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Sound Science for Endangered Species Act Planning Act of 2004

**Congress:** 108 (2003–2005, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Public Lands and Natural Resources

**Introduced:** Jan 20, 2004

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. (Jan 20, 2004)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/108th-congress/senate-bill/2009>

Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Smith, Gordon H. [R-OR]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** OR • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

| Committee                              | Chamber | Activity    | Date         |
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| Environment and Public Works Committee | Senate  | Referred To | Jan 20, 2004 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

| Bill        | Relationship   | Last Action   |
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| 108 HR 1662 | Identical bill | Nov 19, 2004: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 479. |

## Summary (as of Jan 20, 2004)

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Sound Science for Endangered Species Act Planning Act of 2004 - Amends the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to direct the Secretary of the Interior to: (1) give greater weight to scientific and commercial data that is empirical or that has been field-tested or peer-reviewed in determining that a species is an endangered or threatened species; and (2) promulgate regulations that establish criteria for data to be used as the basis of such a determination.

Prohibits the Secretary from determining that a species is endangered or threatened unless the determination is supported by field data. Requires the Secretary to include in the rule-making record of such a determination data collected by landowners.

Requires the Secretary to publish a description of additional scientific and commercial data that would assist in the preparation of a recovery plan.

Directs the Secretary to: (1) solicit recommendations from the National Academy of Sciences and develop a list of qualified reviewers to participate in independent scientific review actions; and (2) appoint from such list three individuals who shall report on the scientific information and analyses on which final action is based.

Requires the Secretary, when consulting with a Federal agency to determine whether agency action will jeopardize an endangered or threatened species or destroy the critical habitat of such species, to: (1) consider information provided by affected States; and (2) allow any person who has sought agency authorization or funding for an action to participate in related consultations.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Jan 20, 2004:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jan 20, 2004:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S56)
- **Jan 20, 2004:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.