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MICHIGAN - 102nd Legislative Session (2023-2024) to February 28, 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://benitolink.com/fireworks-can-have-devastating-effects-on-wildlife/; and companion animals</p>
<p>SB 46</p>	<p>Reduce penalties for failing to report deer; Sen. Hoyenga + 7 co-sponsors</p>	<p>2/1/2023 introduced, referred to Natural Resources and Agriculture</p>	<p>In review</p>	<p>See SB 52 Introduced in past 2 sessions, AFA opposed</p>
<p>HB 4067</p>	<p>Care for Retired Police Dog Program Act establishes program to be administered by nonprofits; Rep. Paiz + 14 co-sponsors (bipartisan)</p>	<p>2/2/2023 introduced, referred to Criminal Justice, 1 co-sponsor is Chair, 2 serve on committee</p>	<p>In review</p>	
<p>SB 52</p>	<p>Response to SB 46; Sen. Cherry + 5 co-sponsors (bi-partisan)</p>	<p>2/2/2023 introduced, referred to Natural Resources and Agriculture</p>	<p>In review</p>	<p>See SB 46</p>
<p>HB 4102</p>	<p>Requires DNR to establish wolf population in Lower Peninsula no later than June 1, 2025; Rep. Markannen</p>	<p>2/15/2023 introduced, referred to Natural Resources</p>	<p>In review</p>	<p>See article</p>

HCR 2	Resolution calling on DNR, federal government to re-establish wolf population in the Lower Peninsula; Rep. Markannen + 2 co-sponsors	2/15/2023 introduced, referred to Natural Resources	In review	tie-barred with HB 4102
HB 4135	Prohibits NRC from issuing order requiring hunters to report harvest of game; Rep. Friske + 2 co-sponsors	2/22/23 introduced, referred to Natural Resources	In review	

FEDERAL - 118th Congress (2023-2024) to February 28, 2023

Bill #	Description	Actions	AFA Action	Notes
H.R. 200	“FIR Act” would specify neither Agriculture nor Interior Departments may be required to reinstate consultation on land management plan when a species is listed as threatened or endangered, critical habitat is designated, or new information becomes available; Rep. Rosendale (R-MT)	1/9/2023 introduced, referred to: Agriculture, Natural Resources; 2/13 referred to Agriculture Subcommittee on Forestry; 2/21 referred to Natural Resources Subcommittees on Water, Wildlife, Fisheries and Federal Lands	In review	1 co-sponsor (none MI); 1-R

<p>H.R. 208</p>	<p>Pet Safety and Protection Act 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>21 co-sponsors including Rep. Slotkin; 16-D; 5-R</p>
<p>H.R. 243</p>	<p>Emergency and Disaster Preparedness for Farm Animals Act would require producers to establish disaster preparedness plans to be eligible for disaster assistance; Rep. Cohen (D-TN) + 5 original co-sponsors</p>	<p>1/10/2023 introduced, referred to Agriculture</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>12 co-sponsors (none MI); 12-D Article</p>
<p>H.R. 726</p>	<p>Vets for Mustangs would require sterilization program for wild horses and burros and programs to include veterans in range management; Lisa McClain (R-MI) + 13 original co-sponsors</p>	<p>2/1/2023 introduced, referred to Natural Resources; 2/21 referred to Subcommittee on Federal Lands</p>	<p>In review</p>	<p>19 co-sponsors including Rep. Moolenaar; 10-D; 9-R Sponsor Press Release</p>

<p>S. 270/H.R. 798</p>	<p>Protecting America's Meatpacking Workers Act would expand protections, ensure safer line speeds and inspections, require OSHA standards to prevent occupational injuries and exposure to COVID-19, and end policies that punish workers for getting sick; Sen. Booker (D-NJ) + 5 original co-sponsors. <i>House: Rep. Khanna (D-CA) + 5 original co-sponsors</i></p>	<p>2/2/2023 introduced, referred to Agriculture <i>House: Referred to: Agriculture, Education and the Workforce, Oversight and Accountability, House Administration, and Judiciary</i> Another article</p>	<p>In review S.270 text</p>	<p>5 co-sponsors (none MI); 4-D; 1-I HR 798 5 co-sponsors (none MI); 5-D</p>
<p>S.271/H.R.797</p>	<p>Farm System Reform Act would place moratorium on large concentrated animal feeding operations (CAFOs); Sen. Booker (D-NJ) + 32 original co-sponsors. <i>House: Rep. Khanna + 18 original co-sponsors</i></p>	<p>2/2/2023 introduced, referred to Agriculture <i>House: 2/2/2023 introduced, referred to: Agriculture, Transportation and Infrastructure; referred to Transportation and Infrastructure subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment</i></p>	<p>In review S.271 text Note: introduced last 2 sessions, AFA supported both</p>	<p>3 co-sponsors (none MI); 2-D; 1-I H.R.797 19 co-sponsors (none MI); 19-D</p>
<p>S.272/H.R.805</p>	<p>Industrial Agriculture Accountability Act would establish Agriculture Department Office of High-Risk Disaster Mitigation and Enforcement; Sen. Booker (D-NJ) + 2 original co-sponsors. <i>House: Rep. McGovern (D-MA) + 6 original co-sponsors</i></p>	<p>2/2/2023 introduced, referred to Agriculture <i>House 2/2/2023 introduced, referred to: Agriculture, Transportation and Infrastructure, Education and the Workforce; referred to Transportation and Infrastructure subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management</i> HR 805</p>	<p>In review S.272 text Note: introduced last session, AFA supported</p>	<p>8 co-sponsors (none MI); 8-D Sponsor Press Release re bill package</p>

HR 1142	Would amend Endangered Species Act to require consideration of economic impact in making listing decision; Rep. Pfluger (R-TX) + 2 original co-sponsors	2/21/2023 introduced, referred to Natural Resources	In review (text unavailable)	4 co-sponsors (none MI); 4-R
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Agency & Comment Deadline	Action	Summary	Additional Action/ Resources	Notes
RULES / WITH OPEN COMMENT NOTICES PERIODS				
Dep't of the Interior / Dep't of Agriculture / Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) 03/10/2023	Proposed Rule: Wild and Exotic Animal Handling, Training of Personnel Involved With Public Handling of Wild and Exotic Animals, and Environmental Enrichment for Species	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.		
Dep't of the Interior / Nat'l Park Service (NPS) 03/10/2023	Proposed Rule: Alaska; Hunting and Trapping in National Preserves	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>Dep't of the Interior / Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) 03/20/2023</p>	<p><u>Proposed Rule: Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Revision to the Section 4(d) Rule for the African Elephant</u></p>		<p>Comment period extended for 60 days.</p>	<p><u>AFA Comment:</u> 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>
<p>Dep't of the Interior / Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) 04/17/2023</p>	<p><u>Proposed Rule: Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Removal of the Southeast U.S. Distinct Population Segment of the Wood Stork From the List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife</u></p>	<p>FWS proposes to remove the Southeast U.S. distinct population segment of the wood stork from the Federal List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife due to recovery. This determination is based on a thorough review of the best available scientific and commercial data, which indicate that this wood stork DPS has recovered and the threats to it are being adequately managed. If FWS finalizes this rule as proposed, the prohibitions and conservation measures provided by the ESA, particularly through section 7, and FWS's regulations would no longer apply to the wood stork DPS.</p>		

<p>Dep't of the Interior / Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) 04/18/2023</p>	<p>Proposed Rule: Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Establishment of a Nonessential Experimental Population of the Gray Wolf in Colorado</p>	<p>FWS proposes to establish a nonessential experimental population of the gray wolf in Colorado, under section 10(j) of the ESA. Colorado requested that the Service establish an NEP in conjunction with their State-led gray wolf reintroduction effort to provide for allowable, legal, purposeful, and incidental taking of the gray wolf within a defined NEP area while concurrently providing for the conservation of the species. The best available data indicate that reintroduction of the gray wolf into Colorado is biologically feasible and will promote the conservation of the species. FWS is seeking comments on this proposal and on its draft environmental impact statement.</p>		
<p>RULES / NOTICES WITH INDEFINITE INFORMATION COLLECTION PERIODS</p>				
<p>Dept. of Interior / Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) N/A</p>	<p>Proposed Rule: Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Proposed Revision to the Regulations for the Nonessential Experimental Population of the Mexican Wolf</p>	<p>FWS announces the availability of the final supplemental environmental impact statement on the proposed revisions to the regulations for the nonessential experimental population designation of the Mexican wolf and its draft record of decision, under the National Environmental Policy Act. FWS's intended action is to revise the regulations under section 10(j) of the Endangered Species Act. In the FSEIS, FWS analyzed the environmental consequences of three alternatives, including the proposed action and no action alternative, for its proposed rule. The action would be implemented through a final rule.</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 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. FWS announces that it plans to initiate a status review to determine whether the petitioned actions are warranted. FWS is requesting scientific and commercial data and other information regarding the Yellowstone bison. 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>FINAL RULES</p>				
<p>Dep't of the Interior / Dep't of Agriculture / Agricultural Marketing Service N/A</p>	<p>Final Rule: National Organic Program (NOP); Strengthening Organic Enforcement</p>	<p>This rulemaking amends the USDA organic regulations to strengthen oversight and enforcement of the production, handling, and sale of organic agricultural products. The amendments protect integrity in the organic supply chain and build consumer and industry trust in the USDA organic label by strengthening organic control systems, improving farm to market traceability, and providing robust enforcement of the USDA organic regulations.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>This rule is effective March 20, 2023.</i></p>	<p>Unclear whether higher standards for poultry and livestock were incorporated; will follow up.</p>	<p>AFA Comment (Nov. 2022)</p>

<p>Dep't of the Interior / Dep't of Agriculture / Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service N/A</p>	<p>Final Rule: Standards for Birds Not Bred for Use in Research Under the Animal Welfare Act</p>	<p>APHIS is amending the regulations to establish standards governing the humane handling, care, treatment, and transportation of birds, excluding birds bred for use in research, covered under the Animal Welfare Act. This action will ensure the humane handling, care, treatment, and transportation of birds not bred for use in research and covered under the Act.</p> <p><i>This rule is effective March 23, 2023.</i></p>	<p><u>AAVS Analysis of final rule:</u> generally a success after 23 years advocating for these rules, but disappointed the rule doesn't require birds to be able to fly and exempts many birds from regulations based on size, often those sold in pet stores.</p>	<p><u>AFA Comment (May 2022)</u></p>
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