

## S 405

Bipartisan Sportsmen's Act of 2015

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**Chamber:** Senate

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]

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

## Cosponsors (24 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Fischer, Deb [R-NE]	R · NE		Feb 5, 2015
Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]	D · NM		Feb 5, 2015
Sen. Heitkamp, Heidi [D-ND]	D · ND		Feb 5, 2015
Sen. Manchin, Joe, III [D-WV]	D · WV		Feb 5, 2015
Sen. Risch, James E. [R-ID]	R · ID		Feb 5, 2015
Sen. Barrasso, John [R-WY]	R · WY		Mar 10, 2015
Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]	D · CO		Mar 10, 2015
Sen. Cotton, Tom [R-AR]	R · AR		Mar 10, 2015
Sen. Daines, Steve [R-MT]	R · MT		Mar 10, 2015
Sen. Donnelly, Joe [D-IN]	D · IN		Mar 10, 2015
Sen. Gardner, Cory [R-CO]	R · CO		Mar 10, 2015
Sen. Heller, Dean [R-NV]	R · NV		Mar 10, 2015
Sen. Hoeven, John [R-ND]	R · ND		Mar 10, 2015
Sen. Kaine, Tim [D-VA]	D · VA		Mar 10, 2015
Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]	I · ME		Mar 10, 2015
Sen. McCaskill, Claire [D-MO]	D · MO		Mar 10, 2015
Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	D · MT		Mar 10, 2015
Sen. Ayotte, Kelly [R-NH]	R · NH		May 19, 2015
Sen. Isakson, Johnny [R-GA]	R · GA		May 19, 2015
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		May 19, 2015
Sen. Warner, Mark R. [D-VA]	D · VA		May 19, 2015
Sen. Alexander, Lamar [R-TN]	R · TN		Oct 29, 2015
Sen. Udall, Tom [D-NM]	D · NM		Oct 29, 2015
Sen. Portman, Rob [R-OH]	R · OH		Apr 5, 2016

## Committee Activity

No committee referrals or activity are recorded for this bill.

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 1669	Related bill	<b>Nov 16, 2016:</b> Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
114 HR 2406	Related bill	<b>Mar 1, 2016:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
114 S 659	Related bill	<b>Feb 24, 2016:</b> Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 371.
114 S 556	Related bill	<b>Dec 16, 2015:</b> Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 328.
114 HR 3173	Related bill	<b>Aug 31, 2015:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Federal Lands.
114 S 1999	Related bill	<b>Aug 5, 2015:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S6391-6392)
114 HR 2401	Related bill	<b>Jun 10, 2015:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Federal Lands.
114 S 992	Related bill	<b>Apr 16, 2015:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
114 HR 1099	Related bill	<b>Mar 23, 2015:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Federal Lands.
114 S 721	Related bill	<b>Mar 11, 2015:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
114 S 595	Related bill	<b>Feb 26, 2015:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
114 S 561	Related bill	<b>Feb 25, 2015:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
114 S 350	Related bill	<b>Feb 3, 2015:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
114 S 263	Related bill	<b>Jan 27, 2015:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

## **Bipartisan Sportsmen's Act of 2015**

This bill revises a variety of existing programs to expand access to, and opportunities for, hunting, fishing, and recreational shooting.

The Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act is reauthorized through FY2025. The North American Wetlands Conservation Act and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act are reauthorized through FY2020.

Components of firearms and ammunition and sport fishing equipment and its components (such as lead sinkers) are exempted from regulations of chemical substances under the Toxic Substances Control Act.

The proportion of funding from the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act that states may use for public target ranges is increased.

Interior must issue permits for the importation of polar bear parts taken in sports hunts in Canada before May 15, 2008, which is the date the species was listed as threatened.

The bill revises standards for determining what a baited area is for purposes of the prohibition on taking migratory game birds.

Federal public land management officials must facilitate hunting, fishing, and recreational shooting on certain federal public land. Land under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management or the Forest Service must be open for hunting, fishing, and recreational shooting unless the managing agency acts to close the land.

This bill provides special rules to expand access to federal land and waterways for film crews of five people or fewer.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers may not prohibit individuals from possessing a firearm in public areas of a water resources development project. The National Park Service may not prohibit individuals from transporting bows and crossbows if certain requirements are met.

Funds from the Land and Water Conservation Fund are allocated for priority projects that secure public access to federal public lands for hunting, fishing, and other recreational purposes.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Feb 9, 2015:** Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 15.
- **Feb 5, 2015:** Introduced in Senate
- **Feb 5, 2015:** Introduced in the Senate. Read the first time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under Read the First Time. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S837-838)