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## MICHIGAN - 102nd Legislative Session (2023-2024) to May 31, 2023

Bill #	Description	Actions	AFA Action	Notes
<a href="#">SB 0014</a>	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, co-sponsors on committee); 4/25, reported favorably without amendment	Support	

<p><a href="#">SB 0017</a></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, <a href="https://www.treehugger.com/fireworks-have-long-lasting-impact-on-wild-birds-7089635">https://www.treehugger.com/fireworks-have-long-lasting-impact-on-wild-birds-7089635</a>; other wildlife, <a href="https://benitlink.com/fireworks-can-have-devastating-effects-on-wildlife/">https://benitlink.com/fireworks-can-have-devastating-effects-on-wildlife/</a>; and companion animals</p>
<p><a href="#">SB 46</a></p>	<p>Reduce penalties for failing to report deer; Sen. Hoitenga + 7 co-sponsors</p>	<p>2/1/2023 introduced, referred to Natural Resources and Agriculture; sponsor on committee</p>	<p>No position, not animal welfare bill</p>	<p>See SB 52 Introduced in past 2 sessions, AFA opposed</p>
<p><a href="#">HB 4067</a></p>	<p>Care for Retired Police Dogs 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><a href="#">HB 4102</a></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>No position, board does not believe it is serious bill</p>	<p><a href="#">See article</a></p>

<p><a href="#">HCR 2</a></p>	<p>Resolution calling on DNR, federal government to re-establish wolf population in the Lower Peninsula; Rep. Markannen + 2 co-sponsors</p>	<p>2/15/2023 introduced, referred to Natural Resources</p>	<p>No position, board does not believe it is serious bill</p>	<p>tie-barred with HB 4102</p>
<p><a href="#">HB 4135</a></p>	<p>Prohibits NRC from issuing order requiring hunters to report harvest of game; Rep. Friske + 2 co-sponsors</p>	<p>2/22/23 introduced, referred to Natural Resources</p>	<p>Oppose</p>	
<p><a href="#">SB 103</a>, 104, 105</p>	<p>Would regulate sport fishing guides, commercial hunting guides; give NRC exclusive authority to regulate sport fishing. Sen. Cherry + 2 co-sponsors (bipartisan)</p>	<p>3/1/2023 introduced, referred to Natural Resources and Agriculture; <b>5/25 reported favorably without amendment and with immediate effect</b></p>	<p>Support; AFA supported last session HBs 4858, 59, 60 and testified in support at committee hearings</p>	
<p><a href="#">SB 148, 149</a>/HB 4277, 4278</p>	<p>Teddy's Law would require animal research facilities to provide records to MDARD; release dogs and cats to MI shelters for adoption once research completed; 148, Sen. Polehanki + 9 co-sponsors; 149, Sen. Hertel + 10 co-sponsors. House: 4277, Rep. Paiz + 8 co-sponsors; 4278 Rep.</p>	<p>3/7/2023 introduced, referred to Natural Resources and Agriculture <i>House 3/14/2023 introduced, referred to Regulatory Reform; 1 co-sponsor is Majority Vice Chair, 2 are members ; 5/16, originally on agenda for this committee meeting but not heard</i></p>	<p>Support; AFA supported last session HB 4881, 82 and testified in support at committee hearings</p>	<p><a href="#">HB 4277, 4278</a></p>

<a href="#">HB 4462</a>	Would direct Agriculture Commission to develop guidelines (GAAMPs) to raise chickens in residential environments; Rep. DeSana + 2 co-sponsors	4/25/2023 introduced, referred to Agriculture	In review	
<a href="#">HB 4506-09</a>	Would create a separate Upper Peninsula Natural Resources Commission with authority over fish and game in UP; Rep. Markannen + 2 co-sponsors	5/4/2023 introduced, referred to Natural Resources	In review (opposed similar bill last session)	
<a href="#">HB 4674</a>	Would amend public health law to prevent cat declawing except for therapeutic reasons; Rep. Wilson + 13 co-sponsors	5/25/2023 introduced, referred to Agriculture; 1 co-sponsor is member	In review; AFA supported similar bills in past sessions	
<b>FEDERAL - 118th Congress (2023-2024) to May 31, 2023</b>				
<b>Bill #</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Actions</b>	<b>AFA Action</b>	<b>Notes</b>

<p><a href="#">H.R. 200</a></p>	<p>“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)</p>	<p>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; 3/23, Subcommittee on Federal Lands hearings held; 5/17 Committee hearings held, substitute ordered reported, 22-17</p>	<p>Oppose</p>	<p>5 co-sponsors (none MI); 5-R</p>
<p><a href="#">H.R. 208</a></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 <a href="#">H.R. 3157</a> last session, AFA supported</p>	<p>29 co-sponsors including Rep. Slotkin; 22-D; 7-R</p>
<p><a href="#">H.R. 243</a></p>	<p>Emergency Disaster and Preparedness Act would require producers to develop disaster preparedness plans that include adverse weather plans to be eligible for payments and loans due to adverse weather under certain federal programs; Rep. Cohen (D-TN) + 5 original co-sponsors</p>	<p>1/10/2023 introduced, referred to Agriculture</p>	<p>In review</p>	<p>18 co-sponsors (none MI); 18-D</p>

<p><a href="#">H.R. 726</a></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>20 co-sponsors including Rep. Moolenaar; 11-D; 9-R <a href="#">Sponsor Press Release</a></p>
<p><a href="#">H.R. 764</a></p>	<p>Trust the Science Act would de-list wolves with no judicial review allowed; Rep. Boebert (R-CO) + 22 original co-sponsors</p>	<p>2/2/2023 introduced, referred to Natural Resources; 2/21 referred to Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife, and Fisheries; 3/23 Subcommittee hearings held; <a href="#">4/27 committee hearings held</a>; <a href="#">4/28 ordered to be reported 21-16</a></p>	<p>Oppose AFA opposed <a href="#">H.R. 7766</a> last session</p>	<p>25 co-sponsors including Reps. Bergman, Moolenaar; 25-R</p>
<p><a href="#">S. 270/H.R. 798</a></p>	<p><b>Protecting America's Meatpacking Workers Act</b> 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. House: Rep. Khanna (D-CA) + 5 original co-sponsors</p>	<p>2/2/2023 introduced, referred to Agriculture. House: 2/2/2023 introduced, referred to: <i>Agriculture, Education and the Workforce, Oversight and Accountability, House Administration, and Judiciary</i>; 2/21 referred to Agriculture Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry <a href="#">Another article</a></p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>5 co-sponsors (none MI); 4-D; 1-I <a href="#">H.R. 798</a> 5 co-sponsors (none MI); 5-D</p>
<p><a href="#">S. 271/H.R. 797</a></p>	<p><b>Farm System Reform Act</b> would place moratorium on large concentrated animal feeding operations (CAFOs); Sen. Booker (D-NJ) + 32 original co-sponsors. House: Rep. Khanna + 18 original co-sponsors</p>	<p>2/2/2023 introduced, referred to Agriculture House: 2/2/2023 introduced, referred to: <i>Agriculture, Transportation and Infrastructure</i>; 2/3 referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment; 3/6 referred to Agriculture Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry</p>	<p>Support; introduced last 2 sessions, AFA supported both, see <a href="#">S. 2332</a> last session</p>	<p>4 co-sponsors (none MI); 3-D; 1-I <a href="#">H.R. 797</a> 28 co-sponsors (none MI); 28-D</p>

<p><a href="#">S. 272/H.R. 805</a></p>	<p><b>Industrial Agriculture Accountability Act</b> 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, and Education and the Workforce; 2/3 referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management; 3/6 referred to Agriculture Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry</i></p>	<p>Support Note: introduced last session, AFA supported <a href="#">Sponsor Press Release</a> re bill package</p>	<p>2 co-sponsors (none MI); 2-D. <a href="#">H.R. 805</a> 10 co-sponsors (none MI); 10-D</p>
<p><a href="#">H.J. Res. 29: 9 co-sponsors (none MI); 9-R; H.J. Res. 46, and 49</a></p>	<p>Resolutions that would overturn agency decisions related to the Endangered Species Act using the Congressional Review Act</p>	<p>Introduced 2/7/2023 (29); 3/30/2023 (46, 49); 29 would nullify listing of the lesser prairie-chicken under the Endangered Species Act; <b>46</b> would nullify decision to expand habitat that the Endangered Species Act can protect for the benefit of species facing extinction; 49 would nullify listing the northern long-eared bat under the Endangered Species Act; 4/27 all had committee hearings; <b>4/28 all ordered to be reported 16-12, 17-12, 17-12</b></p>	<p>In review All brought under Congressional Review Act which essentially voids agency rules and prohibits similar agency action in future without future Congressional act. <a href="#">Article</a></p>	<p>H.J.Res. 29, 9 co-sponsors (none MI); 9-R H.J. Res. 46 12-co-sponsors (none MI); 12-R <a href="#">H.J. Res. 49</a> 12 co-sponsors (none MI); 12-R</p>
<p><a href="#">S. 445/H.R. 1245</a></p>	<p>Grizzly Bear State Management Act would direct Interior Department to remove <u>Greater Yellowstone ecosystem population</u> of grizzly bears from list of endangered and threatened wildlife, and rule not subject to judicial review. Sen. Lummis (R-WY) + 4 original co-</p>	<p>2/15/2023 introduced, referred to Environment and Public Works. <i>House: 2/28/2023 introduced, referred to Natural Resources; 3/22 referred to Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife, and Fisheries; 3/23 Subcommittee hearings held; <a href="#">4/27 committee hearings held</a>; <b>4/28 ordered to be reported, 21-17</b></i></p>	<p>Oppose see H.R. 1419 below; difference is area to be covered</p>	<p>4 co-sponsors (none MI); 4-R. <a href="#">H.R. 1245</a>; 4 co-sponsors (none MI); 4-R</p>
<p><a href="#">H.R. 1142</a></p>	<p>Would amend Endangered Species Act to require consideration of economic impact in making listing decisions; Rep. Pfluger (R-TX) + 2 original co-sponsors</p>	<p>2/21/2023 introduced, referred to Natural Resources; 3/22 referred to Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife, and Fisheries</p>	<p>Oppose</p>	<p>4 co-sponsors (none MI); 4-R</p>

<p><a href="#">S. 557</a>/ H.R. 1249</p>	<p><b>Opportunities for Fairness in Farming (OFF) Act</b> would restrict funds from existing checkoff programs to be used for lobbying; Sen. Lee (R-UT) + 4 original co-sponsors. <i>House: Rep. Mace (R-SC) + 1 original co-sponsor</i></p>	<p>2/28/2023 introduced, referred to Agriculture. <i>House: 2/28/2023 introduced, referred to Agriculture</i></p>	<p>Support AFA joined <a href="#">letter supporting</a> dated 5/29/2023</p>	<p>4 co-sponsors (none MI); 3-D; 1-R. <a href="#">H.R. 1249</a> 2 co-sponsors (none MI); 2-D</p>
<p><a href="#">S. 658</a></p>	<p><b>Environmental Quality Incentive Program Improvement (EQIP) Act</b> would restructure program to provide funding for more farmers, ranchers and for the most effective conservation programs; Sen. Booker (D-NJ) + 1 original co-sponsor</p>	<p>3/6/2023 introduced, referred to Agriculture</p>	<p>Support <a href="#">Summary</a></p>	<p>2 co-sponsors (none MI); 1-D; 1-R</p>
<p><a href="#">H.R. 1419</a></p>	<p>Comprehensive Grizzly Bear Management would direct Interior Secretary to issue new rule removing <u>Northern Continental Divide Ecosystem</u> population of grizzly bears from the ESA protections, and rule not subject to judicial review; Rep.</p>	<p>3/7/2023 introduced, referred to Natural Resources; 3/22 referred to Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife, and Fisheries; 3/23 Subcommittee hearings held; <a href="#">4/27 committee hearings held</a>; <b>4/28 ordered to be reported 22-17</b></p>	<p>In review; see S. 445 above</p>	<p>3 co-sponsors (none MI); 3-R</p>



<p><a href="#">S. 707</a>/H.R. 1465</p>	<p>AFTER Act, Violet's Law, would allow dogs, cats, primates, rabbits, and other animals to be retired and re-homed when no longer needed for research in federal labs; Sen. Collins (R-ME) + 1 original co-sponsor. House: Rep. Mace (R-SC) + 37 original co-sponsors</p>	<p>3/8/2023 introduced, referred to Agriculture; <a href="#">Sponsor's Remarks on Introduction</a>. House: 3/8/2023 introduced, referred to Agriculture; 4/4 referred to Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry</p>	<p>Support, see <a href="#">S. 1378</a> last session, AFA supported</p>	<p>19 co-sponsors including Sen. Peters; 18-D; 1-<a href="#">H.R. 1465</a>: 80 co-sponsors (including Reps. Slotkin, Stevens, Tlaib, Kildee, Scholten, James); 62-D; 18-R</p>
<p><a href="#">S. 771</a></p>	<p>Would prohibit non-native species from being listed as endangered or threatened; Sen. Cruz (R-TX)</p>	<p>3/9/23 introduced, referred to Environment</p>	<p>Oppose</p>	<p>no co-sponsors</p>
<p><a href="#">H.R. 1624</a></p>	<p>Puppy Protection Act would strengthen regulation of commercial dog breeders; Rep. Fitzpatrick (R-PA) + 3 original co-sponsors</p>	<p>3/17/2023 introduced, referred to Agriculture; 4/17 referred to Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry</p>	<p>Support; see <a href="#">H.R. 2840 of 2021</a>, AFA supported</p>	<p>138 co-sponsors including Reps. Kildee, Scholten, Slotkin, Stevens, Dingell, Tlaib); 117-D; 21-R <b>[NOTE: increased from 77 on 4/28/23 and from 30 on</b></p>
<p><a href="#">H.R. 1788</a></p>	<p>Goldie's Act would ; Rep. Malliotakis (R-NY) + 5 original co-sponsors</p>	<p>3/24/2023 introduced, referred to Agriculture; 4/25 referred to Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry</p>	<p>In review; see <a href="#">H.R. 6100 of 2021</a>, AFA supported</p>	<p>36 co-sponsors including Rep. Slotkin; 28-D; 8-R</p>

<p><a href="#">H.R. 1824</a></p>	<p><b>Food and Farm Bill</b> would reform the safety net for farmers and ranchers, enhance soil, water, and habitat conservation, encourage beginning farmers and ranchers, strengthen nutrition for Americans, support agriculture research and innovation, reduce food waste, improve animal</p>	<p>3/28/2023 introduced, referred to: Agriculture, Ways and Means, Education and the Workforce, and Foreign Affairs</p>	<p>In review <a href="#">Additional information</a></p>	<p>3 co-sponsors (none MI); 3-D <a href="#">Information, press release from sponsor</a></p>
<p><a href="#">S. 1149</a></p>	<p>Restoring America's Wildlife Act</p>	<p>3/31/2023 introduced, referred to Environment and Public Works</p>	<p>In review</p>	<p>11 co-sponsors including Sen. Stabenow; 6-D; 4-R; 1-I <a href="#">Sponsor's press release</a></p>
<p><a href="#">H.R. 2742</a></p>	<p>Fighting Inhumane Gambling and High-Risk Trafficking (FIGHT) Act would amend the Animal Welfare Act to enhance enforcement against dog- and cock-fighting, allow for citizen suits, ban on-line gambling and forbid use of the U.S. mail to ship adults; Rep.'s Bacon (R-NE) and Salinas (D-OR) + 19 original co-sponsors. Senate: Sen. Booker + no original co-sponsors</p>	<p>4/20/2023 introduced, referred to Agriculture, Oversight and Sustainability; 5/15 referred to Agriculture Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry. <i>Senate: 5/10/2023 introduced</i> <a href="#">Sen. Sponsor press release</a></p>	<p>In review</p>	<p>29 co-sponsors (none MI); 11-D; 8-R [NOTE: increased from 19 on 4/28/23] <a href="#">S. 1529</a> 2 co-sponsors (none MI); 2-R</p>

<p><a href="#">H.R. 2878</a></p>	<p>Companion Animal Release Act would require as condition of receiving NIH funding, entities establish adoption policies for dogs, cats, rabbits after research; limits liability related to the adoptions under certain conditions; Rep. Cardenes (D-CA) + 4 original co-sponsors</p>	<p>5/3/2023 introduced, referred to Energy and Commerce</p>	<p>In review</p>	<p>8 co-sponsors (none MI); 5-D; 3-R</p>
<p><a href="#">H.R. 3090</a></p>	<p>The Prevent All Soring Tactics Act would amend Horse Protection Act to make soring unlawful, and improve USDA enforcement of the Act; Rep. Fitzpatrick (R-PA) + 185 original co-sponsors</p>	<p>5/5/2023 introduced, referred to Energy and Commerce <a href="#">Article</a></p>	<p>In review; AFA supported in past sessions</p>	<p>206 co-sponsors including Rep's. Dingell, McClain, Thanedar, Tlaib, Slotkin, Scholten, Kildee, Stevens; 174-D; 32-R</p>
<p><a href="#">Bill numbers unavailable, House bill text</a></p>	<p>Would create dedicated funds to conserve butterflies in North America, plants in the Pacific Islands, freshwater mussels in the United States, and desert fish in the Southwest United States Blumenthal Grijalva</p>	<p>5/18/2023 introduced</p>	<p>In review; see <a href="#">H.R. 3396 of 2021</a>, AFA supported</p>	<p><a href="#">Sponsor press release</a></p>

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Agency & Comment Deadline	Action	Summary	Additional Action/Resources	Notes
Dep't of Commerce / National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) / National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) <b>06/06/2023</b>	<a href="#">Proposed Rule: Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Listing the Atlantic Humpback Dolphin as an Endangered Species Under the Endangered Species Act</a>	NMFS has completed a comprehensive status review under the ESA for the <b>Atlantic humpback dolphin</b> in response to a petition from the Animal Welfare Institute, the Center for Biological Diversity, and VIVA Vaquita to list the species. NMFS has determined that the Atlantic humpback dolphin has a high risk of extinction throughout its range and warrants listing as an endangered species. <b>This species occurs only in coastal Atlantic waters of western Africa. NMFS is authorized to designate critical habitat within U.S. jurisdiction only, and NMFS is not aware of any areas within U.S jurisdiction that may meet the definition of critical habitat.</b> Therefore, NMFS is not proposing to designate critical habitat. NMFS is soliciting public comments on its draft status review report and proposal.		
Dep't of Commerce / National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) / National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) <b>07/06/2023</b>	<a href="#">Proposed Rule: Endangered and Threatened Species; Petition To Establish a Vessel Speed Restriction and Other Vessel-Related Measures To Protect Rice's Whales</a>	The Natural Resources Defense Council, Healthy Gulf, Center for Biological Diversity, Defenders of Wildlife, Earthjustice, and New England Aquarium submitted a petition to the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) for rulemaking to establish a year-round 10-knot (kn) (5.1 meters/second) vessel speed limit and other vessel-related mitigation measures in the Rice's whale "core" habitat area. NMFS is requesting comments on the petition and will consider all comments and available information when determining whether to accept the petition and proceed with the suggested rulemaking.		

<p>Dep't of Commerce / National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) / National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) <b>07/24/2023</b></p>	<p><a href="#">Proposed Rule: Endangered and Threatened Wildlife; 90-Day Finding on a Petition To List the Smalltail Shark as Threatened or Endangered Under the Endangered Species Act</a></p>	<p>NMFS announces a positive 90-day finding on a petition to list the smalltail shark as threatened or endangered under the ESA. The petitioner also requests that FWS designates critical habitat. FWS finds that the petition and information readily available in its files <b>present substantial scientific or commercial information indicating that listing the smalltail shark as threatened or endangered may be warranted.</b> Therefore, FWS is commencing a review of the status of the smalltail shark to determine whether listing under the ESA is warranted. To support a comprehensive status review, FWS is soliciting scientific and commercial data regarding this species.</p>		
<p><b>RULES/NOTICES WITH INDEFINITE INFORMATION COLLECTION</b></p>				
<p>Dep't of the Interior / Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) <b>N/A</b></p>	<p><a href="#">Proposed Rule: Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Finding for the Gopher Tortoise Eastern and Western Distinct Population Segments</a></p>	<p>FWS announces findings on the <b>status of the gopher tortoise</b> rangewide and in the eastern (east of the Mobile and Tombigbee Rivers) and western (west of the Mobile and Tombigbee Rivers) portions of the range under the ESA. After a review of the best available scientific and commercial information, FWS <b>finds that listing the gopher tortoise as an endangered or a threatened species rangewide is not warranted.</b> FWS finds that the gopher tortoise in the eastern portion of its range and the gopher tortoise in the western portion of its range meet the criteria of separate distinct population segments (DPS), as defined by FWS's Policy Regarding the</p>		
<p>Dep't of the Interior / Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) <b>N/A</b></p>	<p><a href="#">Proposed Rule: Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; 90-Day Findings for Four Species</a></p>	<p>FWS announces 90-day findings on petitions to add four species to the Lists of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants under the ESA. Based on its review, FWS finds that the petitions to list the southern population of bog turtle (<i>Glyptemys muhlenbergii</i>), Pedernales River Springs salamander (<i>Eurycea</i> species), ghost orchid (<i>Dendrophylax lindenii</i>), and tall western penstemon (<i>Penstemon hesperius</i>) 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 is initiating status reviews of these species to determine whether the petitioned actions are</p>		

<p>Dept. of Interior / Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) <b>N/A</b></p>	<p><a href="#">Proposed Rule: Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; 90-Day Finding for Three Petitions To List the Yellowstone Bison</a></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</p>		
<p>Dept. of Interior / Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) <b>N/A</b></p>	<p><a href="#">Notice: Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Three Species Not Warranted for Listing as Endangered or Threatened Species</a></p>	<p>FWS announced findings that three species are <b>not warranted for listing as endangered or threatened species</b>: evening fieldslug, Mammoth Spring crayfish and Weber's Whitlow grass. <b>However, FWS asks the public to submit to it at any time any new information relevant to the status of any of the species mentioned above or their habitats.</b></p>		
<p>Dept of Commerce / National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) / National Marine Fisheries Service</p>	<p><a href="#">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</a></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, including the Status Review Report, NMFS has <b>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.</b></p>		
<p>Dept. of Interior / Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) <b>N/A</b></p>	<p><a href="#">Proposed Rule: Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; 90-Day Findings for 4 Species</a></p>	<p>FWS announces 90-day findings on petitions to add four species: <b>common hippopotamus, Morro Bay polyphyllan scarab beetle, Inyo rock daisy, and roughhead shiner</b> present substantial scientific or commercial information indicating that the petitioned actions <b>may be warranted. FWS announces that it is initiating status reviews of these species.</b></p>		

**FINAL RULES**

<p>Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) / Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)</p> <p><b>N/A</b></p>	<p><a href="#">Notice: Notice of Extension of Temporary Suspension of Dogs Entering the United States From Countries With a High Risk of Rabies</a></p>	<p>The CDC announces an extension of the current temporary suspension of the importation into the United States of dogs from high-risk countries. This suspension includes dogs that have been in any high-risk countries during the previous six months. The extension began February 1, 2023, when the current suspension expired, and will remain in effect through July 31, 2023.</p> <p><b><i>This rule is effective February 1, 2023.</i></b></p>		
<p>Dep't of the Interior / Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)</p> <p><b>N/A</b></p>	<p><a href="#">Proposed Rule: Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; 90-Day Findings for Three Petitions To Delist the Grizzly Bear in the Lower-48 States</a></p>	<p>FWS announces three 90-day findings on <b>petitions to delist the grizzly bear, one requesting delisting the grizzly bear in the lower-48 States, and the other two requesting delisting populations in two specific ecosystems, the Northern Continental Divide Ecosystem and the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem. FWS finds that the petitions pertaining to the two ecosystems present substantial scientific or commercial information indicating that the petitioned actions may be warranted.</b> Based on a status review, FWS will issue a 12-month petition finding, which will address whether or not the petitioned actions are warranted. If FWS ultimately does find that one or more of the petitioned actions is warranted and proceed to propose to delist one or more distinct population segments, FWS will consider the effects of any proposed delisting on the ongoing recovery of the larger listed entity of grizzly bears. <b>FWS also found that a petition to delist the grizzly bear in the lower-48 states on the basis of it not being a valid listable entity did not present substantial scientific or commercial information indicating that the petitioned actions may be warranted; therefore, FWS will take no further action on that petition.</b></p> <p><b><i>These findings were made on February 6, 2023.</i></b></p>		<p>See S. 445/ H.R. 1245; and H.R. 1419 <i>above</i> for Congressional response to these findings</p>

<p>Dep't of the Interior / Dep't of Agriculture / Agricultural Marketing Service <b>N/A</b></p>	<p><a href="#">Final Rule: National Organic Program (NOP); Strengthening Organic Enforcement</a></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. <b><i>This rule is effective March 20, 2023.</i></b></p>		<p><a href="#">Read AFA's Comment Submitted November 2022</a></p>
<p>Dep't of the Interior / Dep't of Agriculture / Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service <b>N/A</b></p>	<p><a href="#">Final Rule: Standards for Birds Not Bred for Use in Research Under the Animal Welfare Act</a></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. <b><i>This rule is effective March 23, 2023.</i></b></p>		<p><a href="#">Read AFA's Comment Submitted May 2022</a></p>
<p>Dep't of the Interior / Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) <b>N/A</b></p>	<p><a href="#">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; Delay of Effective</a></p>	<p>FWS is delaying the effective date of a final rule it published on November 25, 2022, and corrected on December 2, 2022, listing two distinct population segments (DPSs) of the lesser prairie-chicken under the ESA and establishing measures that are necessary and advisable to provide for the conservation of the Northern DPS pursuant to section 4(d) of the ESA. This delay is necessary for FWS to finalize conservation tools and guidance documents to avoid confusion and disruption with Federal agencies in the implementation of section 7 of the ESA and to avoid disruption to the public who would be regulated by the rule. The effective date of the final rule that published on November 25, 2022, at 87 FR 72674, and corrected on December 2, 2022, at 87 FR 73971, is <b>delayed from January 24, 2023, to March 27, 2023.</b> <b><i>This rule is effective March 27, 2023.</i></b></p>		<p>See H.J. Res. 29, 47, and 49 which are based on the Congressional Review Act and in effect nullify agency action, and were introduced in February and March 2023; they have been reported out of committee on 4/28/23.</p>



<p>Dep't of the Interior / Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) <b>N/A</b></p>	<p><a href="#">Final Rule: Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Endangered Species Status for Northern Long-Eared Bat; Delay of Effective Date</a></p>	<p><b>FWS is delaying the effective date of a final rule it published on November 30, 2022, reclassifying the northern long-eared bat</b> as an endangered species under the ESA. This delay is necessary for FWS to finalize conservation tools and guidance documents to avoid confusion and disruption with members of the public who would be regulated by the rule and Federal agencies in the implementation of section 7 of the ESA. The effective date of the final rule amending 50 CFR part 17, published November 30, 2022, at 87 FR 73488, is delayed until March 31, 2023. <b><i>This rule is effective March 31, 2023.</i></b></p>	<p>Originally to go into effect January 31, 2023, this species is found in all or portions of 37 U.S. States, the District of Columbia, and much of Canada</p>	<p><i>see above</i></p>
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