

The Sportsmen's Heritage and Recreational Enhancement Act of 2015

H.R. 2406, Sportsmen's Heritage and Recreational Enhancement Act of 2015 (SHARE Act), introduced by Rep. Rob Wittman (VA-1), is a bipartisan bill comprised of thirteen provisions that: increase opportunities for hunters, anglers, and shooters; eliminates red tape and safeguards against new regulations impeding outdoor sporting activities; and, protects Second Amendment rights. Supported by over 50 sportsmen's groups, this Act would ensure future generations have ample access to federal lands to hunt, fish, and shoot.

Opens Up Public Lands for Sportsmen and Women:

Requires the Bureau of Land Management and Forest Service to open federal lands for hunting, fishing, and shooting, and report any closures to Congress; allows for the use of volunteer hunters to cull excess wildlife on federal lands.

Maximizes Access for Hunters and Shooters:

Encourages federal land management agencies to cooperate with state/local governments to maintain shooting ranges; allows the National Park Service to establish corridors improving access to federal lands for hunting; and, extends and increases state Pittman-Robertson Act funding for shooting ranges.

Protects Second Amendment Rights

Authorizes the lawful possession of firearms on Army Corps of Engineers recreation lands (campgrounds, etc.), allowing law-abiding citizens the fundamental right to self-protection at Army Corp recreation facilities.

Eliminates Burdensome Regulatory Requirements that Impede Hunting Opportunities:

Permanently exempts ammunition and fishing tackle from EPA regulation under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA); and prevents the Departments of the Interior and Agriculture from regulating the use of ammunition and fishing tackle based on lead content.

Prevents Unnecessary Restrictions on Fishing:

Prevents the Secretaries of the Interior and Commerce from restricting recreational or commercial fishing unless those restrictions are developed in coordination with, and approved by, the applicable State fish and wildlife management agency.

Reauthorizes the Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act (FLTFA):

Reauthorizes and expands FLTFA to allow federal agencies to use funds in the Federal Land Disposal Account for deferred maintenance activities, in addition to the purchase of inholdings.

Removes Red Tape on Importing Legally Harvested Hunting Trophies:

Enables the import of 41 Polar Bears legally harvested from approved populations in Canada before its threatened listing under the Endangered Species Act. Reauthorizes the African Elephant Conservation Act and blocks the FWS from making criminals out of law-abiding American's that own or inherit legal, pre-ban ivory.

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