased line speeds at slaughterhouses during pandemic; Reps. DeLaurio (D-CT), Thompson (D-MS) + 22 original co-sponsors <i>Senate: Sen. Booker (D-NJ) + 11 original co-sponsors</i></p>	<p>3/11/2021 introduced, referred to: Agriculture, Education and Labor, and Energy and Commerce; 5/13 referred to Agriculture Subcommittee on Livestock and Foreign Agriculture. <i>Senate: 3/11/2021 introduced, referred to Agriculture</i></p>	<p>Support; see H.R. 7521/S. 4338 last session, AFA supported Article</p>	<p>31 co-sponsors including Reps. Levin, Tlaib; 30-D; 1-R. <i>Senate: S. 713. 12 co-sponsors (none MI); 11-D; 1-I</i></p>
<p>H.R. 1905</p>	<p>AARF Act would amend Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act to allow use of non-animal test to demonstrate safety, effectiveness of a drug, Rep. Boyle (D-PA) + 3 original co-sponsors</p>	<p>3/16/2021 introduced, referred to Energy and Commerce</p>	<p>Support; see H.R. 8736 last session; <i>also see H.R. 2565 this session</i></p>	<p>25 co-sponsors including Rep. Stevens 209-D; 5-R</p>
<p>H.R. 1986/S. 791</p>	<p>Federal Bird Safe Buildings Act would require any new, "significantly altered" existing federal buildings use bird-friendly building materials and design features, excepting historical buildings, Rep. Quigley (D-IL) + 1 original co-sponsor. <i>Senate: Sen. Booker (D-NJ) + 0 original co-sponsors</i></p>	<p>3/17/2021 introduced, referred to Transportation and Infrastructure; 3/18 referred to Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management. <i>Senate: 3/17/2021 introduced, referred to Environment and Public Works</i></p>	<p>Support Article</p>	<p>23 co-sponsors including Reps. Levin, Lawrence; 21-D; 2-R. <i>Senate: S. 791. 1 co-sponsor (none MI); 1-D</i></p>

<p>H.R. 2026</p>	<p>Global Amphibian Protection Act would establish fund that Interior Department must use for grant program to conserve highly endangered amphibian species; Rep. Jeffries (D-NY) + 3 original co-sponsors</p>	<p>3/18/2021 introduced, referred to Natural Resources; 5/12 referred to Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife; 7/29 Subcommittee hearings held; 11/17: Subcommittee discharged, Committee consideration and mark-up, ordered reported (Amended) 25 - 17; 11/16/2022 Committee reported (Amended), placed on Union Calendar</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>9 co-sponsors (none MI); 7-D; 2-R</p>
<p>H.R. 2085</p>	<p>HEART Act, "Help Extract Animals from Red Tape Act of 2021", would provide resources for enforcing federal dog fighting laws; Rep. Chu (D-CA) + 1 original co-sponsor</p>	<p>3/19/2021 introduced, referred to Judiciary; 10/19 referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security. Article</p>	<p>Support; see S. 513 last session, AFA supported; current bill adds "findings" including "Animal fighting is one of the most heinous forms of animal cruelty"</p>	<p>63 co-sponsors including Reps. Upton, Stevens, Kildee; 49-D; 14-R Another article</p>
<p>H.R. 2325/S. 3472</p>	<p>Bear Protection Act would prohibit import, export, commerce of bear viscera or related products except for limited acts carried out solely to enforce wildlife protection laws; Rep. Lieu (D-CA) + 3 original co-sponsors. <i>Senate: Bear Poaching Elimination Act; Sen. Kennedy (R-LA) + 1 original co-sponsor</i></p>	<p>4/1/2021 introduced, referred to: Natural Resources, Foreign Affairs, Ways and Means; 6/2 referred to Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife; 7/29 Subcommittee hearings held. <i>Senate: 1/11/22 introduced, referred to Environment and Public Works</i></p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>25 co-sponsors including Rep. Levin; 18-D; 7-R. Senate: S. 3472, 4 co-sponsors (none MI) 3-D; 1-R</p>

<p>S. 1106/H.R. 2811</p>	<p>Would amend Magnuson-Stevens Act to prohibit sale of shark fins, Sen. Booker (D-NJ) + 6 original co-sponsors. House: Del. Sablan (D-N Mariana Is) + 104 original co-sponsors</p>	<p>4/13/2021 introduced, referred to Commerce, Science, and Transportation; 4/28 and 5/12 hearings held; 6/8 passed Senate as part of S. 1260, US Competition and Innovation Act House: 4/22/2021 introduced (sponsor introductory remarks), referred to: Natural Resources and Budget</p>	<p>Support; see H.R. 2585 this session; also see S. 877/H.R. 737 last session, AFA supported Passed Senate</p>	<p>45 co-sponsors including Sens. Peters, Stabenow; 40-D; 4-R; 1-I. House: H.R. 2811, 250 co-sponsors including Reps. Dingell, Levin, Slotkin, Stevens, Lawrence, Upton, Kildee; 201-D; 49-R</p>
<p>H.R. 2565/S. 2952</p>	<p>Would amend Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act "to allow manufacturers and sponsors of a drug to use alternative testing methods to animal testing to investigate the safety and effectiveness of a drug"; Rep. Buchanan (R-FL) + 4 original co-sponsors. Senate: Sen. Paul (R-KY) + 4 original co-sponsors</p>	<p>4/15/2021 introduced, referred to Energy and Commerce. Senate: 10/7/2021 introduced, referred to Health, Education, Labor and Pensions</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>108 co-sponsors including Reps. McClain, Stevens, Levin, Tlaib; 64-D; 44-R. Senate: S. 2952 15 co-sponsors (none MI); 8-R; 5-D; 2-I</p>
<p>S. 1210</p>	<p>Big Cat Public Safety Act would amend Lacey Act to prohibit private ownership of cats born after enactment; require exhibitors to get license; prohibit direct contact with public; Sen. Blumenthal (D-CT) + 3 original co-sponsors</p>	<p>4/19/2021 introduced, referred to Environment and Public Works</p>	<p>Support; see H.R. 263 this session, AFA supports</p>	<p>48 co-sponsors including Sens. Peters, Stabenow; 42-D; 4-R; 2-I</p>

<p>S. 1289/H.R. 2848</p>	<p>Marine Mammal Research and Response Act would provide support for efforts to protect marine mammals by reauthorizing a grant program, establishing an emergency fund for stranded or entangled marine mammals; Sen. Cantwell (D-WA). House: Rep. Murphy (D-FL) + 2 original co-sponsors</p>	<p>4/21/2021 introduced, referred to Commerce, Science and Transportation; 5/12 Committee ordered reported; 12/17 Committee ordered reported without amendment and without written report, placed on Senate Legislative Calendar; 2/15/2022 written report (117-77) filed. House: 4/26/2021 introduced, referred to Natural Resources; 6/17 referred to Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife; 7/29 Subcommittee hearings held</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>4 co-sponsors (none MI); 2-D; 2-R. House: H.R. 2848 18 co-sponsors (none MI); 12-D; 6-R</p>
<p>H.R. 2773/S. 2372</p>	<p>Recovering America's Wildlife Act would amend Pittman-Robertson Act to make supplemental funds available to manage fish and wildlife species of greatest conservation need as determined by State fish and wildlife agencies; Rep. Dingell (D-MI) + 9 original co-sponsors. Senate: Sen. Heinrich (D-NM) + 1 original co-sponsor</p>	<p>4/22/2021 introduced, referred to Natural Resources; 6/16 referred to Subcommittees for Indigenous Peoples and on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife; 7/29 Subcommittee hearings held; 1/19/2022: Subcommittees for Indigenous Peoples and on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife Discharged; Committee consideration and mark-up, ordered reported (amended) 29 - 15; 6/9 reported (amended) by Committee, H. Rept. 117-359, placed on Union Calendar; 6/14 House considered and debated amendments, passed roll-call vote 231 - 190 Senate: 7/15/2021 introduced, referred to Environment and Public Works; 12/8 committee hearing held; 4/7/2022 committee ordered reported with amendment; 4/27 placed on Senate Legislative Calendar with amendment/substitute; 6/15 H.R. 2773 received, 8/2 written report (117-135) filed</p>	<p>Support, with recommended changes per 7/26/2021 coalition letter AFA signed</p>	<p>194 co-sponsors including Reps. Kildee, Upton, Lawrence, Stevens, Bergman, Tlaib, Huizenga, Levin, Walberg, Slotkin; 152-D; 42-R. Senate: S. 2372, 42 co-sponsors including Sens. Stabenow and Peters; 25-D; 16-R; 1-I</p>

<p>H.R. 2840/S. 1385</p>	<p>Puppy Protection Act would amend AWA to significantly enhance regulation of commercial breeders; Rep. Fitzpatrick (R-PA) + 3 original co-sponsors. <i>Senate: Sen. Durbin (D-IL) + 12 original co-sponsors</i></p>	<p>4/26/2021 introduced, referred to Agriculture; 6/21 referred to Subcommittee on Livestock and Foreign Agriculture. <i>Senate: 4/27/2021 introduced, referred to Agriculture</i></p>	<p>Support; see H.R. 2442, S. 4754 last session, AFA supported Article</p>	<p>221 co-sponsors including Reps. Levin, Stevens, Tlaib, Kildee, Dingell, Lawrence, Slotkin, Upton; 202-D; 19-R. <i>Senate: S. 1385, 41 co-sponsors, including Sen. Peters; 40-D; 1-I</i></p>
<p>S. 1378</p>	<p>AFTER Act would allow for the retirement of animals used in Federal research, by transfer to shelter, rescue or sanctuary; Sen. Collins + 2 original co-sponsors (including Sen. Peters)</p>	<p>4/27/2021 introduced, referred to Agriculture (sponsor introductory remarks)</p>	<p>Support; see H.R. 2897, S. 2322 last session, AFA supported</p>	<p>18 co-sponsors including Sen. Peters; 16-D; 1-R; 1-I</p>
<p>H.R. 3010</p>	<p>Search and rescue dogs have same status as seeing-eye dogs in federal disasters; Rep. Taylor (R-TX) + 7 original co-sponsors</p>	<p>5/7/2021 introduced, referred to Transportation and Infrastructure; 5/10 referred to Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>11 co-sponsors (none MI); 8-D; 3-R</p>

<p>H.R. 3135/S. 1588</p>	<p>Captive Primate Safety Act would amend Lacey Act to prohibit importation, exportation, transportation, sale etc. in interstate or foreign commerce of any live animal of any prohibited wildlife species; Rep. Blumenauer (D-OR) + 1 original co-sponsor. <i>Senate: Sen. Blumenauer + 4 original co-sponsors</i></p>	<p>5/12/2021 introduced, referred to Natural Resources; 7/29 Subcommittee hearings held. <i>Senate: 5/12/2021 introduced, referred to Environment and Public Works</i></p>	<p>Support; see H.R. 1776 last session, AFA supported</p>	<p>72 co-sponsors including Reps. Levin, Slotkin; 71-D; 1-R. <i>Senate: S. 1588, 13 co-sponsors including Sen. Peters; 12-D; 1-R</i></p>
<p>H.R. 3187</p>	<p>Pet Safety and Protection Act would amend AWA to ensure that all dogs, cats used by research facilities are obtained legally; Rep Doyle + 1 original co-sponsor</p>	<p>5/13/2021 introduced, referred to Agriculture; 7/1 referred to Subcommittee on Livestock and Foreign Agriculture</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>51 co-sponsors including Rep. Slotkin; 49-D; 2-R</p>
<p>H.R. 3335</p>	<p>Would amend Wire Act to clarify that gambling on greyhound racing using wire communication technology is prohibited; Rep. Cardenas (D-CA) + 5 original co-sponsors</p>	<p>5/19/2021 introduced, referred to Judiciary; 11/9/2022 referred to Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security</p>	<p>Support; see H.R. 7826 last session, AFA supported</p>	<p>103 co-sponsors including Reps. Slotkin, Tlaib, Levin; 91-D; 12-R</p>

<p>H.R. 3355</p>	<p>SAFE Act would amend Horse Protection Act to prevent horse slaughter for human consumption and ban export to Mexican, Canadian slaughterhouses; Rep. Schakowski (D-IL) + 1 original co-sponsor</p>	<p>5/19/2021 introduced, referred to Energy and Commerce; 5/21 referred to Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Commerce; 5/26/2022 Subcommittee hearings (with H.R. 5441); 06/23 Subcommittee consideration and mark-up, forwarded to Full Committee (Amended) by voice vote</p>	<p>Support; see H.R. 961 last session, AFA supported</p>	<p>223 co-sponsors including Reps. Levin, Stevens, Slotkin, Lawrence, Dingell, Tlaib; 194-D; 29-R Article</p>
<p>H.R. 3396</p>	<p>Extinction Prevention Act would fund conservation of butterflies and moths in North America; plant species in various states and territories; freshwater mussels in the United States; and bony fish found in desert ecosystems in various states; Rep. Grijalva (D-AZ) + 9 original co-sponsors</p>	<p>5/20/2021 introduced, referred to Natural Resources; 7/5 referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife; 7/29 Subcommittee hearings held</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>14 co-sponsors including Rep. Dingell; 14-D</p>
<p>S. 1737</p>	<p>Global Pandemic Prevention and Biosecurity Act would establish global zoonotic disease task force; Sen. Coons (D-RI) + 1 original co-sponsor</p>	<p>5/20/2021 introduced, referred to Foreign Relations</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>2 co-sponsors (none MI); 1-D; 1-R</p>

H.R. 3835	<p>Would exempt the slaughter of animals and the preparation of carcasses at a custom slaughter facility from Federal Meat Inspection Act; Rep. Massie (R-KY) + 27 original co-sponsors</p>	<p>6/11/2021 introduced, referred to Agriculture; 7/15 referred to the Subcommittee on Livestock and Foreign Agriculture</p>	<p>Oppose</p>	<p>49 co-sponsors (none MI); 42-R; 7-D</p>
H.R. 4108	<p>Healthy Future Student and Earth Pilot Program Act would amend Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to establish pilot program to make grants to schools to provide 100 percent plant-based food, milk; Rep. Velázquez (D-NY) + 7 original co-sponsors</p>	<p>6/23/2021 introduced, referred to Education and Labor</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>39 co-sponsors including Rep. Stevens; 39-D</p>
S. 2295	<p>PAWS for Veterans would require VA to implement 5-year pilot program to provide canine training to eligible veterans with PTSD</p>	<p>6/24/2021 introduced, referred to Commerce, Science and Transportation</p>	<p>Support; see H.R. 693, S. 1007 last session, AFA supported Article</p>	<p>52 co-sponsors including Sens. Stabenow, Peters; 46-D; 4-R; 2-1</p>
H.R. 4180	<p>Would amend AWA to Direct Secretary of Agriculture to provide grants to shelters to microchip dogs, cats; Rep. Lieu (D-CA) + 0 original co-sponsors</p>	<p>6/25/2021 introduced, referred to Agriculture; 7/22 referred to Subcommittee on Livestock and Foreign Agriculture</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>0 co-sponsors</p>

H.R. 4182	<p>Extinction Crisis Emergency Act would require President to declare global wildlife extinction crisis a national emergency under National Emergencies Act; Rep. Newman (D-IL) + 8 original co-sponsors</p>	<p>6/25/2021 introduced, referred to: Transportation and Infrastructure, Natural Resources, Armed Services</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>16 co-sponsors including Rep. Tlaib; 16-D</p>
H.R. 4310	<p>MINKS are Superspreaders Act would amend Lacey Act to prohibit import, export, transport, sale, receipt, acquirement, or purchase in interstate or foreign commerce of mink; Rep. DeLauro (D-CT) + 9 original co-sponsors</p>	<p>7/1/2021 introduced, referred to Natural Resources; 10/1 Executive Comment Requested from Def Security Assistance, Federal Judicial Center</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>41 co-sponsors including Rep. Levin; 34-D; 7-R</p>
<p>S. 2332/H.R. 4421</p>	<p>Would place moratorium on CAFOs, strengthen the Packers and Stockyards Act, require country of origin labeling on beef, pork, and dairy products; Sen. Booker (D-NJ) + 2 original co-sponsors. House: Rep. Khanna (D-CA) + 7 original co-sponsors</p>	<p><i>7/13/2021 introduced, referred to Agriculture.</i> House: 7/13/2021 introduced, referred to: Agriculture, Transportation and Infrastructure; 7/15 referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment; 8/11 referred to Agriculture Subcommittee on Livestock and Foreign Agriculture</p>	<p>Support; see S. 3221 last session, AFA supported Senate sponsor's press release</p>	<p>4 co-sponsors (none MI); 3-D; 1-I. House: H.R. 4421. 40 co-sponsors including Reps. Tlaib, Levin; 40-D</p>

<p>H.R. 4716</p>	<p>Refuge from Cruel Trapping Act would would ban harm-causing animal traps at national wildlife refuges except for federal agency use to control invasive species or protect endangered species when non-harmful traps have failed; Rep. Nadler (D-NY) + 26 original co-sponsors</p>	<p>7/27/2021 introduced, referred to Natural Ressources; 8/11 referred to Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife; 1/20/2022 Subcommittee hearings held</p>	<p>Support; see H.R. 5127 last session, AFA supported</p>	<p>54 co-sponsors including Rep. Levin; 54-D</p>
<p>H.R. 4833</p>	<p>Would amend Migratory Bird Treaty Act to affirm that the Act prohibits, <i>inter alia</i>, incidental take by commercial activities; Rep. Lowenthal (D-CA) + 49 original co-sponsors</p>	<p>7/29/2021 introduced, referred to Natural Resources</p>	<p>Support; see H.R. 5552 last session, AFA supported</p>	<p>87 co-sponsors including Reps. Stevens, Levin, Dingell, Slotkin, Kildee, Tlaib; 83-D; 4-R</p>
<p>S 2619</p>	<p>Exposing Agricultural Trade Suppression ("EATS") Act would prevent states, local jurisdictions from interfering with production, distribution of agricultural products in interstate commerce; Sen. Marshall (R-KS) + 4 original co-sponsors</p>	<p>8/5/2021 introduced, referred to Agriculture</p>	<p>Oppose</p>	<p>4 co-sponsors (none MI); 4-R</p>

H.R. 4946	Would list West Indian Manatee as "endangered" under ESA; Rep. Buchanan (R-FL) + 1 original co-sponsor	8/6/2021 introduced referred to Natural Resources	Support; sponsor press release	29 co-sponsors (none MI); 17-D; 12-R; Sun Sentinel editorial
H.R. 4951	Canyon's Law would prevent cyanide bombs on public lands; Rep. DeFazio (D-OR) + 0 original co-sponsors	8/6/2021 introduced, referred to: Natural Resources, Agriculture; 8/19 referred to Natural Resources Subcommittees on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands; and to Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife; 8/30 referred to Agriculture Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry; 7/21/2022 Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife hearings held	Support; see H.R. 5578 banning leghold, connibear traps 'on any animal'	23 co-sponsors including Rep. Levin; 23-D; press release
S. 2705/H.R. 4995	Tribal Wildlife Corridors Act, would allow tribe to nominate corridors, provide technical and financial resources; Sen. Lujan (D-NM) + 1 original co-sponsor. House: Rep. Gallejo (D-AZ)	<i>8/10/2021 introduced, referred to Indian Affairs.</i> House: 8/10/2021 introduced, referred to: Natural Resources, Agriculture; 8/30 referred to Agriculture Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry; passed as part of Infrastructure bill, H.R. 3684, 11/15 signed into law, Public Law No: 117-58	Support	4 co-sponsors (none MI); 4-D. House: H.R. 4995 4 co-sponsors including Reps. Kildee, Levin; 4-D
H.R. 5441	Prevent All Soring Tactics Act (PAST Act) would amend Horse Protection Act to regulate the practice of soring; Rep. Cohen (D-TN) + 212 original co-sponsors	9/30/2021 introduced, referred to Energy and Commerce; 10/1 referred to Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Commerce; 5/26/2022 Subcommittee hearings (with H.R. 3355); 6/23 forwarded to Full Committee (Amended) 22 - 0; 9/21 Committee mark-up, ordered reported 46 - 9; 11/14 considered under suspension of rules, debate, passed as amended 304 - 111 (Roll no. 478). <i>Senate 11/15 received, referred to Commerce, Science, and Transportation</i>	Support; see H.R. 693 , S 1007 last session, AFA Supported	263 co-sponsors including Reps. Tlaib, Stevens, Kildee, Levin, Dingell, Slotkin, Upton, Lawrence; 212-D; 51-R

H.R. 5578	<p>“Public Safety and Wildlife Protection Act” would restrict use of steel-jaw leghold and Conibear traps on animals in the US; Rep. Adams + 2 original co-sponsors</p>	<p>10/15/2021 introduced, referred to: Energy and Commerce, Ways and Means, and Foreign Affairs; 2/22/22 referred to Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Europe, Energy, the Environment and Cyber</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>2 co-sponsors (none MI); 2-D</p>
H.R. 5684	<p>BARK Act would amend Good Samaritan Food Donation Act to provide protection for good faith donation of pet products; Rep. Raskin (D-MD) + 20 original co-sponsors</p>	<p>10/22/2021 introduced, referred to Education and Labor</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>42 co-sponsors including Rep. Upton; 34-D; 8-R</p>
H.R. 5726	<p>“Companion Animal Release from Experiments Act” (“CARE Act”) would require research facilities using companion dogs, cats, or rabbits for research and receiving NIH funding, to offer these animals for adoption after completion of research; Rep. Cardenas (D-CA) + 0 original co-sponsors</p>	<p>10/26/2021 introduced, referred to Energy and Commerce</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>9 co-sponsors (none MI); 7-D; 2-R</p>

H.R. 5828	Pets Belong with Families Act would prohibit public housing agencies from imposing breed restrictions on household pets owned by residents; Rep. Schiff (D-CA) + 3 original co-sponsors	11/2/2021 introduced, referred to Financial Services	Support	49 co-sponsors including Rep. Levin; 45-D; 4-R
S. 3211	Would permanently reauthorize Presidential Task Force on Wildlife Trafficking to end global wildlife poaching; Sen. Coons (D-DE) + 1 original co-sponsor	11/15/2021 introduced, referred to Foreign Relations; 5/26/2022 Committee hearing; 6/9 Committee ordered reported favorably with amendment/substitute; 6/14 placed on Senate legislative calendar	Support	1 co-sponsor (none MI); 1-R
H.R. 5999/S. 3220	Traveling Exotic Animal Safety and Protection Act would amend the AWA to restrict use of exotic and wild animals in traveling performances; Rep. Grijalva (D-AZ) + 40 original co-sponsors. Senate: Sen. Menendez + 1 original co-sponsor	11/17/2021 introduced, referred to Ways and Means. <i>Senate: 11/17/2021 introduced, referred to Agriculture</i>	Support; see H.R. 2863, S. 2121 last session, AFA supported	81 co-sponsors including Reps. Tlaib, Levin, Kildee; 79-D; 2-R. <i>Senate: S. 3220, 1 co-sponsor; 1-D</i>
H.R. 6059	Wildlife Conservation and Anti-Trafficking Act, Rep. Garamendi (D-CA) + 1 original co-sponsor	11/19/21 introduced, referred to: Natural Resources, Judiciary, Foreign Affairs; 12/22 referred to Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water, Oceans and Wildlife; 2/2/2022 referred to Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Europe, Energy, the Environment and Cyber	Support	56 co-sponsors including Rep. Dingell; 50-D; 6-R

H.R. 6100	<p>Would strengthen USDA enforcement of AWA; "Goldie's Law" named for dog in a recently shut-down IA puppy mill; Rep. Axne (D-IA) + 5 original co-sponsors</p>	<p>12/1/2021 introduced, referred to Agriculture; 1/4/2022 referred to Subcommittee on Livestock and Foreign Agriculture</p>	<p>Support; sponsor's press release</p>	<p>79 co-sponsors including Reps. Levin, Tlaib, Slotkin; 70-D; 9-R <i>ACTION: Thank Rep. Slotkin who co-sponsored in Sep.</i></p>
S. 3315	<p>State, Tribal, and Local Species Transparency and Recovery Act would amend the Endangered Species Act to require disclosure to states of the basis of determinations under that Act, Sen. Loomis (R-WY) + 2 original co-sponsors</p>	<p>12/6/2021 introduced, referred to Environment and Public Works</p>	<p>Oppose</p>	<p>3 co-sponsors (none MI); 3-R</p>

<p>H.R. 6207/S. 3357</p>	<p>Humane Cosmetic Act would substantially reduce the use of animal testing for cosmetics; Rep. Beyer (D-VA) + 74 original co-sponsors</p>	<p>12/9/2021 introduced, referred to Energy and Commerce</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>182 co-sponsors including Reps. Stevens, Slotkin, Levin, Tlaib, Lawrence; 169-D; 13-R. <i>Senate: S 3357</i>, 18 co-sponsors including Sen. Peters; 14-D; 2-R; 2-I. <i>ACTION: Thank Rep. Lawrence who co-sponsored in Sep.</i></p>
<p>S. 3472</p>	<p>Bear Poaching Elimination Act would make it unlawful to knowingly import, export, sell, purchase, possess, transport, deliver, or receive bear viscera except to enforce wildlife protection laws, Sen. Kennedy (R-LA) + 1 original co-sponsor</p>	<p>1/11/2022 introduced, referred to Environment and Public Works</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>4 co-sponsors (none MI); 3-D; 1-R</p>

H.R. 6635	Wild Horse and Burro Protection Act would prohibit aircraft in round-ups on conservation and Anti-Trafficking Act, Rep. Garamendi (D-CA)	2/7/2022 introduced, referred to Natural Resources (sponsor introductory remarks)	Support	15 co-sponsors including Rep. Tlaib; 15-D <i>ACTION:</i> <i>Thank Rep. Tlaib who co-sponsored in Oct.</i>
S. 3738	Would require Interior to reinstate removal of Western Great Lakes gray wolves from Endangered Species Act protections; exempts from judicial review that action as well as a reinstated rule that removes the gray wolf in WY from the list; Sen. Johnson (R-WI) + 2 original co-sponsors	3/2/2022 introduced, referred to Environment and Public Works	Oppose	3 co-sponsors (none MI); 2-R; 1-D
H.R. 6987	Would establish programs to reduce the impacts of vessel traffic and underwater noise on marine mammals; Rep. Larsen (D-WA) + 4 original co-sponsors	3/8/2022 introduced, referred to: Natural Resources, Transportation and Infrastructure, Armed Services; 3/9 referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation; 3/11 referred to Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife; 3/17 Subcommittee hearings held	Support	5 co-sponsors (none MI); 4-D; 1-R

H.R. 7004	<p>"Pigs in Gestation Stalls" ("PIGS") Act would amend the Animal Welfare Act to prohibit the confinement of pregnant pigs; Rep. Escobar (D-TX) + 1 original co-sponsor</p>	<p>3/9/2022 introduced, referred to Agriculture; 3/21 referred to Subcommittee on Livestock and Foreign Agriculture</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>8 co-sponsors including Rep. Levin; 7-D; 1-R</p>
H.R. 7197	<p>Armed Forces Endangered Species Exemption Act would restrict lands used for national defense-related purposes as critical habitats for any species; Rep. Biggs (R-AZ) + 2 original co-sponsors</p>	<p>3/24/2022 introduced, referred to Natural Resources</p>	<p>Oppose</p>	<p>4 co-sponsors (none MI); 4-R</p>
H.R. 7398	<p>Prohibit Wildlife Killing Contests would stop rewarding hunters for killing animals on public land in contests that serve no legitimate wildlife-management purpose; Rep. Cohen (D-TN) + 14 original co-sponsors</p>	<p>4/5/2022 introduced, referred to: Natural Resources, Agriculture; 4/6 referred to Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife; 4/18 referred to Agriculture Subcommittee on Livestock and Foreign Agriculture; 6/16 Hearings held by Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>26 co-sponsors including Reps. Levin, Tlaib; 26-D Article</p>

<p>S. 4205/H.R. 7789</p>	<p>Planning for Animal Wellness (PAW) Act would require FEMA to establish a working group re best practices and Federal guidance for animals in emergencies and disasters; Sen. Peters (D-MI) + 1 original co-sponsor. H.R. 7789 Rep. Titus (D-NV) + 1 original co-sponsor</p>	<p>5/12/2022 introduced, referred to Homeland Security and Government Affairs; 5/25 Committee hearing, ordered reported favorably with amendment/substitute. House 5/16/2022 introduced, referred to Transportation and Infrastructure; 5/17 referred to Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management; 6/15 Subcommittee discharged, committee consideration and markup and ordered reported by voice vote; 8/3 reported with amendment/substitute with written report 117-140; 8/6 Passed Senate amended, by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S4165). House: 8/9 received; 9/13 debated under suspension of rules; 9/14 passed House under suspension of rules; 10/17 submitted to President, signed by President as Public Law 117-212</p>	<p>Support; PAW Act discussed on AFA's Lunch + Legislation, 10/3/2022</p>	<p>2 co-sponsors (2-R); Senate sponsor is chair of committee. House: H.R. 7789, 4 co-sponsors (none MI); 2-D; 2-R</p>
<p>H.R. 7766</p>	<p>Trust the Science Act would require Interior Secretary to reissue regulations removing gray woves from the endangered species list; and make the reissuance not subject to judicial review; Rep. Boebert (R-CO) + 20 original co-sponsors</p>	<p>5/13/2022 introduced, referred to Natural Resources</p>	<p>Oppose</p>	<p>20 co-sponsors including Reps Bergman and Moolenaar (20-R)</p>
<p>H.R. 7787</p>	<p>HENRY Act would allow Federal personnel stationed abroad to return to US with dogs; Rep. Phillips (D-MN) + 12 original co-sponsors</p>	<p>5/16/2022 introduced, referred to: Energy and Commerce, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Foreign Affairs; 5/17 referred to Subcommittee on Aviation</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>17 co-sponsors including Rep. Levin; 14-D; 3-R</p>

S. 4288	<p>Would allow drug manufacturers and sponsors to use alternative testing methods to investigate the safety and effectiveness; Sen. Lujan (D-NM) + 0 original co-sponsors</p>	<p>5/19/2022 introduced, referred to Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>0 co-sponsors</p>
H.R. 8074	<p>PUPP Act would authorize HUD to award grants for interim and permanent housing for unhoused individuals with pets; Rep. Crow (D-CO) + 1 original co-sponsor</p>	<p>6/15/2022 introduced, referred to Financial Services</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>21 co-sponsors (none MI); 20-D; 1-R</p>
H.R. 8514	<p>SWIMS Act would amend Marine Mammal Protection Act to prohibit taking, importation, exportation, and breeding of certain cetaceans for public display, Rep. Schiff (D-CA) + 7 original co-sponsors</p>	<p>7/26/2022 introduced, referred to: Natural Resources, Agriculture; 8/29 referred to Subcommittee on Livestock and Foreign Agriculture</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>35 co-sponsors (none MI); 35-D</p>
S. 4740	<p>SWIMS Act (see H.R. 8514); Sen. Feinstein (D-CA) + 6 original co-sponsors</p>	<p>8/2/2022 introduced, referred to Commerce, Science, and Transportation (sponsor introductory remarks)</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>6 co-sponsors (none MI); 6-D</p>

S. 4743 /H.R. 8659	<p>Would direct Attorney General to conduct a study animal cruelty; Sen. Peters (D-MI) + 1 original co-sponsor. House: Rep. Clark (D-MA) + 7 original co-sponsors</p>	<p>8/2/2022 introduced, referred to Judiciary. House: 8/5/2022 introduced, referred to Judiciary</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>Senate: 1 co-sponsor (none MI); 1-R House: H.R. 8659 15 co-sponsors (none MI); 11-D; 4-R</p>
H.R. 9072	<p>Humane Retirement Act would amend Public Health Service Act to ensure that healthy research companion animals are adopted into suitable homes; Rep. Rice (D-NY) + 17 original co-sponsors</p>	<p>9/29/2022 introduced, referred to Energy and Commerce</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>19 co-sponsors (none MI); 16-D; 3-R</p>
H.R. 9152	<p>Sgt. Fieldy Act would authorize the interment of military working dogs in any open national cemetery under the control of the National Cemetery Administration; Rep. Gonzalez (D-TX) + 0 co-sponsors</p>	<p>10/7/2022 introduced, referred to Veterans' Affairs; referred to Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>0 co-sponsors</p>

H.R. 9154	Would amend the Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act to protect horses and burros from slaughter and ensure their humane management; Rep. Grijalva (D-NM) + 5 original co-sponsors	10/7/2022 introduced, referred to Natural Resources	Support; see H.R. 6635 which bans BLM from rounding up or transporting animals using aircraft	6 co-sponsors (none MI); 4-D; 2-R See article
Text (bill # not yet assigned)	Industrial Agriculture Accountability Act would require agribusiness to develop and pay for contingency disaster plans and to ban inhumane practices in culling, transport and slaughter; Sen. Booker (D-NJ)	11/22/2022 introduced	In review	Sponsor press release
Attorneys for Animals Regulatory Tracker™ #8 to Nov. 23, 2022				
FEDERAL AGENCY INFORMATION: https://www.usa.gov/federal-agencies/a				
Agency & Comment Deadline	Action	Summary	Additional Action/ Resources	Notes
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<p>Dep't of the Interior / Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) 12/02/2022</p>	<p>Final Rule: Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Possible Effects of Court Decision on Significant Portion of the Range Analysis for the Northern Distinct Population Segment of the Southern Subspecies of Scarlet Macaw</p>	<p>FWS is seeking public comment on how recent case law on FWS's significant portion of the range (SPR) policy and the plain language of the ESA may affect its February 26, 2019, final rule designating the northern distinct population segment (DPS) of the southern subspecies of scarlet macaw (<i>Ara macao macao</i>), as a threatened species under the ESA.</p>		
<p>Dep't of the Interior / Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) 12/05/2022</p>	<p>Proposed Rule: Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Designation of Critical Habitat for Louisiana Pinesnake</p>	<p>FWS proposes to designate critical habitat for the Louisiana pinesnake (<i>Pituophis ruthveni</i>) under the ESA. In total, approximately 209,520 acres (84,790 hectares) in Bienville, Grant, Rapides, and Vernon parishes, Louisiana, and in Newton, Angelina, and Jasper Counties, Texas, fall within the boundaries of the proposed critical habitat designation. FWS also announces the availability of a draft economic analysis of the proposed designation of critical habitat for the Louisiana pinesnake.</p>		

<p>Dep't of the Interior / Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) 12/06/2022</p>	<p>Proposed Rule: Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants: Endangered Species Status for the San Francisco Bay-Delta Distinct Population Segment of the Longfin Smelt</p>	<p>FWS proposes to list the San Francisco Bay-Delta distinct population segment (DPS) of longfin smelt (<i>Spirinchus thaleichthys</i>) (Bay-Delta longfin smelt), a fish species of the Pacific Coast, as an endangered species under the ESA. After a review of the best scientific and commercial information available, FWS finds that listing the DPS is warranted. Accordingly, FWS proposes to list the Bay-Delta longfin smelt DPS as an endangered species under the ESA. If FWS finalizes this rule as proposed, it would add this DPS to the List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and extend the ESA's protections to the DPS. FWS also finds that the designation of critical habitat for the Bay-Delta longfin smelt is not determinable at this time.</p>		
<p>Dep't of the Interior / Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) 12/14/2022</p>	<p>Notice: Notice of Intent To Prepare North Cascades Ecosystem Grizzly Bear Restoration Plan/Environmental Impact Statement, Washington</p>	<p>NPS and FWS are jointly preparing an environmental impact statement (EIS) for the North Cascades Ecosystem Grizzly Bear Restoration Plan to determine how to restore the grizzly bear to the North Cascades ecosystem (NCE), a portion of its historical range. As part of the planning and EIS process, the NPS and the FWS will evaluate various approaches for the restoration of a grizzly bear population to the NCE. Action is needed to restore grizzly bears to the NCE because they are functionally extirpated from the ecosystem, and restoration there will contribute to overall grizzly bear recovery.</p>		

<p>Dep't of Commerce / National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration / National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) 12/15/2022</p>	<p>Proposed Rule: Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants: Listing the Queen Conch as Threatened Under the Endangered Species Act (ESA)</p>	<p>NMFS is holding a public hearing related to its proposed rule published September 8, 2022, to list the queen conch (<i>Aliger gigas</i>) as a threatened species under the ESA. NMFS is also reopening the public comment period, which will now close on December 15, 2022.</p>		
<p>Dep't of Commerce / National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration / National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) 12/16/2022</p>	<p>Proposed Rule: Endangered and Threatened Species: Designation of Critical Habitat for the Nassau Grouper</p>	<p>NMFS proposes to designate critical habitat for the threatened Nassau grouper pursuant to section 4 of the ESA. Specific occupied areas proposed for designation as critical habitat contain approximately 2,353.19 sq. kilometers (908.57 sq. miles) of aquatic habitat located in waters off the coasts of southeastern Florida, Puerto Rico, Navassa, and the United States Virgin Islands (USVI). NMFS has considered positive and negative economic, national security, and other relevant impacts of the proposed critical habitat.</p>		

<p>Dep't of the Interior / Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) 12/22/2022</p>	<p>Proposed Rule: Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants: Designation of Critical Habitat for the Southern Sierra Nevada Distinct Population Segment of Fisher</p>	<p>FWS announces revisions to the critical habitat it proposed on October 19, 2021, for the federally endangered Southern Sierra Nevada distinct population segment (DPS) of fisher (<i>Pekania pennanti</i>) under the ESA. As a result of the critical habitat revisions, FWS now proposes to designate a total of approximately 595,495 acres (240,988 hectares) as critical habitat for the Southern Sierra Nevada DPS of fisher across six units (one unit of which is further subdivided into two subunits) in California. This amounts to an overall increase of 41,041 acres (16,609 hectares) in its proposed critical habitat designation for the DPS, which includes revisions to all six units. FWS invites interested parties to comment on the revisions described in this document. Comments previously submitted on the October 19, 2021, proposed rule need not be resubmitted, as they will be fully considered in preparation of the final rule.</p>		
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<p>Dep't of the Interior / Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) 01/17/2023</p>	<p>Proposed Rule: Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants: Revision to the Section 4(d) Rule for the African Elephant</p>	<p>FWS proposes to revise the rule for the African elephant (<i>Loxodonta africana</i>) promulgated under section 4(d) of the ESA. Three intended purposes: 1. To increase protection for African elephants in light of the recent rise in international trade of live African elephants by establishing ESA enhancement permit requirements for international trade in live elephants and specific enhancement requirements for the import of wild-sourced elephants, as well as requirements to ensure that proposed recipients of live African elephants are suitably equipped to house and care for them; 2. to clarify the existing enhancement requirement during FWS's evaluation of an application for a permit to import African elephant sport-hunted trophies; and (3) to incorporate a Party's designation under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) National Legislation Project into the decision-making process for the import of live African elephants, African elephant sport-hunted trophies, and African elephant parts and products other than ivory and sport-hunted trophies. FWS anticipates these measures will affect implementation in foreign countries of management measures that enhance African elephant conservation.</p>	<p>Agency Press Release: https://www.fws.gov/press-release/2022-11/us-fish-and-wildlife-service-proposes-measures-african-elephant-protection. Commentary by Center for Biological Diversity: https://biologicaldiversity.org/w/news/press-releases/biden-administration-announces-tighter-rules-for-african-elephant-imports-2022-11-16/; HSLF: https://hslf.org/blog/2022/11/endangered-species-act-proposal-would-be-win-elephants; and Born Free USA: https://www.bornfreeusa.org/2022/11/18/proposals-to-curb-elephant-trade-welcomed-but-must-go-further/</p>	<p>Does not ban trophy hunting but regulates it more strictly; AFA intends to comment</p>
<p>RULES/ NOTICES</p>		<p>WITH INDEFINITE INFORMATION COLLECTION</p>		

<p>Dept. of Interior / Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) N/A</p>	<p>Proposed Rule: Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants: 90-Day Finding for Three Petitions To List the Yellowstone Bison</p>	<p>FWS announces a 90-day finding on three petitions to add a distinct population segment of the Plains bison in and around Yellowstone National Park to the List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife under the ESA. Based on FWS's review, it finds that the petitions present substantial scientific or commercial information indicating that the petitioned actions may be warranted. Therefore, with the publication of this document, FWS announces that it plans to initiate a status review to determine whether the petitioned actions are warranted. To ensure that the status review is comprehensive, FWS is requesting scientific and commercial data and other information regarding the Yellowstone bison and factors that may affect its status. Based on the status review, FWS will issue a 12-month petition finding, which will address whether or not the petitioned action is warranted, in accordance with the Act.</p>	<p>042322</p>	
<p>Dep't of Commerce / National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) / National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) N/A</p>	<p>Notice: Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants: 12-Month Finding on a Petition To List the Shortfin Mako Shark (Isurus oxyrinchus) as Threatened or Endangered Under the Endangered Species Act</p>	<p>NMFS has completed a comprehensive status review under the ESA for the shortfin mako shark in response to a petition from Defenders of Wildlife to list the species. After reviewing the best scientific and commercial data available, NMFS has determined that listing the shortfin mako shark as a threatened or endangered species under the ESA is not warranted. This finding was made on November 14, 2022.</p>		

FINAL RULES

<p>Dep't of the Interior / Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) N/A</p>	<p>Final Rule: Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants: Regulations for Designating Critical Habitat</p>	<p>FWS is rescinding the rule titled “Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Regulations for Designating Critical Habitat” that published on December 18, 2020, and became effective January 19, 2021. The rule set forth new regulations addressing how we exclude areas of critical habitat under section 4(b)(2) of the ESA, outlining when and how the Service will undertake an exclusion analysis. This action removes the regulations established by that rule. This rule went into effect on August 22, 2022.</p>		
<p>Dep't of the Interior / Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) N/A</p>	<p>Final Rule: Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants: Threatened Species Status With Section 4(d) Rule for Sickle Darter</p>	<p>FWS determined threatened status under the ESA for the sickle darter (<i>Percina williamsi</i>), a fish species from the upper Tennessee River drainage in North Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia. This rule adds the species to the List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife. FWS also finalized a rule under the authority of section 4(d) of the ESA that provides measures that are necessary and advisable to provide for the conservation of the sickle darter.</p>		