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MICHIGAN - 102nd Legislative Session (2023-2024) to January 30, 2023

Bill #	Description	Actions	AFA Action	Notes
SB 0014	Amends Administrative Procedures Act to eliminate prohibition on state regulations being more stringent than federal; Sen. McCann + 13 co-sponsors	1/17/2023 introduced, referred to Energy and Environment (sponsor is Chair, 5 co-sponsors on committee)	Support	

<p>SB 0017</p>	<p>Increases days that local governments can regulate fireworks; increases penalties; Sen. Wojno + 10 co-sponsors</p>	<p>1/17/2023 introduced, referred to Local Government; sponsor is Majority Vice Chair, co-sponsor is Chair, 2 co-sponsors on committee</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>Impact on birds, https://www.treehugger.com/fireworks-have-long-lasting-impact-on-wild-birds-7089635; other wildlife, https://benitlink.com/fireworks-can-have-devastating-effects-on-wildlife/; and companion animals</p>
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FEDERAL - 118th Congress (2023-2024) to January 30, 2023

Bill #	Description	Actions	AFA Action	Notes
<p>H.R. 208</p>	<p>Would amend AWA to ensure that all dogs and cats used by research facilities are obtained legally; Rep. Smith (R-NJ) + 3 original co-sponsors</p>	<p>1/9/2023 introduced, referred to Agriculture</p>	<p>Support; see HR 3157 last session, AFA supported</p>	<p>18 co-sponsors (none MI); 13-D; 5-R</p>

H.R. 243	Would amend Agricultural Act of 2014, Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act to require producers to establish disaster preparedness plans to be eligible for disaster assistance; Rep. Cohen (D-TN) + 5 original co-sponsors	1/10/2023 introduced, referred to Agriculture	Support	8 co-sponsors (none MI); 8-D Article
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Agency & Comment Deadline	Action	Summary	Additional Action/ Resources	Notes
RULES / NOTICES WITH OPEN COMMENT PERIODS				
Dep't of the Interior / Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) 02/10/2023	Proposed Rule: General Provisions; Revised List of Migratory Birds	FWS proposes to revise the List of Birds protected by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA) by both adding and removing species, with a net increase of 13 (16 species added and 3 removed) bringing total species protected to 1,106. Species added based on new taxonomy and new evidence of natural occurrence; removed if no longer known to occur within US or its territories, and changing names to conform to accepted use.		

<p>Dep't of the Interior / Dep't of Agriculture / Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) 03/10/2023</p>	<p>Proposed Rule: Wild and Exotic Animal Handling, Training of Personnel Involved With Public Handling of Wild and Exotic Animals, and Environmental Enrichment for Species</p>	<p>APHIS is soliciting public comment on its plan to strengthen regulations regarding the handling of wild and exotic animals for exhibition, as well as the training of personnel involved in the handling of wild and exotic animals, and to establish standards addressing environmental enrichment for all regulated animals. The changes APHIS is considering would help ensure the humane handling and treatment of exhibited animals, as well as the health and well-being of all animals covered under the Animal Welfare Act.</p>		
<p>Dep't of the Interior / Nat'l Park Service (NPS) 03/10/2023</p>	<p>Proposed Rule: Alaska; Hunting and Trapping in National Preserves</p>	<p>The National Park Service (NPS) proposes to amend its regulations for sport hunting and trapping in national preserves in Alaska. This proposed rule would prohibit certain harvest practices, including bear baiting; and prohibit predator control or predator reduction on national preserves.</p>		
<p>Dep't of Commerce / National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) / National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) 03/13/2023</p>	<p>Proposed Rule: Endangered and Threatened Wildlife; 90-Day Finding on a Petition To List Oregon Coast and Southern Oregon and Northern California Coastal Chinook Salmon as Threatened or Endangered Under the Endangered Species Act</p>	<p>NMFS announces a 90-day finding on petition to list the Oregon Coast and Southern Oregon and Northern California Coastal Chinook salmon Evolutionarily Significant Units as threatened or endangered; and to designate critical habitat concurrently with the listing. NMFS finds that the petition presents substantial scientific and commercial information indicating the petitioned actions may be warranted. NMFS will conduct status reviews and is soliciting scientific and commercial information pertaining to these species from any interested party.</p>	<p>Action in response to petition filed by Native Fish Society, Center for Biological Diversity and Umpqua Watersheds</p>	
<p>FWS 03/20/2023</p>	<p>Proposed Rule: Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Revision to the Section 4(d) Rule for the African Elephant</p>	<p>Comment period extended for 60 days.</p>	<p>AFA Comment: The proposed rule is an improvement but does not ban imports, accepts that trophy hunting can enhance conservation, fails to address necessary economic benefits to range countries of non-consumptive activities</p>	

FINAL RULES

<p>FWS N/A</p>	<p>Final Rule: Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Lesser Prairie-Chicken; Threatened Status With Section 4(d) Rule for the Northern Distinct Population Segment and Endangered Status for the Southern Distinct Population Segment</p>	<p>FWS is listing two Distinct Population Segments (DPSs) for the lesser prairie-chicken, a grassland bird known from southeastern Colorado, western Kansas, eastern New Mexico, western Oklahoma, and the Texas Panhandle. FWS determines threatened status for the Northern DPS and endangered status for the Southern DPS. FWS also finalizes 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 Northern DPS.</p> <p>AGENCY DELAYED EFFECTIVE DATE FROM JANUARY 24, 2023 TO MARCH 27, 2023.</p> <p>FWS is reclassifying the northern long-eared bat, found in all or portions of 37 U.S. States, the District of Columbia, and much of Canada, as an endangered species after review of best available scientific and commercial information indicates that the northern long-eared bat meets the ESA's definition of an endangered species.</p> <p>AGENCY DELAYED EFFECTIVE DATE FROM JANUARY 30, 2023 TO MARCH 31, 2023.</p>	<p>Environmentalists claim the FWS delay in implementing protections for the two species is because of political pressure, sets a bad precedent and was determined behind closed doors. The lesser prairie chicken lives on oil-rich land; the long-eared bat on timber lands; see article</p>	<p>US Fish and Wildlife Service delays protections for lesser prairie chicken (ksn.com)</p> <p>Found in Michigan's Upper Peninsula</p>
<p>FWS N/A</p>	<p>Final Rule: Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Reclassifying Fender's Blue Butterfly From Endangered to Threatened With a Section 4(d) Rule</p>	<p>FWS is reclassifying Fender's blue butterfly, endemic to the Willamette Valley of Oregon, from endangered to threatened on FWS's evaluation of the best available scientific and commercial information, which indicates that the species' status has improved such that it is not currently in danger of extinction throughout all or a significant portion of its range, but that it is still likely to become so in the foreseeable future.</p> <p><i>This rule is effective February 13, 2023.</i></p>		