

S 1514

HELP for Wildlife Act

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**Policy Area:** Animals

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Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Barrasso, John [R-WY]

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

Cosponsors (11 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]	D · WI		Jun 29, 2017
Sen. Boozman, John [R-AR]	R · AR		Jun 29, 2017
Sen. Capito, Shelley Moore [R-WV]	R · WV		Jun 29, 2017
Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		Jun 29, 2017
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Jun 29, 2017
Sen. Enzi, Michael B. [R-WY]	R · WY		Jul 17, 2017
Sen. Johnson, Ron [R-WI]	R · WI		Jul 17, 2017
Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]	I · ME		Jul 17, 2017
Sen. Inhofe, James M. [R-OK]	R · OK		Jul 19, 2017
Sen. Kennedy, John [R-LA]	R · LA		Jul 31, 2017
Sen. Crapo, Mike [R-ID]	R · ID		Dec 6, 2017

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Environment and Public Works Committee	Senate	Reported By	Oct 5, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Animals

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 S 593	Related bill	<b>Nov 15, 2018:</b> By Senator Barrasso from Committee on Environment and Public Works filed written report. Report No. 115-372. Additional views filed.
115 S 1537	Related bill	<b>Nov 13, 2018:</b> By Senator Barrasso from Committee on Environment and Public Works filed written report. Report No. 115-350.
115 HR 788	Related bill	<b>May 29, 2018:</b> Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 546.
115 HR 4489	Related bill	<b>May 22, 2018:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment.
115 HR 424	Related bill	<b>Jan 8, 2018:</b> Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 361.
115 S 1513	Related bill	<b>Jun 29, 2017:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
115 S 1436	Related bill	<b>Jun 26, 2017:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
115 S 1214	Related bill	<b>May 24, 2017:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
115 S 478	Related bill	<b>Mar 1, 2017:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

## Hunting Heritage and Environmental Legacy Preservation for Wildlife Act or the HELP for Wildlife Act

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

The bill reauthorizes through FY2022 the North American Wetlands Conservation Act, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act, the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act, and the Chesapeake Bay Program. It also reauthorizes through FY2023 the Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network and the Chesapeake Bay Gateways Grants Assistance Program.

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

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

The Department of the Interior must reissue two rules that removed protections under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 for the gray wolf populations located in the western Great Lakes (all of Wisconsin, Michigan, and Minnesota, as well as portions of North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio) and Wyoming. Interior's prior rules that removed the protections were overruled by district courts.

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 National Fish Habitat Board is established to: (1) promote, oversee, and coordinate the implementation of the National Fish Habitat Action Plan; (2) establish national goals and priorities for fish habitat conservation; (3) recommend the designation of Fish Habitat Partnerships; and (4) review and make recommendations regarding fish habitat conservation projects.

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### Actions Timeline

- **Oct 5, 2017:** Committee on Environment and Public Works. Reported by Senator Barrasso with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 115-168. Additional and Minority views filed.
- **Oct 5, 2017:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 237.
- **Jul 26, 2017:** Committee on Environment and Public Works. Ordered to be reported with amendments favorably.
- **Jul 19, 2017:** Committee on Environment and Public Works. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 115-77.
- **Jun 29, 2017:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jun 29, 2017:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.