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MICHIGAN - 102nd Legislative Session (2023-2024) to June 28, 2023

Bill #	Description	Actions	AFA Action	Notes
SB 14	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 are members; 4/25, reported favorably without amendment; 5/17 passed Senate 20-18. House: 5/17 received, referred to Natural Resources; 6/22 reported favorably without amendment 4-3; 6/28 passed House 56-52 (2 Not Voting); given immediate effect.	Support	

<p>SB 17</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 are members</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>
<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; sponsor on committee is member</p>	<p>No position, not animal welfare bill</p>	<p>See SB 52 Introduced in past 2 sessions, AFA opposed</p>
<p>HB 4067</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 are members</p>	<p>In review</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>No position, board does not believe it is serious bill</p>	<p>See article</p>

<p>HCR 2</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>HB 4135</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>SB 103, 104, 105</p>	<p>Regulates 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; 5/25 reported favorably without amendment and with immediate effect; 6/8 Passed Senate 25-13. <i>House: 6/8 received, referred to Natural Resources</i></p>	<p>Support; AFA supported last session HBs 4858, 59, 60 and testified in support at committee hearings</p>	
<p>SB 148, 149/HB 4277, 4278</p>	<p>Teddy's Law requires animal research facilities to provide records to MDARD; release dogs and cats to MI shelters for adoption once research completed; Sen. Polehanki + 9 co-sponsors (148), Sen. Hertel + 10 co-sponsors (149). House: Rep. Paiz + 8 co-sponsors (4277), Rep. Paiz + 8 co-sponsors (4278)</p>	<p>3/7/2023 introduced, referred to Natural Resources and Agriculture; 6/6 hearing, no vote; 6/13 reported favorably without amendment; 6/28 S-1 adopted; passed Senate 27-10 (1 excused). <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; 6/28 SBs 148, 149 received, referred to Agriculture</i></p>	<p>Support, testified at 6/6 hearing; AFA supported similar bills last session</p>	<p>HB 4277, 4278</p>

<p>SB 248</p>	<p>Expands eligibility for courtroom support dogs from age 16 to age 18; Sen. Lauwers + 4 co-sponsors (bipartisan)</p>	<p>4/11/2023 introduced, referred to Civil Rights, Judiciary and Public Safety; 6/13 reported with S-1; 6/14 S-1 passed Senate 38-0. House: 6/14 received, referred to Judiciary</p>	<p>In review; AFA supported original bill</p>	
<p>HB 4462</p>	<p>Directs Agriculture Commission to develop guidelines (GAAMPs) to raise chickens in residential environments; Rep. DeSana + 2 co-sponsors</p>	<p>4/25/2023 introduced, referred to Agriculture</p>	<p>Support</p>	
<p>HB 4506-09</p>	<p>Creates separate Upper Peninsula Natural Resources Commission with authority over fish and game in UP; Rep. Markannen + 2 co-sponsors</p>	<p>5/4/2023 introduced, referred to Natural Resources</p>	<p>In review (opposed similar bill last session)</p>	
<p>HB 4674 / HB 4883</p>	<p>Prohibits cat declawing by individuals (4883) and by licensees under the public health law (4674) except for therapeutic reasons; provides penalties (4883); Rep. Wilson + 13 co-sponsors (4674); Rep. Wilson + 8 co-sponsors (4883)</p>	<p>4674: 5/25/2023 introduced, referred to Agriculture; 1 co-sponsor is member 4883: 6/28/2023 introduced, referred to Agriculture; 1 co-sponsor is member</p>	<p>In review AFA supported similar bills in past sessions</p>	<p>4883</p>

HB 4838	Puppy Protection Act prohibits pet shops from selling, adopting, exchanging, or transferring a dog, cat, or rabbit but may collaborate with an animal control or protection shelter to showcase adoptable dogs, cats, or rabbits; Rep. Tsernoglou + 31 co-sponsors	6/22/2023 introduced, referred to Government Operations, co-sponsor is Majority Vice Chair, 1 is member	In review	
HB 4849	Amends to Public Health Code to prohibit conducting research or training activities on cats or dogs in a manner that causes pain or distress; Rep. Koleczar + 10 co-sponsors	6/27/2023 introduced, referred to Agriculture, 1 co-sponsor is member	In review	
4855 / 4856	Part of Michigan Indigenous Culture and Heritage Package adds members to Wolf Management Advisory Council (4855) and Wildlife Council (4856) to represent tribal voices and other perspectives; Rep. Ayish + 27 co-sponsors (4855), Rep. Mentzer + 26 co-sponsors (4856)	6/27/2023 introduced, referred to Natural Resources, Chair and 1 co-sponsor are members (both bills)	In review AFA supported similar bills last session Native News Online article	4856

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

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<p>H.R. 200</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>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 H.R. 3157 last session, AFA supported</p>	<p>29 co-sponsors including Rep. Slotkin; 22-D; 7-R</p>
<p>H.R. 243</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>19 co-sponsors (none MI); 19-D</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>20 co-sponsors including Rep. Moolenaar; 11-D; 9-R Sponsor Press Release</p>
<p>H.R. 764</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; 4/27 committee hearings held; 4/28 ordered to be reported 21-16</p>	<p>Oppose AFA opposed H.R. 7766 last session</p>	<p>25 co-sponsors including Reps. Bergman, Moolenaar; 25-R</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. 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 Union of Concerned Scientist Statement</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>5 co-sponsors (none MI); 4-D; 1-I H.R. 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; 2/3 referred to Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment; 3/6 referred to Agriculture Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry</i></p>	<p>Support; introduced last 2 sessions, AFA supported both, see S. 2332 last session</p>	<p>4 co-sponsors (none MI); 3-D; 1-I H.R.797 28 co-sponsors (none MI); 28-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, 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 Sponsor Press Release re bill package</p>	<p>2 co-sponsors (none MI); 2-D. H.R. 805 10 co-sponsors (none MI); 10-D</p>
<p>H.J. Res. 29, H.J. Res. 46, and 49</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; 46 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; 4/28 all ordered to be reported 16-12, 17-12, 17-12</p>	<p>Oppose All brought under Congressional Review Act which essentially voids agency rules and prohibits similar agency action in future without future Congressional act. Article</p>	<p>H.J.Res. 29, 9 co-sponsors (none MI); 9-R H.J. Res. 46 12-co-sponsors (none MI); 12-R H.J. Res. 49 12 co-sponsors (none MI); 12-R</p>

<p>S. 346</p>	<p>Meat and Poultry Special Inspector Act would create office within USDA to investigate and prosecute violations of Packers and Stockyards Act by packers and live poultry dealers; Sen. Tester (D-MT) + 10 original co-sponsors</p>	<p>2/9/2023 introduced, referred to Agriculture</p>	<p>In review</p>	<p>10 co-sponsors including Sen. Stabenow; 6-D, 4-R</p>
<p>S. 445/H.R. 1245</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</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; 4/27 committee hearings held; 4/28 ordered to be reported, 21-17</i></p>	<p>Oppose <i>see H.R. 1419 below; difference is area to be covered</i></p>	<p>4 co-sponsors (none MI); 4-R. H.R. 1245; 4 co-sponsors (none MI); 4-R</p>
<p>H.R. 1142</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>S. 557/ H.R. 1249</p>	<p>Opportunities for Fairness in Farming (OFF) Act 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 letter supporting dated 5/29/2023</p>	<p>4 co-sponsors (none MI); 3-D; 1-R. H.R. 1249 2 co-sponsors (none MI); 2-D</p>

<p>S. 658</p>	<p>Environmental Quality Incentive Program Improvement (EQIP) Act 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 Summary</p>	<p>2 co-sponsors (none MI); 1-D; 1-R</p>
<p>H.R. 1419</p>	<p>Comprehensive Grizzly Bear Management would direct Interior Secretary to issue new rule removing Northern Continental Divide Ecosystem population of grizzly bears from the ESA protections, and rule not subject to judicial review; Rep. Rosendale, Sr. (R-WY) + 2 original co-sponsors</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; 4/27 committee hearings held; 4/28 ordered to be reported 22-17</p>	<p>Support see S. 445 above</p>	<p>3 co-sponsors (none MI); 3-R</p>
<p>S. 707/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; Sponsor's Remarks on Introduction. House: 3/8/2023 introduced, referred to Agriculture; 4/4 referred to Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry</p>	<p>Support, see S. 1378 last session, AFA supported</p>	<p>19 co-sponsors including Sen. Peters; 18-D; 1-I H.R. 1465 : 80 co-sponsors (including Reps. Slotkin, Stevens, Tlaib, Kildee, Scholten, James); 62-D; 18-R</p>

<p>S. 771</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>H.R. 1624</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 H.R. 2840 of 2021, AFA supported</p>	<p>155 co-sponsors including Reps. Kildee, Scholten, Slotkin, Stevens, Dingell, Tlaib); 134-D; 21-R [NOTE: increased from 138 on 5/31, 77 on 4/28, and 30 on 3/30]</p>
<p>H.R. 1788</p>	<p>Goldie's Act would amend the AWA to require USDA to conduct more frequent and meaningful inspections, provide lifesaving intervention for suffering animals, issue penalties for violations, and communicate with local law enforcement; 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 H.R. 6100 of 2021, AFA supported</p>	<p>39 co-sponsors including Rep. Slotkin; 34-D; 8-R</p>

<p>H.R. 1824</p>	<p>Food and Farm Bill 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 welfare, and invest in regional food systems; Rep. Blumenauer (D-OR) + 0 original co-sponsors</p>	<p>3/28/2023 introduced, referred to: Agriculture, Ways and Means, Education and the Workforce, and Foreign Affairs</p>	<p>In review Food Politics Blog</p>	<p>4 co-sponsors (none MI); 4-D Information, press release from sponsor</p>
<p>S. 1149</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>15 co-sponsors including Sen. Stabenow; 8-D; 5-R; 2-I Sponsor's press release [NOTE: increased from 11 on 5/31]</p>
<p>H.R. 2742/S. 1529</p>	<p>Fighting Inhumane Gambling and High-Risk Trafficking (FIGHT) Act would amend AWA to enhance enforcement against dog- and cock-fighting, allow for citizen suits, ban on-line gambling, forbid use of the 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> Senate Sponsor press release</p>	<p>In review</p>	<p>33 co-sponsors (none MI); 23-D; 10-R S. 1529 3 co-sponsors (none MI); 2-R; 2-D</p>

<p>H.R. 2878</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>H.R. 3090</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 Article</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>Sen. Blumenthal</p>	<p>The Better Care for Animals Act gives the Department of Justice the power to remove animals, impose penalties and take action against puppy mills. Another piece of proposed legislation, Goldie's Act, would require the Department of Agriculture to inspect, report and remove animals while holding breeders accountable.</p>		

<p>H.R. 3494</p>	<p>Extinction Prevention Act would create dedicated funds to conserve butterflies in North America, plants in the Pacific Islands, freshwater mussels in the US, and desert fish in the SW US; Rep. Grijalva (D-AZ) + 9 original co-sponsors</p>	<p>5/18/2023 introduced, referred to Natural Resources</p>	<p>In review H.R. 3396 last session, AFA supported</p>	<p>10 co-sponsors, including Rep. Dingell; 10-D Sponsor press release</p>
<p>H.R. 3783</p>	<p>MINK Virus Act would prohibit farming of minks for fur after one-year phase-out, create grant program to reimburse mink farmers to help with transition out of the industry and sets guidelines for humane euthanizing minks; Rep. Espaillat (D-NY)</p>	<p>6/1/2023 introduced, referred to Agriculture and to Budget</p>	<p>In review</p>	<p>no cosponsors</p>
<p>H.R. 3781</p>	<p>Federal Bird Safe Buildings Act would direct GSA to incorporate practices and strategies to reduce bird fatality from collisions with public buildings; Rep. Griffith (R-VA) + 1 original co-sponsor</p>	<p>6/1/2023 introduced, referred to Transportation and Infrastructure; 6/2 referred to Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management.</p>	<p>Sponsor Press Release</p>	<p>3 co-sponsors (none MI); 3-D Article</p>

<p>H.R. 3859 (text unavailable)</p>	<p>Animal Welfare Enforcement Improvement Act would protect animals from unscrupulous dealers and exhibitors, and close existing loopholes in the USDA licensing process that allow chronic violators to escape accountability.; Rep. Krishnamoorthi (D-IL) + 1 original co-sponsor</p>	<p>6/6/2023 introduced, referred to Agriculture</p>	<p>Article</p>	<p>1 co-sponsor (not MI); 1-R</p>
<p>H.R. 3894 (text unavailable)</p>	<p>Would amend AWA to prohibit commercial greyhound racing, live lure training, open field coursing; Rep. Carbajal (D-CA) + 5 original co-sponsors</p>	<p>6/7/2023 introduced; referred to Agriculture</p>	<p>In review</p>	<p>8 co-sponsors (none MI); 5-R; 3-D</p>
<p>Bill Text</p>	<p>Pets Belong With Families Act would prohibit public housing agencies from imposing breed restrictions on household pets owned by public housing residents; Rep. Schiff (D-CA) + 2 original co-sponsors</p>	<p>6/9/2023 introduced</p>	<p>In review; see H.R. 5828 of 2021, AFA supported</p>	<p>2 co-sponsors (none MI); 1-D; 1-R Sponsor press release</p>

Bill Text	Providing for Unhoused People with Pets (PUPP) Act would establish grant program authorizing USDA to provide funding for shelters to retrofit their facilities to better accommodate unhoused people and their pets; Rep. Crow (D-CO) + 3 original co-sponsors	6/9/2023 introduced	In review; see H.R. 8074 of 2022, AFA supported	3 co-sponsors (none MI); 2-R; 1-D
Bill Text	Canyon's Law would ban the use of wildlife-killing M-44 devices, commonly known as "cyanide bombs," on federal public lands; Sen. Merkley (D-OR); Rep. Huffman (D-CA)	6/14/2023 introduced (both House and Senate)	In review S. 4584 and H.R. 4951 in last session; AFA supported	Article
S. 2019	Ending Agricultural Trade Suppression (EATS) Act would prohibit state or local governments from regulating "preharvest product of any agricultural product" sold in interstate commerce that is addition to the standards of the state where production occurs; Sen. Marshall (R-KS) + 9 original co-sponsors	6/15/2023 introduced, referred to Agriculture Text	Oppose Sponsor's Press Release	11 co-sponsors Response to SCOTUS decision in CA Prop 12 case; Sentient Media article on Farm Bill and EATS

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Agency & Comment Deadline	Action	Summary	Additional Action/Resources	Notes
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<p>Dep't of the Interior / Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) 07/03/2023</p>	<p>Proposed Rule: Exhibition of Migratory Birds and Eagles</p>	<p>Advises public that FWS intends to gather information necessary to develop a proposed rule for exhibition of migratory birds and eagles including scope of issues to include.</p>		<p>In 2010, FWS proposed rulemaking on this topic, and solicited comments. However, the final rule was never promulgated due to other priorities. Agency seeking updated information now. Most commenters are either falconers who don't want to be regulated or wildlife educators who want more information before commenting.</p>
<p>Dep't of Commerce / National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) / National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) 07/06/2023</p>	<p>Proposed Rule: Endangered and Threatened Species; Petition To Establish a Vessel Speed Restriction and Other Vessel-Related Measures To Protect Rice's Whales</p>	<p>The Natural Resources Defense Council, Healthy Gulf, Center for Biological Diversity, Defenders of Wildlife, Earthjustice, and New England Aquarium submitted a petition to NMFS for rulemaking to establish a year-round 10-knot (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>		
<p>Dep't of the Interior / (FWS) 08/11/2023</p>	<p>Interim Rule: Regulations To Implement the Big Cat Public Safety Act</p>	<p>FWS is amending its implementing regulations for the Captive Wildlife Safety Act (CWSA) requirements of the Big Cat Public Safety Act (BCPSA) in the CWSA regulations. On December 20, 2022, the BCPSA amended the Lacey Act to clarify provisions enacted by the CWSA and to further the conservation of certain wildlife species. The BCPSA makes it unlawful to import, export, transport, sell, receive, acquire, or purchase in interstate or foreign commerce, or breed or possess prohibited wildlife species (lions, tigers, leopards, snow leopards, clouded leopards, jaguars, cheetahs, and cougars, or any hybrids, with certain exceptions. The BCPSA also requires an entity or individual who does not qualify for one of the other exceptions and is in possession of any prohibited wildlife species to register each such animal with FWS not later than June 18, 2023, allowing pre-BCPSA owners to register their pre-BCPSA big cats to continue to possess them under the pre-BCPSA exception. Rule is effective June 12, 2023. Comments on this interim rule and the information collection requirements contained in it must be received by August 11, 2023.</p>		

<p>FWS, NMFS 8/21/2023</p>	<p>Proposed Rule: Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Listing Endangered and Threatened Species and Designating Critical Habitat</p>	<p>FWS and NMFS propose to revise portions of its regulations that implement section 4 of the ESA to clarify, interpret, and implement portions of the ESA concerning the procedures and criteria used for listing, reclassifying, and delisting species on the Lists of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants and designating critical habitat.</p>		<p>This and next rule are efforts to overturn Trump-era weakening of ESA. According to Earthjustice, "The proposed regulations address details about how the agencies list and delist species and how species receive default protections, what habitat is protected, and how federal agencies ensure their actions do not harm species or their habitat. There will be a 60-</p>
<p>Dep't of the Interior / FWS 08/21/2023</p>	<p>Proposed Rule: Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Regulations Pertaining to Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants</p>	<p>FWS proposes to revise its regulations concerning protections of endangered species and threatened species under the ESA. FWS is proposing to reinstate the general application of the "blanket rule" option for protecting newly listed threatened species pursuant to section 4(d) of the ESA, with the continued option to promulgate species-specific rules. FWS is also proposing to extend to federally recognized Tribes the exceptions to prohibitions for threatened species that the regulations currently provide to the employees or agents of FWS and other</p>		<p>see above</p>

<p>Dep't of the Interior / FWS 08/22/2023</p>	<p>Proposed Rule: National Wildlife Refuge System; 2023-2024 Station-Specific Hunting and Sport Fishing Regulations</p>	<p>FWS proposes to expand hunting opportunities on three National Wildlife Refuges (NWRs) and make changes to existing station-specific regulations to reduce the regulatory burden on the public, increase access for hunters and anglers on FWS lands and waters, and comply with Presidential mandate for plain language standards. Finally, the best available science, analyzed as part of this proposed rulemaking, indicates that lead ammunition and tackle have negative impacts on both wildlife and human health. In this proposed rule, Blackwater, Chincoteague, Eastern Neck, Erie, Great Thicket, Patuxent Research Refuge, Rachel Carson, and Wallops Island NWRs are each proposing a non-lead requirement, to take effect on September 1, 2026, if FWS adopts them as part of a final rule. While FWS continues to evaluate the future of lead use in hunting and fishing on FWS lands and waters, this rulemaking does not include any opportunities proposing to increase or authorize the new use of lead beyond fall 2026.</p>		
<p>RULES/ NOTICES WITH INDEFINITE INFORMATION COLLECTION</p>				
<p>Dep't of the Interior / FWS N/A</p>	<p>Proposed Rule: Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; 90-Day Findings for Four Species</p>	<p>FWS announces 90-day findings on petitions to add four species to the ESA. Based on its review, FWS finds that the petitions to list the southern population of bog turtle, Pedernales River Springs salamander, ghost orchid, and tall western penstemon 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 warranted. To ensure that the status reviews are comprehensive, FWS requests scientific and commercial data and other information regarding the species and factors that may affect their status. Based on the status reviews, FWS will issue 12-month petition findings, which will address whether the petitioned actions are warranted, in accordance with the ESA.</p>		

<p>Dept. of Interior / 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>Dep't of the Interior / Dep't of Agriculture N/A</p>	<p>Proposed Rule: Semiannual Regulatory Agenda, Spring 2022</p>	<p>This agenda provides summary descriptions of the significant and not significant regulations being developed in agencies of the USDA in conformance with Executive Orders 12866 "Regulatory Planning and Review," and 13563, "Improving Regulation and Regulatory Review."</p>		<p>If you're interested in status of rules in progress, here's your document</p>
<p>Dept. of Health and Human Services / Food and Drug Administration (FDA) N/A</p>	<p>Notice: General Considerations for Animal Studies Intended To Evaluate Medical Devices; Guidance for Industry and Food and Drug Administration Staff; Availability</p>	<p>The FDA is announcing the availability of a final guidance entitled "General Considerations for Animal Studies Intended to Evaluate Medical Devices." FDA developed this guidance document to assist medical device sponsors, testing facilities, and other persons involved in designing, conducting, and reporting the results of animal studies intended to assess the safety of medical devices to support premarket submissions. These animal studies typically provide initial evidence of device safety, which may include device performance and handling, and the biological effects when used in a living system.</p>		
<p>Dept. of Interior / FWS N/A</p>	<p>Notice: Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Three Species Not Warranted for Listing as Endangered or Threatened Species</p>	<p>FWS announced findings that three species are not warranted for listing as endangered or threatened species: evening fieldslug, Mammoth Spring crayfish and Weber's Whitlow grass. 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.</p>		

Dep't of the Interior / FWS N/A	Final Rule: Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Designation of Critical Habitat for the Miami Tiger Beetle	FWS designates critical habitat for the Miami tiger beetle (<i>Cicindelidia floridana</i>) under the ESA. In total, approximately 1,869 acres (756 hectares) in Miami-Dade County, Florida, fall within the boundaries of the critical habitat designation. This rule extends the ESA's protections to the Miami tiger beetle's critical habitat. <i>This rule is effective June 22, 2023.</i>		
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