

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE



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H.R.2773 (Dingell/Fortenberry) *Recovering America's Wildlife Act*

To amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act to make supplemental funds available for management of fish and wildlife species of greatest conservation need as determined by State fish and wildlife agencies, and for other purposes.

S.626 (Rubio) *Lacey Act Amendments of 2021*

A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to enhance protections against the importation, and transport between States, of injurious species, and for other purposes.

*fill the federal regulatory gap created by the USARK litigation by reinstating the ban on **interstate transportation** of species listed as injurious under the Lacey Act.*

HR 3132/S.1583 (Amodei/Cortez-Masto) *To Reauthorize the Lake Tahoe Restoration Act*

S. 276/H.R. 930 (Cruz/Gohmert) *Saving America's Vulnerable and Endangered Species Act or the SAVES Act*

A bill to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to include a prohibition on the listing of a living nonnative species as a threatened species or an endangered species, and for other purposes.

HR 2241/S. 1057 (Neguse/Coons) Civilian Climate Corps Act of 2021 -

*(F) Supporting the resilience of natural systems to climate change by protecting biodiversity through targeted conservation efforts and **eradication of invasive species**.*

S. 487/H.R.1162 (Wyden/Neguse) - 21st Century Conservation Corps Act

*“(3) **PRIORITY**.—In carrying out reforestation under subsections (d)(2) and (e), the Chief of the Forest Service and the Secretary of the Interior, as applicable, shall give priority to planting—*

*“(A) on land that was subject to a mortality event caused by a high intensity wildfire, pest infestation, **invasive species**, or drought or other extreme weather;*

H.R. 270 (Young) Genetically Engineered Salmon Labeling Act

This bill requires the market name of genetically engineered (commonly called *genetically modified* or *GMO*) salmon to include *Genetically Engineered* or *GE* in front of the existing market name.

The bill also requires the Department of Health and Human Services to ensure that an independent scientific organization reviews the Food and Drug Administration's environmental assessment that supports the approval of a new drug related to **AquAdvantage Salmon**, a type of genetically engineered salmon.

S.1420 (Whitehouse) “Safeguarding America’s Future and Environment Act” or SAFE Act

fish, wildlife, and plants of the United States are facing increasing risks from changing patterns of extreme weather and climate, including—

- (A) severe droughts and heatwaves;
- (B) severe storms and floods;
- (C) frequent and severe wildfires;
- (D) more frequent and severe outbreaks of forest pests and invasive species;**
- (E) Etc etc etc

Would establish an integrated national approach to respond to ongoing and expected effects of extreme weather and climate change

H.R.3326 (Levin) “To promote the development of renewable energy on public land”

..will distribute certain revenues derived through the bill by returning 25 percent to the state where development occurs, 25% to the counties of origin, 25% deposited into a fund for **sportsmen and conservation purposes**, and 25% directed for efficiently processing permit applications/reducing the backlog of renewable energy permits.

According to E&E Daily (5/25/21):“...But Republicans argued that Levin's decision to drop Gosar from the latest version of the bill is a power play designed to punish the outspoken Republican in the wake of the Jan. 6 attack, and they plan to vote for Gosar's identical H.R. 3330, introduced the same day as Levin's bill. “

2022 Appropriations

President's Budget

- Department of the Interior would see a 16% increase to \$17.4 billion.

Congress

- House and Senate are in the [process of developing the appropriations bills](#) for FY 2022

Infrastructure Bill

- Clock ticking on bipartisan package (Big \$\$\$'s, invasive items)

Water Resources Development Act

- Expecting it in 2022

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