

HR 3173

Sportsmen's Conservation and Outdoor Recreation Enhancement Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Public Lands and Natural Resources

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • **State:** MN • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (9 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Duncan, Jeff [R-SC-3]	R · SC		Jul 23, 2015
Rep. Green, Gene [D-TX-29]	D · TX		Jul 23, 2015
Rep. Kind, Ron [D-WI-3]	D · WI		Jul 23, 2015
Rep. Thompson, Bennie G. [D-MS-2]	D · MS		Jul 23, 2015
Rep. Thompson, Mike [D-CA-5]	D · CA		Jul 23, 2015
Rep. Wittman, Robert J. [R-VA-1]	R · VA		Jul 23, 2015
Rep. Peterson, Collin C. [D-MN-7]	D · MN		Sep 10, 2015
Rep. Nolan, Richard M. [D-MN-8]	D · MN		Oct 1, 2015
Rep. Zinke, Ryan K. [R-MT-At Large]	R · MT		Apr 12, 2016

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 31, 2015
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Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 S 659	Related bill	Feb 24, 2016: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 371.
114 HR 2957	Related bill	Jul 24, 2015: Referred to the Subcommittee on Federal Lands.
114 HR 1651	Related bill	Apr 8, 2015: Referred to the Subcommittee on Federal Lands.
114 S 405	Related bill	Feb 9, 2015: Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 15.

Summary (as of Jul 23, 2015)

Sportsmen's Conservation and Outdoor Recreation Enhancement Act

This bill reauthorizes several programs supporting the conservation of wildlife habitat.

The bill amends the Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act by extending until July 25, 2022, the Department of the Interior's authority to sell certain public land and use the proceeds from those sales for acquiring land located within or adjacent to federal lands. When prioritizing the acquisition of inholdings (private land that is surrounded by public land) and nonfederal lands with exceptional resources, Interior and the Department of Agriculture (USDA) must consider the extent to which an acquisition of land would increase the public availability of resources for, and the public's access to, hunting, fishing, and other recreational activities. The bill also removes from the scope of the Act land that is eligible for sale under specified public land laws.

The bill reauthorizes through FY2020 the North American Wetlands Conservation Act and the Partners for Fish and Wildlife Act.

The bill reauthorizes through FY2020 and revises the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act and the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act.

Interior and USDA must ensure that specified amounts from the Land and Water Conservation Fund are made available each year for securing public access to federal land for hunting, fishing, and other recreational purposes through land transactions.

Actions Timeline

- **Aug 31, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans.
- **Aug 31, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Federal Lands.
- **Jul 23, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 23, 2015:** Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.