# AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 2406

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Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

#### 1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

- 2 This Act may be cited as the "Sportsmen's Heritage
- 3 and Recreational Enhancement Act of 2015" or the
- 4 "SHARE Act".

#### 5 SEC. 2. TABLE OF CONTENTS.

6 The table of contents for this Act is as follows:

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- Sec. 101. Short title.
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#### TITLE III—POLAR BEAR CONSERVATION AND FAIRNESS ACT

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- Sec. 302. Permits for importation of polar bear trophies taken in sport hunts in Canada.

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Sec. 402. Protecting Americans from violent crime.

#### TITLE V—WILDLIFE AND HUNTING HERITAGE CONSERVATION COUNCIL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Sec. 501. Wildlife and Hunting Heritage Conservation Council Advisory Committee.

### TITLE VI—RECREATIONAL FISHING AND HUNTING HERITAGE OPPORTUNITIES ACT

- Sec. 601. Short title.
- Sec. 602. Findings.

Sec. 603. Fishing, hunting, and recreational shooting.

Sec. 604. Volunteer Hunters; Reports; Closures and Restrictions.

#### TITLE VII—FARMER AND HUNTER PROTECTION ACT

- Sec. 701. Short title.
- Sec. 702. Baiting of migratory game birds.

### TITLE VIII—TRANSPORTING BOWS ACROSS NATIONAL PARK SERVICE LANDS

Sec. 801. Short title.

Sec. 802. Bowhunting opportunity and wildlife stewardship.

#### TITLE IX—FEDERAL LAND TRANSACTION FACILITATION ACT REAUTHORIZATION (FLTFA)

Sec. 901. Short title.

Sec. 902. Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act.

### TITLE X—AFRICAN ELEPHANT CONSERVATION AND LEGAL IVORY POSSESSION ACT

- Sec. 1001. Short title.
- Sec. 1002. References.
- Sec. 1003. Limited exemption for certain African elephant ivory.
- Sec. 1004. Placement of United States Fish and Wildlife Service law enforcement officer in each African elephant range country.
- Sec. 1005. Certification for the purposes of the Fishermen's Protective Act of 1967.
- Sec. 1006. Treatment of elephant ivory.
- Sec. 1007. Sport-hunted elephant trophies.
- Sec. 1008. African Elephant Conservation Act financial assistance priority and reauthorization.

#### TITLE XI—RESPECT FOR TREATIES AND RIGHTS

Sec. 1101. Respect for Treaties and Rights.

### TITLE XII—INTEREST ON OBLIGATIONS HELD IN THE WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUND

Sec. 1201. Interest on obligations held in the wildlife restoration fund.

# TITLE XIII—PERMITS FOR FILM CREWS OF FIVE PEOPLE OR LESS

Sec. 1301. Annual permit and fee for film crews of 5 persons or fewer.

#### 1 SEC. 3. REPORT ON ECONOMIC IMPACT.

2 Not later than 12 months after the date of the enact3 ment of this Act, the Secretary of Interior shall submit
4 a report to Congress that assesses expected economic im5 pacts of the Act. Such report shall include—

6 (1) a review of any expected increases in rec7 reational hunting, fishing, shooting, and conserva8 tion activities;

9 (2) an estimate of any jobs created in each in10 dustry expected to support such activities described
11 in paragraph (1), including in the supply, manufac12 turing, distribution, and retail sectors;

(3) an estimate of wages related to jobs de-scribed in paragraph (2); and

15 (4) an estimate of anticipated new local, State,
16 and Federal revenue related to jobs described in
17 paragraph (2).

# 18 TITLE I—HUNTING, FISHING

# AND RECREATIONAL SHOOT ING PROTECTION ACT

#### 21 SEC. 101. SHORT TITLE.

This title may be cited as the "Hunting, Fishing, andRecreational Shooting Protection Act".

#### 1 SEC. 102. MODIFICATION OF DEFINITION.

2 Section 3(2)(B) of the Toxic Substances Control Act
3 (15 U.S.C. 2602(2)(B)) is amended—

- 4 (1) in clause (v), by striking ", and" and insert5 ing ", or any component of any such article includ6 ing, without limitation, shot, bullets and other pro7 jectiles, propellants, and primers,";
- 8 (2) in clause (vi) by striking the period at the9 end and inserting ", and"; and
- 10 (3) by inserting after clause (vi) the following: 11 "(vii) any sport fishing equipment (as such 12 term is defined in subsection (a) of section 4162 of 13 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986) the sale of 14 which is subject to the tax imposed by section 15 4161(a) of such Code (determined without regard to 16 any exemptions from such tax as provided by section 17 4162 or 4221 or any other provision of such Code), 18 and sport fishing equipment components.".

# 19 SEC. 103. LIMITATION ON AUTHORITY TO REGULATE AM20 MUNITION AND FISHING TACKLE.

(a) LIMITATION.—Except as provided in section
20.21 of title 50, Code of Federal Regulations, as in effect
on the date of the enactment of this Act, or any substantially similar successor regulation thereto, the Secretary
of the Interior, the Secretary of Agriculture, and, except
as provided by subsection (b), any bureau, service, or of-

fice of the Department of the Interior or the Department
 of Agriculture, may not regulate the use of ammunition
 cartridges, ammunition components, or fishing tackle
 based on the lead content thereof if such use is in compli ance with the law of the State in which the use occurs.

6 (b) EXCEPTION.—The limitation in subsection (a)
7 shall not apply to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service or
8 the National Park Service.

# 9 TITLE II—TARGET PRACTICE

# 10 AND MARKSMANSHIP TRAIN-

### 11 ING SUPPORT ACT

#### 12 **SEC. 201. SHORT TITLE.**

13 This title may be cited as the "Target Practice and14 Marksmanship Training Support Act".

#### 15 SEC. 202. FINDINGS; PURPOSE.

16 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

(1) the use of firearms and archery equipment
for target practice and marksmanship training activities on Federal land is allowed, except to the extent specific portions of that land have been closed
to those activities;

(2) in recent years preceding the date of enactment of this Act, portions of Federal land have been
closed to target practice and marksmanship training
for many reasons;

1	(3) the availability of public target ranges on
2	non-Federal land has been declining for a variety of
3	reasons, including continued population growth and
4	development near former ranges;
5	(4) providing opportunities for target practice
6	and marksmanship training at public target ranges
7	on Federal and non-Federal land can help—
8	(A) to promote enjoyment of shooting, rec-
9	reational, and hunting activities; and
10	(B) to ensure safe and convenient locations
11	for those activities;
12	(5) Federal law in effect on the date of enact-
13	ment of this Act, including the Pittman-Robertson
14	Wildlife Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 669 et seq.),
15	provides Federal support for construction and ex-
16	pansion of public target ranges by making available
17	to States amounts that may be used for construc-
18	tion, operation, and maintenance of public target
19	ranges; and
20	(6) it is in the public interest to provide in-
21	creased Federal support to facilitate the construction
22	or expansion of public target ranges.
23	(b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this title is to facili-
24	tate the construction and expansion of public target

ranges, including ranges on Federal land managed by the 1 2 Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management. 3 SEC. 203. DEFINITION OF PUBLIC TARGET RANGE. 4 In this title, the term "public target range" means 5 a specific location that— 6 (1) is identified by a governmental agency for 7 recreational shooting; 8 (2) is open to the public; 9 (3) may be supervised; and 10 (4) may accommodate archery or rifle, pistol, or 11 shotgun shooting. 12 SEC. 204. AMENDMENTS TO PITTMAN-ROBERTSON WILD-13 LIFE RESTORATION ACT. 14 (a) DEFINITIONS.—Section 2 of the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 669a) is amend-15 16 ed— 17 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (2) through 18 (8) as paragraphs (3) through (9), respectively; and 19 (2) by inserting after paragraph (1) the fol-20 lowing: 21 "(2) the term 'public target range' means a 22 specific location that— "(A) is identified by a governmental agen-23 24 cy for recreational shooting; 25 "(B) is open to the public;

1	"(C) may be supervised; and
2	"(D) may accommodate archery or rifle,
3	pistol, or shotgun shooting;".
4	(b) Expenditures for Management of Wild-
5	LIFE AREAS AND RESOURCES.—Section 8(b) of the Pitt-
6	man-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act (16 U.S.C.
7	669g(b)) is amended—
8	(1) by striking "(b) Each State" and inserting
9	the following:
10	"(b) Expenditures for Management of Wild-
11	LIFE AREAS AND RESOURCES.—
12	"(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
13	graph (2), each State";
14	(2) in paragraph $(1)$ (as so designated), by
15	striking "construction, operation," and inserting
16	"operation";
17	(3) in the second sentence, by striking "The
18	non-Federal share" and inserting the following:
19	"(3) Non-federal share.—The non-Federal
20	share'';
21	(4) in the third sentence, by striking "The Sec-
22	retary" and inserting the following:
23	"(4) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary"; and

(5) by inserting after paragraph (1) (as des ignated by paragraph (1) of this subsection) the fol lowing:
 "(2) EXCEPTION.—Notwithstanding the limita-

4 "(2) EXCEPTION.—Notwithstanding the limita5 tion described in paragraph (1), a State may pay up
6 to 90 percent of the cost of acquiring land for, ex7 panding, or constructing a public target range.".

8 (c) FIREARM AND BOW HUNTER EDUCATION AND
9 SAFETY PROGRAM GRANTS.—Section 10 of the Pittman10 Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 669h–1)
11 is amended—

12 (1) in subsection (a), by adding at the end the13 following:

14 "(3) ALLOCATION OF ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS.—
15 Of the amount apportioned to a State for any fiscal
16 year under section 4(b), the State may elect to allo17 cate not more than 10 percent, to be combined with
18 the amount apportioned to the State under para19 graph (1) for that fiscal year, for acquiring land for,
20 expanding, or constructing a public target range.";

21 (2) by striking subsection (b) and inserting the22 following:

23 "(b) Cost Sharing.—

24 "(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para25 graph (2), the Federal share of the cost of any activ-

1	ity carried out using a grant under this section shall
2	not exceed 75 percent of the total cost of the activ-
3	ity.
4	"(2) Public target range construction or
5	EXPANSION.—The Federal share of the cost of ac-
6	quiring land for, expanding, or constructing a public
7	target range in a State on Federal or non-Federal
8	land pursuant to this section or section 8(b) shall
9	not exceed 90 percent of the cost of the activity.";
10	and
11	(3) in subsection $(c)(1)$ —
12	(A) by striking "Amounts made" and in-
13	serting the following:
14	"(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in
15	subparagraph (B), amounts made"; and
16	(B) by adding at the end the following:
17	"(B) EXCEPTION.—Amounts provided for
18	acquiring land for, constructing, or expanding a
19	public target range shall remain available for
20	expenditure and obligation during the 5-fiscal-
21	year period beginning on October 1 of the first
22	fiscal year for which the amounts are made
23	available.".

#### 1 SEC. 205. LIMITS ON LIABILITY.

2 (a) DISCRETIONARY FUNCTION.—For purposes of 3 chapter 171 of title 28, United States Code (commonly referred to as the "Federal Tort Claims Act"), any action 4 5 by an agent or employee of the United States to manage or allow the use of Federal land for purposes of target 6 7 practice or marksmanship training by a member of the 8 public shall be considered to be the exercise or perform-9 ance of a discretionary function.

10 (b) CIVIL ACTION OR CLAIMS.—Except to the extent 11 provided in chapter 171 of title 28, United States Code, 12 the United States shall not be subject to any civil action 13 or claim for money damages for any injury to or loss of 14 property, personal injury, or death caused by an activity 15 occurring at a public target range that is—

16 (1) funded in whole or in part by the Federal
17 Government pursuant to the Pittman-Robertson
18 Wildlife Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 669 et seq.); or
19 (2) located on Federal land.

#### 20 SEC. 206. SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING COOPERATION.

It is the sense of Congress that, consistent with applicable laws and regulations, the Chief of the Forest Service and the Director of the Bureau of Land Management should cooperate with State and local authorities and other entities to carry out waste removal and other activities on any Federal land used as a public target range 1 to encourage continued use of that land for target practice

2 or marksmanship training.

# 3 TITLE III—POLAR BEAR CON4 SERVATION AND FAIRNESS 5 ACT

#### 6 SEC. 301. SHORT TITLE.

7 This title may be cited as the "Polar Bear Conserva-8 tion and Fairness Act of 2015".

9 SEC. 302. PERMITS FOR IMPORTATION OF POLAR BEAR
10 TROPHIES TAKEN IN SPORT HUNTS IN CAN11 ADA.

Section 104(c)(5)(D) of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 1374(c)(5)(D)) is amended
to read as follows:

15 "(D)(i) The Secretary of the Interior shall, ex-16 peditiously after the expiration of the applicable 30-17 day period under subsection (d)(2), issue a permit 18 for the importation of any polar bear part (other 19 than an internal organ) from a polar bear taken in 20 a sport hunt in Canada to any person—

21 "(I) who submits, with the permit applica22 tion, proof that the polar bear was legally har23 vested by the person before February 18, 1997;
24 or

1 "(II) who has submitted, in support of a 2 permit application submitted before May 15, 3 2008, proof that the polar bear was legally har-4 vested by the person before May 15, 2008, from 5 a polar bear population from which a sport-6 hunted trophy could be imported before that 7 date in accordance with section 18.30(i) of title 8 50, Code of Federal Regulations.

9 "(ii) The Secretary shall issue permits under 10 clause (i)(I) without regard to subparagraphs (A) 11 and (C)(ii) of this paragraph, subsection (d)(3), and 12 sections 101 and 102. Sections 101(a)(3)(B) and 13 102(b)(3) shall not apply to the importation of any 14 polar bear part authorized by a permit issued under 15 clause (i)(I). This clause shall not apply to polar 16 bear parts that were imported before June 12, 1997.

17 "(iii) The Secretary shall issue permits under 18 clause (i)(II) without regard to subparagraph (C)(ii) 19 of this paragraph or subsection (d)(3). Sections 20 101(a)(3)(B) and 102(b)(3) shall not apply to the 21 importation of any polar bear part authorized by a 22 permit issued under clause (i)(II). This clause shall 23 not apply to polar bear parts that were imported be-24 fore the date of enactment of the Polar Bear Con-25 servation and Fairness Act of 2015.".

# TITLE IV—RECREATIONAL LANDS SELF-DEFENSE ACT

#### 3 SEC. 401. SHORT TITLE.

4 This title may be cited as the "Recreational Lands5 Self-Defense Act of 2015".

#### 6 SEC. 402. PROTECTING AMERICANS FROM VIOLENT CRIME.

7 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

8 (1) The Second Amendment to the Constitution
9 provides that "the right of the people to keep and
10 bear Arms, shall not be infringed".

(2) Section 327.13 of title 36, Code of Federal
Regulations, provides that, except in special circumstances, "possession of loaded firearms, ammunition, loaded projectile firing devices, bows and arrows, crossbows, or other weapons is prohibited" at
water resources development projects administered
by the Secretary of the Army.

(3) The regulations described in paragraph (2)
prevent individuals complying with Federal and
State laws from exercising the second amendment
rights of the individuals while at such water resources development projects.

(4) The Federal laws should make it clear thatthe second amendment rights of an individual at a

water resources development project should not be
 infringed.

3 (b) PROTECTING THE RIGHT OF INDIVIDUALS TO 4 BEAR ARMS AT WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS.—The Secretary of the Army shall not promul-5 gate or enforce any regulation that prohibits an individual 6 7 from possessing a firearm, including an assembled or func-8 tional firearm, at a water resources development project 9 covered under section 327.0 of title 36, Code of Federal 10 Regulations (as in effect on the date of enactment of this 11 Act), if—

12 (1) the individual is not otherwise prohibited by13 law from possessing the firearm; and

14 (2) the possession of the firearm is in compli15 ance with the law of the State in which the water
16 resources development project is located.

# 17 TITLE V—WILDLIFE AND HUNT 18 ING HERITAGE CONSERVA 19 TION COUNCIL ADVISORY

# 19 TION COUNCIL ADVISORY 20 COMMITTEE

21 SEC. 501. WILDLIFE AND HUNTING HERITAGE CONSERVA-

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#### TION COUNCIL ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

The Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (16 U.S.C.
661 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

# "SEC. 10. WILDLIFE AND HUNTING HERITAGE CONSERVA TION COUNCIL ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

3 "(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is hereby established
4 the Wildlife and Hunting Heritage Conservation Council
5 Advisory Committee (in this section referred to as the 'Ad6 visory Committee') to advise the Secretaries of the Interior
7 and Agriculture on wildlife and habitat conservation,
8 hunting, and recreational shooting.

9 "(b) CONTINUANCE AND ABOLISHMENT OF EXIST-ING WILDLIFE AND HUNTING HERITAGE CONSERVATION 10 COUNCIL.—The Wildlife and Hunting Heritage Conserva-11 tion Council established pursuant to section 441 of the 12 Revised Statutes (43 U.S.C. 1457), section 2 of the Fish 13 14 and Wildlife Act of 1956 (16 U.S.C. 742a), and other Acts 15 applicable to specific bureaus of the Department of the Interior— 16

"(1) shall continue until the date of the first
meeting of the Wildlife and Hunting Heritage Conservation Council established by the amendment
made by subsection (a); and

21 "(2) is hereby abolished effective on that date.
22 "(c) DUTIES OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.—The
23 Advisory Committee shall advise the Secretaries with re24 gard to—

25 "(1) implementation of Executive Order No.
26 13443: Facilitation of Hunting Heritage and Wild115\100115.231.xml (614183|2)

1	life Conservation, which directs Federal agencies 'to
2	facilitate the expansion and enhancement of hunting
3	opportunities and the management of game species
4	and their habitat';
5	"(2) policies or programs to conserve and re-
6	store wetlands, agricultural lands, grasslands, forest,
7	and rangeland habitats;
8	"(3) policies or programs to promote opportuni-
9	ties and access to hunting and shooting sports on
10	Federal lands;
11	"(4) policies or programs to recruit and retain
12	new hunters and shooters;
13	"(5) policies or programs that increase public
14	awareness of the importance of wildlife conservation
15	and the social and economic benefits of recreational
16	hunting and shooting; and
17	"(6) policies or programs that encourage co-
18	ordination among the public, the hunting and shoot-
19	ing sports community, wildlife conservation groups,
20	and States, tribes, and the Federal Government.
21	"(d) Membership.—
22	"(1) Appointment.—
23	"(A) IN GENERAL.—The Advisory Com-
24	mittee shall consist of no more than 16 discre-
25	tionary members and 7 ex officio members.

1	"(B) Ex officio members.—The ex offi-
2	cio members are—
3	"(i) the Director of the United States
4	Fish and Wildlife Service or a designated
5	representative of the Director;
6	"(ii) the Director of the Bureau of
7	Land Management or a designated rep-
8	resentative of the Director;
9	"(iii) the Director of the National
10	Park Service or a designated representa-
11	tive of the Director;
12	"(iv) the Chief of the Forest Service
13	or a designated representative of the Chief;
14	"(v) the Chief of the Natural Re-
15	sources Conservation Service or a des-
16	ignated representative of the Chief;
17	"(vi) the Administrator of the Farm
18	Service Agency or a designated representa-
19	tive of the Administrator; and
20	"(vii) the Executive Director of the
21	Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies.
22	"(C) DISCRETIONARY MEMBERS.—The dis-
23	cretionary members shall be appointed jointly
24	by the Secretaries from at least one of each of
25	the following:

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1	"(i) State fish and wildlife agencies.
2	"(ii) Game bird hunting organiza-
3	tions.
4	"(iii) Wildlife conservation organiza-
5	tions.
6	"(iv) Big game hunting organizations.
7	"(v) Waterfowl hunting organizations.
8	"(vi) The tourism, outfitter, or guid-
9	ing industry.
10	"(vii) The firearms or ammunition
11	manufacturing industry.
12	"(viii) The hunting or shooting equip-
13	ment retail industry.
14	"(ix) Tribal resource management or-
15	ganizations.
16	"(x) The agriculture industry.
17	"(xi) The ranching industry.
18	"(xii) Women's hunting and fishing
19	advocacy, outreach, or education organiza-
20	tion.
21	"(xiii) Minority hunting and fishing
22	advocacy, outreach, or education organiza-
23	tion.
24	"(xiv) Veterans service organization.

1	"(D) ELIGIBILITY.—Prior to the appoint-
2	ment of the discretionary members, the Secre-
3	taries shall determine that all individuals nomi-
4	nated for appointment to the Advisory Com-
5	mittee, and the organization each individual
6	represents, actively support and promote sus-
7	tainable-use hunting, wildlife conservation, and
8	recreational shooting.
9	"(2) TERMS.—
10	"(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in
11	subparagraph (B), members of the Advisory
12	Committee shall be appointed for a term of 4
13	years. Members shall not be appointed for more
14	than 3 consecutive or nonconsecutive terms.
15	"(B) TERMS OF INITIAL APPOINTEES.—As
16	designated by the Secretary at the time of ap-
17	pointment, of the members first appointed—
18	"(i) 6 members shall be appointed for
19	a term of 4 years;
20	"(ii) 5 members shall be appointed for
21	a term of 3 years; and
22	"(iii) 5 members shall be appointed
23	for a term of 2 years.
24	"(3) Preservation of public advisory sta-
25	TUS.—No individual may be appointed as a discre-

tionary member of the Advisory Committee while
 serving as an officer or employee of the Federal
 Government.
 "(4) VACANCY AND REMOVAL.—
 "(A) IN GENERAL.—Any vacancy on the

Advisory Committee shall be filled in the manner in which the original appointment was
made.

9 "(B) REMOVAL.—Advisory Committee
10 members shall serve at the discretion of the
11 Secretaries and may be removed at any time for
12 good cause.

13 "(5) CONTINUATION OF SERVICE.—Each ap-14 pointed member may continue to serve after the ex-15 piration of the term of office to which such member 16 was appointed until a successor has been appointed. 17 "(6) CHAIRPERSON.—The Chairperson of the 18 Advisory Committee shall be appointed for a 3-year term by the Secretaries, jointly, from among the 19 20 members of the Advisory Committee. An individual 21 may not be appointed as Chairperson for more than 22 2 consecutive or nonconsecutive terms.

23 "(7) PAY AND EXPENSES.—Members of the Ad24 visory Committee shall serve without pay for such
25 service, but each member of the Advisory Committee

1	may be reimbursed for travel and lodging incurred
2	through attending meetings of the Advisory Com-
3	mittee approved subgroup meetings in the same
4	amounts and under the same conditions as Federal
5	employees (in accordance with section 5703 of title
6	5, United States Code).
7	"(8) MEETINGS.—
8	"(A) IN GENERAL.—The Advisory Com-
9	mittee shall meet at the call of the Secretaries,
10	the chairperson, or a majority of the members,
11	but not less frequently than twice annually.
12	"(B) OPEN MEETINGS.—Each meeting of
13	the Advisory Committee shall be open to the
14	public.
15	"(C) Prior notice of meetings.—Time-
16	ly notice of each meeting of the Advisory Com-
17	mittee shall be published in the Federal Reg-
18	ister and be submitted to trade publications and
19	publications of general circulation.
20	"(D) SUBGROUPS.—The Advisory Com-
21	mittee may establish such workgroups or sub-
22	groups as it deems necessary for the purpose of
23	compiling information or conducting research.
24	However, such workgroups may not conduct
25	business without the direction of the Advisory

- Committee and must report in full to the Advi sory Committee.
- 3 "(9) QUORUM.—Nine members of the Advisory
  4 Committee shall constitute a quorum.
- 5 "(e) EXPENSES.—The expenses of the Advisory Com6 mittee that the Secretaries determine to be reasonable and
  7 appropriate shall be paid by the Secretaries.
- 8 "(f) ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT, TECHNICAL SERV-9 ICES, AND ADVICE.—A designated Federal Officer shall 10 be jointly appointed by the Secretaries to provide to the 11 Advisory Committee the administrative support, technical 12 services, and advice that the Secretaries determine to be 13 reasonable and appropriate.
- 14 "(g) ANNUAL REPORT.—
- 15 "(1) REQUIRED.—Not later than September 30 16 of each year, the Advisory Committee shall submit 17 a report to the Secretaries, the Committee on Nat-18 ural Resources and the Committee on Agriculture of 19 the House of Representatives, and the Committee on 20 Energy and Natural Resources and the Committee 21 on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Sen-22 ate. If circumstances arise in which the Advisory 23 Committee cannot meet the September 30 deadline 24 in any year, the Secretaries shall advise the Chair-25 persons of each such Committee of the reasons for

1	such delay and the date on which the submission of
2	the report is anticipated.
3	"(2) CONTENTS.—The report required by para-
4	graph (1) shall describe—
5	"(A) the activities of the Advisory Com-
6	mittee during the preceding year;
7	"(B) the reports and recommendations
8	made by the Advisory Committee to the Secre-
9	taries during the preceding year; and
10	"(C) an accounting of actions taken by the
11	Secretaries as a result of the recommendations.
12	"(h) Federal Advisory Committee Act.—The
13	Advisory Committee shall be exempt from the Federal Ad-
14	visory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.).".
15	TITLE VI—RECREATIONAL FISH-
16	ING AND HUNTING HERITAGE
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1/	<b>OPPORTUNITIES ACT</b>
18	<b>OPPORTUNITIES ACT</b> SEC. 601. SHORT TITLE.
18	SEC. 601. SHORT TITLE.
18 19	<b>SEC. 601. SHORT TITLE.</b> This title may be cited as the "Recreational Fishing
18 19 20	<b>SEC. 601. SHORT TITLE.</b> This title may be cited as the "Recreational Fishing and Hunting Heritage and Opportunities Act".
18 19 20 21	<ul><li>SEC. 601. SHORT TITLE.</li><li>This title may be cited as the "Recreational Fishing and Hunting Heritage and Opportunities Act".</li><li>SEC. 602. FINDINGS.</li></ul>
18 19 20 21 22	<ul> <li>SEC. 601. SHORT TITLE.</li> <li>This title may be cited as the "Recreational Fishing and Hunting Heritage and Opportunities Act".</li> <li>SEC. 602. FINDINGS.</li> <li>Congress finds that—</li> </ul>

(2) recreational anglers and hunters have been
 and continue to be among the foremost supporters
 of sound fish and wildlife management and conserva tion in the United States;

5 (3) recreational fishing and hunting are envi-6 ronmentally acceptable and beneficial activities that 7 occur and can be provided on Federal lands and 8 waters without adverse effects on other uses or 9 users;

(4) recreational anglers, hunters, and sporting
organizations provide direct assistance to fish and
wildlife managers and enforcement officers of the
Federal Government as well as State and local governments by investing volunteer time and effort to
fish and wildlife conservation;

16 (5) recreational anglers, hunters, and the asso-17 ciated industries have generated billions of dollars of 18 critical funding for fish and wildlife conservation, re-19 search, and management by providing revenues from 20 purchases of fishing and hunting licenses, permits, 21 and stamps, as well as excise taxes on fishing, hunt-22 ing, and recreational shooting equipment that have 23 generated billions of dollars of critical funding for 24 fish and wildlife conservation, research, and manage-25 ment;

(6) recreational shooting is also an important
 and traditional activity in which millions of Ameri cans participate;

4 (7) safe recreational shooting is a valid use of
5 Federal lands, including the establishment of safe
6 and convenient recreational shooting ranges on such
7 lands, and participation in recreational shooting
8 helps recruit and retain hunters and contributes to
9 wildlife conservation;

10 (8) opportunities to recreationally fish, hunt, 11 and shoot are declining, which depresses participa-12 tion in these traditional activities, and depressed 13 participation adversely impacts fish and wildlife con-14 servation and funding for important conservation ef-15 forts; and

16 (9) the public interest would be served, and our 17 citizens' fish and wildlife resources benefitted, by ac-18 tion to ensure that opportunities are facilitated to 19 engage in fishing and hunting on Federal land as 20 recognized by Executive Order No. 12962, relating 21 to recreational fisheries, and Executive Order No. 22 13443, relating to facilitation of hunting heritage 23 and wildlife conservation.

1 SEC. 603. FISHING, HUNTING, AND RECREATIONAL SHOOT-2 ING. 3 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section: 4 (1) FEDERAL LAND.—The term "Federal land" 5 means any land or water that is owned by the 6 United States and under the administrative jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management or the For-7 8 est Service. 9 (2)FEDERAL LAND MANAGEMENT **OFFI-**CIALS.—The term "Federal land management offi-10 cials" means— 11 12 (A) the Secretary of the Interior and Di-13 rector of the Bureau of Land Management re-14 garding Bureau of Land Management lands 15 and interests in lands under the administrative 16 jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Manage-17 ment; and 18 (B) the Secretary of Agriculture and Chief 19 of the Forest Service regarding National Forest 20 System lands. 21 (3) HUNTING.— 22 (A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subparagraph (B), the term "hunting" means 23 24 use of a firearm, bow, or other authorized

means in the lawful—

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1	(i) pursuit, shooting, capture, collec-
2	tion, trapping, or killing of wildlife;
3	(ii) attempt to pursue, shoot, capture,
4	collect, trap, or kill wildlife; or
5	(iii) the training of hunting dogs, in-
6	cluding field trials.
7	(B) EXCLUSION.—The term "hunting"
8	does not include the use of skilled volunteers to
9	cull excess animals (as defined by other Federal
10	law).
11	(4) Recreational fishing.—The term "rec-
12	reational fishing" means the lawful—
13	(A) pursuit, capture, collection, or killing
14	of fish; or
15	(B) attempt to capture, collect, or kill fish.
16	(5) Recreational shooting.—The term
17	"recreational shooting" means any form of sport,
18	training, competition, or pastime, whether formal or
19	informal, that involves the discharge of a rifle, hand-
20	gun, or shotgun, or the use of a bow and arrow.
21	(b) IN GENERAL.—Subject to valid existing rights
22	and subsection (e), and cooperation with the respective
23	State fish and wildlife agency, Federal land management
24	officials shall exercise authority under existing law, includ-
25	ing provisions regarding land use planning, to facilitate

use of and access to Federal lands, including National
 Monuments, Wilderness Areas, Wilderness Study Areas,
 and lands administratively classified as wilderness eligible
 or suitable and primitive or semi-primitive areas, for fish ing, hunting, and recreational shooting, except as limited
 by—

- 7 (1) statutory authority that authorizes action or
  8 withholding action for reasons of national security,
  9 public safety, or resource conservation;
- (2) any other Federal statute that specifically
  precludes fishing, hunting, or recreational shooting
  on specific Federal lands, waters, or units thereof;
  and
- (3) discretionary limitations on fishing, hunting, and recreational shooting determined to be necessary and reasonable as supported by the best scientific evidence and advanced through a transparent
  public process.
- 19 (c) MANAGEMENT.—Consistent with subsection (a),
  20 Federal land management officials shall exercise their land
  21 management discretion—
- (1) in a manner that supports and facilitates
  fishing, hunting, and recreational shooting opportunities;

(2) to the extent authorized under applicable
 State law; and

3 (3) in accordance with applicable Federal law.
4 (d) PLANNING.—

5 (1) EVALUATION OF EFFECTS ON OPPORTUNI-6 TIES TO ENGAGE IN FISHING, HUNTING, OR REC-7 REATIONAL SHOOTING.—Planning documents that 8 apply to Federal lands, including land resources 9 management plans, resource management plans, 10 travel management plans, and general management 11 plans shall include a specific evaluation of the effects 12 of such plans on opportunities to engage in fishing, 13 hunting, or recreational shooting.

14 (2) STRATEGIC GROWTH POLICY FOR THE NA15 TIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE SYSTEM.—Section
16 4(a)(3) of the National Wildlife Refuge System Ad17 ministration Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 668dd(a)(3)) is
18 amended—

19 (A) by redesignating subparagraphs (C)
20 and (D) and subparagraphs (D) and (E), re21 spectively; and

(B) by inserting after subparagraph (B),the following:

24 "(C) the Secretary shall integrate wildlife-25 dependent recreational uses in accordance with

1 their status as priority general public uses into 2 proposed or existing regulations, policies, cri-3 teria, plans, or other activities to alter or 4 amend the manner in which individual refuges 5 or the National Wildlife Refuge System (Sys-6 tem) are managed, including, but not limited to, 7 any activities which target or prioritize criteria 8 for long and short term System acquisitions;". 9 (3) NO MAJOR FEDERAL ACTION.—No action 10 taken under this Act, or under section 4 of the Na-11 tional Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 12 1966 (16 U.S.C. 668dd), either individually or cu-13 mulatively with other actions involving Federal lands 14 or lands managed by the United States Fish and 15 Wildlife Service, shall be considered to be a major 16 Federal action significantly affecting the quality of 17 the human environment, and no additional identi-18 fication, analysis, or consideration of environmental 19 effects, including cumulative effects, is necessary or 20 required.

(4) OTHER ACTIVITY NOT CONSIDERED.—Federal land management officials are not required to
consider the existence or availability of fishing, hunting, or recreational shooting opportunities on adjacent or nearby public or private lands in the plan-

ning for or determination of which Federal lands are
open for these activities or in the setting of levels of
use for these activities on Federal lands, unless the
combination or coordination of such opportunities
would enhance the fishing, hunting, or recreational
shooting opportunities available to the public.

7 (e) FEDERAL LANDS.—

(1) LANDS OPEN.—Lands under the jurisdic-8 9 tion of the Bureau of Land Management and the 10 Forest Service, including Wilderness Areas, Wilder-11 ness Study Areas, lands designated as wilderness or 12 administratively classified as wilderness eligible or 13 suitable and primitive or semi-primitive areas and 14 National Monuments, but excluding lands on the 15 Outer Continental Shelf, shall be open to fishing, 16 hunting, and recreational shooting unless the man-17 aging Federal agency acts to close lands to such ac-18 tivity. Lands may be subject to closures or restric-19 tions if determined by the head of the agency to be 20 necessary and reasonable and supported by facts 21 and evidence, for purposes including resource con-22 servation, public safety, energy or mineral produc-23 tion, energy generation or transmission infrastruc-24 ture, water supply facilities, protection of other per-25 mittees, protection of private property rights or in-

1	terest, national security, or compliance with other
2	law.
3	(2) Recreational shooting ranges.—
4	(A) IN GENERAL.—The head of each Fed-
5	eral agency shall use his or her authorities in
6	a manner consistent with this Act and other ap-
7	plicable law, to—
8	(i) lease or permit use of lands under
9	the jurisdiction of the agency for rec-
10	reational shooting ranges; and
11	(ii) designate specific lands under the
12	jurisdiction of the agency for recreational
13	shooting activities.
14	(B) LIMITATION ON LIABILITY.—Any des-
15	ignation under subparagraph (A)(ii) shall not
16	subject the United States to any civil action or
17	claim for monetary damages for injury or loss
18	of property or personal injury or death caused
19	by any activity occurring at or on such des-
20	ignated lands.
21	(f) Necessity in Wilderness Areas and "With-
22	IN AND SUPPLEMENTAL TO" WILDERNESS PURPOSES.—
23	(1) MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMINIS-
24	TRATION.—The provision of opportunities for fish-
25	ing, hunting, and recreational shooting, and the con-

1 servation of fish and wildlife to provide sustainable 2 use recreational opportunities on designated Federal 3 wilderness areas shall constitute measures necessary 4 to meet the minimum requirements for the adminis-5 tration of the wilderness area, provided that this de-6 termination shall not authorize or facilitate com-7 modity development, use, or extraction, motorized 8 recreational access or use that is not otherwise al-9 lowed under the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et 10 seq.), or permanent road construction or mainte-11 nance within designated wilderness areas.

12 (2) Application of wilderness act.—Provi-13 sions of the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et 14 seq.), stipulating that wilderness purposes are "with-15 in and supplemental to" the purposes of the under-16 lying Federal land unit are reaffirmed. When seek-17 ing to carry out fish and wildlife conservation pro-18 grams and projects or provide fish and wildlife de-19 pendent recreation opportunities on designated wil-20 derness areas, each Federal land management offi-21 cial shall implement these supplemental purposes so 22 as to facilitate, enhance, or both, but not to impede 23 the underlying Federal land purposes when seeking 24 to carry out fish and wildlife conservation programs 25 and projects or provide fish and wildlife dependent recreation opportunities in designated wilderness
 areas, provided that such implementation shall not
 authorize or facilitate commodity development, use
 or extraction, or permanent road construction or
 maintenance within designated wilderness areas.

6 (g) NO PRIORITY.—Nothing in this section requires
7 a Federal land management official to give preference to
8 fishing, hunting, or recreational shooting over other uses
9 of Federal land or over land or water management prior10 ities established by Federal law.

(h) CONSULTATION WITH COUNCILS.—In fulfilling
the duties under this section, Federal land management
officials shall consult with respective advisory councils as
established in Executive Order Nos. 12962 and 13443.

(i) AUTHORITY OF THE STATES.—Nothing in this
section shall be construed as interfering with, diminishing,
or conflicting with the authority, jurisdiction, or responsibility of any State to exercise primary management, control, or regulation of fish and wildlife under State law (including regulations) on land or water within the State, including on Federal land.

(j) FEDERAL LICENSES.—Nothing in this section
shall be construed to authorize a Federal land management official to require a license, fee, or permit to fish,
hunt, or trap on land or water in a State, including on

1	Federal land in the States, except that this subsection
2	shall not affect the Migratory Bird Stamp requirement set
3	forth in the Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation
4	Stamp Act (16 U.S.C. 718 et seq.).
5	SEC. 604. VOLUNTEER HUNTERS; REPORTS; CLOSURES AND
6	RESTRICTIONS.
7	(a) DEFINITIONS.—For the purposes of this section:
8	(1) PUBLIC LAND.—The term "public land"
9	means—
10	(A) units of the National Park System;
11	(B) National Forest System lands; and
12	(C) land and interests in land owned by
13	the United States and under the administrative
14	jurisdiction of—
15	(i) the Fish and Wildlife Service; or
16	(ii) the Bureau of Land Management.
17	(2) SECRETARY.—The term "Secretary"
18	means—
19	(A) the Secretary of the Interior and in-
20	cludes the Director of the National Park Serv-
21	ice, with regard to units of the National Park
22	System;
23	(B) the Secretary of the Interior and in-
24	cludes the Director of the Fish and Wildlife

1	Service, with regard to Fish and Wildlife Serv-
2	ice lands and waters;
3	(C) the Secretary of the Interior and in-
4	cludes the Director of the Bureau of Land
5	Management, with regard to Bureau of Land
6	Management lands and waters; and
7	(D) the Secretary of Agriculture and in-
8	cludes the Chief of the Forest Service, with re-
9	gard to National Forest System lands.
10	(3) Volunteer from the hunting commu-
11	NITY.—The term "volunteer from the hunting com-
12	munity" means a volunteer who holds a valid hunt-
13	ing license issued by a State.
14	(b) Volunteer Hunters.—When planning wildlife
15	management involving reducing the size of a wildlife popu-
16	lation on public land, the Secretary shall consider the use
17	of and may use volunteers from the hunting community
18	as agents to assist in carrying out wildlife management
19	on public land. The Secretary shall not reject the use of
20	volunteers from the hunting community as agents without
21	the concurrence of the appropriate State wildlife manage-
22	ment authorities.
23	(c) REPORT — Reginning on the second October 1

23 (c) REPORT.—Beginning on the second October 1
24 after the date of the enactment of this Act and biennially
25 on October 1 thereafter, the Secretary shall submit to the

Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Rep resentatives and the Committee on Energy and Natural
 Resources of the Senate a report that describes—

4 (1) any public land administered by the Sec5 retary that was closed to fishing, hunting, and rec6 reational shooting at any time during the preceding
7 year; and

8 (2) the reason for the closure.

9 (d) CLOSURES OR SIGNIFICANT RESTRICTIONS.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—Other than closures estab-11 lished or prescribed by land planning actions re-12 ferred to in section 604(e) or emergency closures de-13 scribed in paragraph (2), a permanent or temporary 14 withdrawal, change of classification, or change of 15 management status of public land that effectively 16 closes or significantly restricts any acreage of public 17 land to access or use for fishing, hunting, rec-18 reational shooting, or activities related to fishing, 19 hunting, or recreational shooting, or a combination 20 of those activities, shall take effect only if, before the 21 date of withdrawal or change, the Secretary—

22 (A) publishes appropriate notice of the23 withdrawal or change, respectively;

(B) demonstrates that coordination has oc curred with a State fish and wildlife agency;
 and

4 (C) submits to the Committee on Natural 5 Resources of the House of Representatives and 6 the Committee on Energy and Natural Re-7 sources of the Senate written notice of the with-8 drawal or change, respectively.

9 (2) EMERGENCY CLOSURES.—Nothing in this 10 Act prohibits the Secretary from establishing or im-11 plementing emergency closures or restrictions of the 12 smallest practicable area to provide for public safety, 13 resource conservation, national security, or other 14 purposes authorized by law. Such an emergency clo-15 sure shall terminate after a reasonable period of 16 time unless converted to a permanent closure con-17 sistent with this Act.

#### 18**TITLE VII—FARMER AND**

#### 19 HUNTER PROTECTION ACT

#### 20 **SEC. 701. SHORT TITLE.**

21 This title may be cited as the "Hunter and Farmer22 Protection Act".

1 SEC. 702. BAITING OF MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS. 2 Section 3 of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16) 3 U.S.C. 704) is amended by striking subsection (b) and in-4 serting the following: 5 "(b) PROHIBITION OF BAITING.— 6 "(1) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection: 7 "(A) BAITED AREA.— 8 "(i) IN GENERAL.—The term 'baited 9 area' means— 10 "(I) any area on which salt, 11 grain, or other feed has been placed, 12 exposed, deposited, distributed, or 13 scattered, if the salt, grain, or feed 14 could lure or attract migratory game 15 birds; and 16 "(II) in the case of waterfowl, 17 cranes (family Gruidae), and coots 18 (family Rallidae), a standing, unhar-19 vested crop that has been manipulated 20 through activities such as mowing, 21 discing, or rolling, unless the activities 22 are normal agricultural practices.

"(ii) EXCLUSIONS.—An area shall not be considered to be a 'baited area' if the area—

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1	"(I) has been treated with a nor-
2	mal agricultural practice;
3	"(II) has standing crops that
4	have not been manipulated; or
5	"(III) has standing crops that
6	have been or are flooded.
7	"(B) BAITING.—The term 'baiting' means
8	the direct or indirect placing, exposing, depos-
9	iting, distributing, or scattering of salt, grain,
10	or other feed that could lure or attract migra-
11	tory game birds to, on, or over any areas on
12	which a hunter is attempting to take migratory
13	game birds.
14	"(C) Migratory game bird.—The term
15	'migratory game bird' means migratory bird
16	species—
17	"(i) that are within the taxonomic
18	families of Anatidae, Columbidae, Gruidae,
19	Rallidae, and Scolopacidae; and
20	"(ii) for which open seasons are pre-
21	scribed by the Secretary of the Interior.
22	"(D) NORMAL AGRICULTURAL PRAC-
23	TICE.—

1 "(i) IN GENERAL.—The term "	normal
2 agricultural practice' means any prac	ctice in
3 1 annual growing season that—	
4 "(I) is carried out in or	der to
5 produce a marketable crop, in	cluding
6 planting, harvest, postharvest,	or soil
7 conservation practices; and	
8 "(II) is recommended for	or the
9 successful harvest of a given c	erop by
10 the applicable State office of t	the Co-
11 operative Extension System of t	the De-
12 partment of Agriculture, in co	nsulta-
13 tion with, and if requested, th	ne con-
14 currence of, the head of the app	plicable
15 State department of fish and v	vildlife.
16 "(ii) Inclusions.—	
17 "(I) IN GENERAL.—Subj	ject to
18 subclause (II), the term 'norma	al agri-
19 cultural practice' includes the d	lestruc-
20 tion of a crop in accordance	e with
21 practices required by the H	Federal
22 Crop Insurance Corporation fo	or agri-
23 cultural producers to obtain c	rop in-
24 surance under the Federal Cr	op In-
25 surance Act (7 U.S.C. 1501 e	et seq.)

1	on land on which a crop during the
2	current or immediately preceding crop
3	year was not harvestable due to a nat-
4	ural disaster (including any hurricane,
5	storm, tornado, flood, high water,
6	wind-driven water, tidal wave, tsu-
7	nami, earthquake, volcanic eruption,
8	landslide, mudslide, drought, fire,
9	snowstorm, or other catastrophe that
10	is declared a major disaster by the
11	President in accordance with section
12	401 of the Robert T. Stafford Dis-
13	aster Relief and Emergency Assist-
14	ance Act (42 U.S.C. 5170)).
15	"(II) LIMITATIONS.—The term
16	'normal agricultural practice' only in-
17	cludes a crop described in subclause
18	(I) that has been destroyed or manip-
19	ulated through activities that include
20	(but are not limited to) mowing,
21	discing, or rolling if the Federal Crop
22	Insurance Corporation certifies that
23	flooding was not an acceptable method
24	of destruction to obtain crop insur-

1	ance under the Federal Crop Insur-
2	ance Act (7 U.S.C. 1501 et seq.).
3	"(E) WATERFOWL.—The term 'waterfowl'
4	means native species of the family Anatidae.
5	"(2) Prohibition.—It shall be unlawful for
6	any person—
7	"(A) to take any migratory game bird by
8	baiting or on or over any baited area, if the
9	person knows or reasonably should know that
10	the area is a baited area; or
11	"(B) to place or direct the placement of
12	bait on or adjacent to an area for the purpose
13	of causing, inducing, or allowing any person to
14	take or attempt to take any migratory game
15	bird by baiting or on or over the baited area.
16	"(3) Regulations.—The Secretary of the In-
17	terior may promulgate regulations to implement this
18	subsection.
19	"(4) REPORTS.—Annually, the Secretary of Ag-
20	riculture shall submit to the Secretary of the Inte-
21	rior a report that describes any changes to normal
22	agricultural practices across the range of crops
23	grown by agricultural producers in each region of
24	the United States in which the recommendations are
25	provided to agricultural producers.".

## TITLE VIII—TRANSPORTING BOWS ACROSS NATIONAL PARK SERVICE LANDS

#### 4 SEC. 801. SHORT TITLE.

5 This title may be cited as the "Hunter Access Cor-6 ridors Act".

### 7 SEC. 802. BOWHUNTING OPPORTUNITY AND WILDLIFE 8 STEWARDSHIP.

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter II of chapter 1015 of
10 title 54, United States Code, is amended by adding at the
11 end the following:

#### 12 "§ 101513. Hunter access corridors

13 "(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

14 "(1) NOT READY FOR IMMEDIATE USE.—The
15 term 'not ready for immediate use' means—

16 "(A) a bow or crossbow, the arrows of
17 which are secured or stowed in a quiver or
18 other arrow transport case; and

"(B) with respect to a crossbow, uncocked.
"(2) VALID HUNTING LICENSE.—The term
'valid hunting license' means a State-issued hunting
license that authorizes an individual to hunt on private or public land adjacent to the System unit in
which the individual is located while in possession of

1	a bow or crossbow that is not ready for immediate
2	use.
3	"(b) Transportation Authorized.—
4	"(1) IN GENERAL.—The Director shall not re-
5	quire a permit for, or promulgate or enforce any
6	regulation that prohibits an individual from, trans-
7	porting bows and crossbows that are not ready for
8	immediate use across any System unit if—
9	"(A) in the case of an individual traversing
10	the System unit on foot—
11	"(i) the individual is not otherwise
12	prohibited by law from possessing the bows
13	and crossbows;
14	"(ii) the bows or crossbows are not
15	ready for immediate use throughout the
16	period during which the bows or crossbows
17	are transported across the System unit;
18	"(iii) the possession of the bows and
19	crossbows is in compliance with the law of
20	the State in which the System unit is lo-
21	cated; and
22	"(iv)(I) the individual possesses a
23	valid hunting license;
24	"(II) the individual is traversing the
25	System unit en route to a hunting access

1	corridor established under subsection
2	(c)(1); or
3	"(III) the individual is traversing the
4	System unit in compliance with any other
5	applicable regulations or policies; or
6	"(B) the bows or crossbows are not ready
7	for immediate use and remain inside a vehicle.
8	"(2) Enforcement.—Nothing in this sub-
9	section limits the authority of the Director to en-
10	force laws (including regulations) prohibiting hunt-
11	ing or the taking of wildlife in any System unit.
12	"(c) Establishment of Hunter Access Cor-
13	RIDORS.—
14	"(1) IN GENERAL.—On a determination by the
15	Director under paragraph (2), the Director may es-
16	tablish and publish (in accordance with section $1.5$
17	of title 36, Code of Federal Regulations (or a suc-
18	cessor regulation)), on a publicly available map, hun-
19	ter access corridors across System units that are
20	used to access public land that is—
21	"(A) contiguous to a System unit; and
22	"(B) open to hunting.
23	"(2) DETERMINATION BY DIRECTOR.—The de-
24	termination referred to in paragraph (1) is a deter-
25	mination that the hunter access corridor would pro-

1	vide wildlife management or visitor experience bene-
2	fits within the boundary of the System unit in which
3	the hunter access corridor is located.
4	"(3) HUNTING SEASON.—The hunter access
5	corridors shall be open for use during hunting sea-
6	sons.
7	"(4) EXCEPTION.—The Director may establish
8	limited periods during which access through the
9	hunter access corridors is closed for reasons of pub-
10	lic safety, administration, or compliance with appli-
11	cable law.
12	"(5) Identification of corridors.—The Di-
13	rector shall—
14	"(A) make information regarding hunter
15	access corridors available on the individual
16	website of the applicable System unit; and
17	"(B) provide information regarding any
18	processes established by the Director for trans-
19	porting legally taken game through individual
20	hunter access corridors.
21	"(6) REGISTRATION; TRANSPORTATION OF
22	GAME.—The Director may—
23	"(A) provide registration boxes to be lo-
24	cated at the trailhead of each hunter access cor-
25	ridor for self-registration;

1	"(B) provide a process for online self-reg-
2	istration; and
3	"(C) allow nonmotorized conveyances to
4	transport legally taken game through a hunter
5	access corridor established under this sub-
6	section, including game carts and sleds.
7	"(7) Consultation with states.—The Di-
8	rector shall consult with each applicable State wild-
9	life agency to identify appropriate hunter access cor-
10	ridors.
11	"(d) EFFECT.—Nothing in this section—
12	"(1) diminishes, enlarges, or modifies any Fed-
13	eral or State authority with respect to recreational
14	hunting, recreational shooting, or any other rec-
15	reational activities within the boundaries of a Sys-
16	tem unit; or
17	"(2) authorizes—
18	"(A) the establishment of new trails in
19	System units; or
20	"(B) authorizes individuals to access areas
21	in System units, on foot or otherwise, that are
22	not open to such access.
23	"(e) No Major Federal Action.—
24	"(1) IN GENERAL.—Any action taken under
25	this section shall not be considered a major Federal

1 action significantly affecting the quality of the 2 human environment under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.). 3 "(2) NO ADDITIONAL ACTION REQUIRED.—No 4 5 additional identification, analyses, or consideration 6 of environmental effects (including cumulative envi-7 ronmental effects) is necessary or required with re-8 spect to an action taken under this section.". 9 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections affected for title 54, United States Code, is amended by 10 inserting after the item relating to section 101512 the fol-11 lowing: 12

"§101513. Hunter access corridors.".

# 13 TITLE IX—FEDERAL LAND 14 TRANSACTION FACILITATION 15 ACT REAUTHORIZATION 16 (FLTFA)

17 SEC. 901. SHORT TITLE.

18 This title may be cited as the "Federal Land Trans-19 action Facilitation Act Reauthorization of 2015".

20 SEC. 902. FEDERAL LAND TRANSACTION FACILITATION21ACT.

22 The Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act is23 amended—

1	(1) in section $203(1)$ (43 U.S.C. $2302(1)$ ), by
2	striking "cultural, or" and inserting "cultural, rec-
3	reational access and use, or other";
4	(2) in section $203(2)$ in the matter preceding
5	subparagraph (A), by striking "on the date of enact-
6	ment of this Act was" and inserting "is";
7	(3) in section 205 (43 U.S.C. 2304)—
8	(A) in subsection (a), by striking "section
9	206" and all that follows through the period
10	and inserting the following:
11	"section 206—
12	((1) to complete appraisals and satisfy other
13	legal requirements for the sale or exchange of public
14	land identified for disposal under approved land use
15	plans under section 202 of the Federal Land Policy
16	and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1712);
17	((2) not later than 180 days after the date of
18	the enactment of the Federal Land Transaction Fa-
19	cilitation Act Reauthorization of 2015, to establish
20	and make available to the public, on the website of
21	the Department of the Interior, a database con-
22	taining a comprehensive list of all the land referred
23	to in paragraph (1); and
24	"(3) to maintain the database referred to in
25	paragraph (2)."; and

1	(B) in subsection (d), by striking "11" and
2	inserting "22";
3	(4) by amending section $206(c)(1)$ (43 U.S.C.
4	2305(c)(1)) to read as follows:
5	"(1) USE OF FUNDS.—
6	"(A) IN GENERAL.—Funds in the Federal
7	Land Disposal Account shall be expended in ac-
8	cordance with this subsection.
9	"(B) PURPOSES.—Except as authorized
10	under paragraph (2), funds in the Federal
11	Land Disposal Account shall be used for one or
12	more of the following purposes:
13	"(i) To purchase lands or interests
14	therein that are otherwise authorized by
15	law to be acquired and are one or more of
16	the following:
17	"(I) Inholdings.
18	"(II) Adjacent to federally des-
19	ignated areas and contain exceptional
20	resources.
21	"(III) Provide opportunities for
22	hunting, recreational fishing, rec-
23	reational shooting, and other rec-
24	reational activities.

"(IV) Likely to aid in the per-
formance of deferred maintenance or
the reduction of operations and main-
tenance costs or other deferred costs.
"(ii) To perform deferred mainte-
nance or other deferred maintenance ac-
tivities that enhance opportunities for rec-
reational access.";
(5) in section $206(c)(2)$ (43 U.S.C.
2305(c)(2))—
(A) by striking subparagraph (A);
(B) by redesignating subpargraphs (B),
(C), and (D) as subparagraphs (A), (B), and
(C), respectively;
(C) in subparagraph (C) (as so redesig-
nated by this paragraph)—
(i) by striking "PURCHASES" and in-
serting "LAND PURCHASES AND PERFORM-
ANCE OF DEFERRED MAINTENANCE AC-
TIVITIES'';
(ii) by striking "subparagraph (C)"
and inserting "subparagraph (B)"; and
(iii) by inserting "for the activities

1	(D) by adding at the end the following:
2	"(F) Any funds made available under sub-
3	paragraph (E) that are not obligated or ex-
4	pended by the end of the fourth full fiscal year
5	after the date of the sale or exchange of land
6	that generated the funds may be expended in
7	any State.";
8	(6) in section $206(c)(3)$ (43 U.S.C.
9	2305(c)(3))—
10	(A) by inserting after subparagraph (A)
11	the following:
12	"(B) the extent to which the acquisition of
13	the land or interest therein will increase the
14	public availability of resources for, and facilitate
15	public access to, hunting, fishing, and other rec-
16	reational activities;"; and
17	(B) by redesignating subparagraphs (B)
18	and (C) as subparagraphs (C) and (D);
19	(7) in section 206(f) (43 U.S.C. 2305(f)), by
20	amending paragraph (2) to read as follows:
21	"(2) any remaining balance in the account shall
22	be deposited in the Treasury and used for deficit re-
23	duction, except that in the case of a fiscal year for
24	which there is no Federal budget deficit, such
25	amounts shall be used to reduce the Federal debt (in

1	such manner as the Secretary of the Treasury con-
2	siders appropriate)."; and
3	(8) in section 207(b) (43 U.S.C. 2306(b))—
4	(A) in paragraph (1)—
5	(i) by striking "96–568" and insert-
6	ing "96–586"; and
7	(ii) by striking "; or" and inserting a
8	semicolon;
9	(B) in paragraph (2)—
10	(i) by inserting "Public Law 105–
11	263;" before "112 Stat."; and
12	(ii) by striking the period at the end
13	and inserting a semicolon; and
14	(C) by adding at the end the following:
15	"(3) the White Pine County Conservation,
16	Recreation, and Development Act of 2006 (Public
17	Law 109–432; 120 Stat. 3028);
18	"(4) the Lincoln County Conservation, Recre-
19	ation, and Development Act of 2004 (Public Law
20	108–424; 118 Stat. 2403);
21	"(5) subtitle F of title I of the Omnibus Public
22	Land Management Act of 2009 (16 U.S.C. 1132
23	note; Public Law 111–11);

1	"(6) subtitle O of title I of the Omnibus Public
2	Land Management Act of 2009 (16 U.S.C. 460www
3	note, 1132 note; Public Law 111–11);
4	"(7) section 2601 of the Omnibus Public Land
5	Management Act of 2009 (Public Law 111–11; 123
6	Stat. 1108); or
7	"(8) section 2606 of the Omnibus Public Land
8	Management Act of 2009 (Public Law 111–11; 123
9	Stat. 1121).".
10	TITLE X-AFRICAN ELEPHANT
11	CONSERVATION AND LEGAL
12	IVORY POSSESSION ACT
13	SEC. 1001. SHORT TITLE.
14	This title may be cited as the "African Elephant Con-
15	servation and Legal Ivory Possession Act of 2015".
16	SEC. 1002. REFERENCES.
17	Except as otherwise specifically provided, whenever in
18	this title an amendment or repeal is expressed in terms
19	of an amendment to, or repeal of, a provision, the ref-
20	erence shall be considered to be made to a provision of
21	the African Elephant Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 4201
22	et seq.).
23	SEC. 1003. LIMITED EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN AFRICAN

- 24 ELEPHANT IVORY.
- 25 Section 2203 (16 U.S.C. 4223) is amended—

1	(1) by inserting "(a) IN GENERAL.—" before
2	the first sentence;
3	(2) by inserting "and subsection (b) of this sec-
4	tion" after "2202(e)"; and
5	(3) by adding at the end the following:
6	"(b) EXEMPTION.—Nothing in this Act or subsection
7	(a) or (d) of section 9 of the Endangered Species Act of
8	1973 (16 U.S.C. 1538) shall be construed to prohibit im-
9	portation or exportation, or to require permission of the
10	Secretary for importation or exportation, of—
11	"(1) any raw ivory or worked ivory—
12	"(A) imported solely for purposes of be-
13	coming part of a museum's permanent collec-
14	tion, return to a lending museum, or display in
15	a museum; or
16	"(B) exported solely for purposes of—
17	"(i) display in a foreign museum; or
18	"(ii) return to a foreign person who
19	lent such ivory to a museum in the United
20	States;
21	((2) any raw ivory or worked ivory that was
22	lawfully importable into the United States on Feb-
23	ruary 24, 2014, regardless of when acquired; or
24	"(3) any worked ivory that was previously law-
25	fully possessed in the United States.".

SEC. 1004. PLACEMENT OF UNITED STATES FISH AND WILD LIFE SERVICE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER
 IN EACH AFRICAN ELEPHANT RANGE COUN TRY.

5 Part I (16 U.S.C. 4211 et seq.) is amended by adding6 at the end the following:

7 "SEC. 2105. PLACEMENT OF UNITED STATES FISH AND
8 WILDLIFE SERVICE LAW ENFORCEMENT OF9 FICER IN EACH AFRICAN ELEPHANT RANGE
10 COUNTRY.

11 "The Secretary, in coordination with the Secretary of State, may station one United States Fish and Wildlife 12 Service law enforcement officer in the primary United 13 States diplomatic or consular post in each African country 14 that has a significant population of African elephants, who 15 shall assist local wildlife rangers in the protection of Afri-16 17 can elephants and facilitate the apprehension of individuals who illegally kill, or assist the illegal killing of, Afri-18 19 can elephants.".

20 SEC. 1005. CERTIFICATION FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE 21 FISHERMEN'S PROTECTIVE ACT OF 1967.

Section 2202 of the African Elephant Conservation
Act (16 U.S.C. 4222) is amended by adding at the end
the following:

25 "(g) CERTIFICATION.—When the Secretary of the In-26 terior finds that a country, directly or indirectly, is a sig-

nificant transit or destination point for illegal ivory trade,
 the Secretary shall certify such fact to the President with
 respect to the country for the purposes of section 8(a) of
 the Fishermen's Protective Act of 1967 (22 U.S.C.
 1978(a)).".

#### 6 SEC. 1006. TREATMENT OF ELEPHANT IVORY.

7 Section 2203 (16 U.S.C. 4223) is further amended8 by adding at the end the following:

9 "(c) TREATMENT OF ELEPHANT IVORY.—Nothing in
10 this Act or the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16
11 U.S.C. 1538) shall be construed—

12 "(1) to prohibit, or to authorize prohibiting, the 13 possession, sale, delivery, receipt, shipment, or trans-14 portation of African elephant ivory, or any product 15 containing African elephant ivory, that has been law-16 fully imported or crafted in the United States; or

"(2) to authorize using any means of determining for purposes of this Act or the Endangered
Species Act of 1973 whether African elephant ivory
has been lawfully imported, including any presumption or burden of proof applied in such determination, other than such means used by the Secretary
as of February 24, 2014.".

#### 1 SEC. 1007. SPORT-HUNTED ELEPHANT TROPHIES.

2 Section 2203 (16 U.S.C. 4223) is further amended
3 by adding at the end the following:

4 "(d) Sport-Hunted Elephant Trophies.—Noth-5 ing in this Act or subsection (a) or (d) of section 9 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1538) 6 7 shall be construed to prohibit any citizen or legal resident 8 of the United States, or an agent of such an individual, 9 from importing a sport-hunted African elephant trophy under section 2202(e) of this Act, if the country in which 10 11 the elephant was taken had an elephant population on Appendix II of CITES at the time the trophy elephant was 12 taken. 13

"(e) RELATIONSHIP TO THE CONVENTION.—Nothing
in this section shall be construed as modifying or repealing
the Secretary's duties to implement CITES and the appendices thereto, or as modifying or repealing section 8A
or 9(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C.
1537a and 1538(c)).".

### 20 SEC. 1008. AFRICAN ELEPHANT CONSERVATION ACT FINAN21 CIAL ASSISTANCE PRIORITY AND REAUTHOR22 IZATION.

(a) FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PRIORITY.—Section
24 2101 of the African Elephant Conservation Act (16 U.S.C.
25 4211) is amended by redesignating subsections (e) and (f)

1 as subsections (f) and (g), respectively, and by inserting2 after subsection (d) the following:

3 "(e) PRIORITY.—In providing financial assistance 4 under this section, the Secretary shall give priority to 5 projects designed to facilitate the acquisition of equipment 6 and training of wildlife officials in ivory producing coun-7 tries to be used in anti-poaching efforts.".

8 (b) REAUTHORIZATION.—Section 2306(a) of the Af-9 rican Elephant Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 4245(a)) is 10 amended by striking "2007 through 2012" and inserting 11 "2016 through 2020".

### 12 TITLE XI—RESPECT FOR 13 TREATIES AND RIGHTS

14 SEC. 1101. RESPECT FOR TREATIES AND RIGHTS.

Nothing in this Act or the amendments made by this
Act shall be construed to affect or modify any treaty or
other right of any federally recognized Indian tribe.

#### 18 TITLE XII—INTEREST ON OBLI-

#### 19 GATIONS HELD IN THE WILD-

#### 20 LIFE RESTORATION FUND

21 SEC. 1201. INTEREST ON OBLIGATIONS HELD IN THE WILD-

#### 22 LIFE RESTORATION FUND.

23 Section 3(b)(2)(C) of the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife

24 Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 669b(b)(2)(C)) is amended by

25 striking "2016" and inserting "2026".

# 1 TITLE XIII—PERMITS FOR FILM 2 CREWS OF FIVE PEOPLE OR 3 LESS

4 SEC. 1301. ANNUAL PERMIT AND FEE FOR FILM CREWS OF

5 **5 PERSONS OR FEWER.** 

6 (a) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this section is to pro7 vide commercial film crews of 5 persons or fewer access
8 to film in areas designated for public use during public
9 hours on Federal land and waterways.

10 (b) NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM LAND.—Section
11 100905 of title 54, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—
(A) in paragraph (1), by striking "The
Secretary" and inserting "Except as provided
in paragraph (3), the Secretary"; and

16 (B) by adding at the end the following:
17 "(3) SPECIAL RULES FOR FILM CREWS OF 5
18 PERSONS OR FEWER.—

19 "(A) DEFINITION OF FILM CREW.—In this
20 paragraph, the term 'film crew' means any per21 sons present on Federal land or waterways
22 under the jurisdiction of the Secretary who are
23 associated with the production of a film.

24 "(B) REQUIRED PERMIT AND FEE.—For25 any film crew of 5 persons or fewer, the Sec-

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retary shall require a permit and assess an annual fee of \$200 for commercial filming activities or similar projects on Federal land and waterways administered by the Secretary.

5 "(C) Commercial filming activities.— 6 A permit issued under subparagraph (B) shall 7 be valid for commercial filming activities or 8 similar projects that occur in areas designated 9 for public use during public hours on all Fed-10 eral land and waterways administered by the 11 Secretary for a 1-year period beginning on the 12 date of issuance of the permit.

"(D) NO ADDITIONAL FEES.—For persons
holding a permit issued under this paragraph,
during the effective period of the permit, the
Secretary shall not assess any fees in addition
to the fee assessed under subparagraph (B).

"(E) USE OF CAMERAS.—The Secretary
shall not prohibit, as a mechanized apparatus
or under any other purposes, use of cameras or
related equipment used for the purpose of commercial filming activities or similar projects in
accordance with this paragraph on Federal land
and waterways administered by the Secretary.

1	"(F) NOTIFICATION REQUIRED.—A film
2	crew of 5 persons or fewer subject to a permit
3	issued under this paragraph shall notify the ap-
4	plicable land management agency with jurisdic-
5	tion over the Federal land at least 48 hours be-
6	fore entering the Federal land.
7	"(G) DENIAL OF ACCESS.—The head of
8	the applicable land management agency may
9	deny access to a film crew under this paragraph
10	if—
11	"(i) there is a likelihood of resource
12	damage that cannot be mitigated;
13	"(ii) there would be an unreasonable
14	disruption of the use and enjoyment of the
15	site by the public;
16	"(iii) the activity poses health or safe-
17	ty risks to the public; or
18	"(iv) the filming includes the use of
19	models or props that are not part of the
20	natural or cultural resources or adminis-
21	trative facilities of the Federal land."; and
22	(2) in the first sentence of subsection (b), by
23	striking "collect any costs" and inserting "recover
24	any costs".

1	(c) Other Federal Land.—Section 1 of Public
2	Law 106–206 (16 U.S.C. 460l–6d) is amended—
3	(1) in subsection (a)—
4	(A) in paragraph (1), by striking "The
5	Secretary" and inserting "Except as provided
6	in paragraph (3), the Secretary''; and
7	(B) by adding at the end the following:
8	"(3) Special rules for film crews of 5
9	PERSONS OR FEWER.—
10	"(A) DEFINITION OF FILM CREW.—In this
11	paragraph, the term 'film crew' means any per-
12	sons present on Federal land or waterways
13	under the jurisdiction of the Secretary who are
14	associated with the production of a film.
15	"(B) REQUIRED PERMIT AND FEE.—For
16	any film crew of 5 persons or fewer, the Sec-
17	retary shall require a permit and assess an an-
18	nual fee of \$200 for commercial filming activi-
19	ties or similar projects on Federal land and wa-
20	terways administered by the Secretary.
21	"(C) Commercial filming activities.—
22	A permit issued under subparagraph (B) shall
23	be valid for commercial filming activities or
24	similar projects that occur in areas designated
25	for public use during public hours on all Fed-

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eral land and waterways administered by the Secretary for a 1-year period beginning on the date of issuance of the permit.

"(D) NO ADDITIONAL FEES.—For persons holding a permit issued under this paragraph, during the effective period of the permit, the Secretary shall not assess any fees in addition to the fee assessed under subparagraph (B).

9 "(E) USE OF CAMERAS.—The Secretary 10 shall not prohibit, as a mechanized apparatus 11 or under any other purposes, use of cameras or 12 related equipment used for the purpose of com-13 mercial filming activities or similar projects in 14 accordance with this paragraph on Federal land 15 and waterways administered by the Secretary.

"(F) NOTIFICATION REQUIRED.—A film
crew of 5 persons or fewer subject to a permit
issued under this paragraph shall notify the applicable land management agency with jurisdiction over the Federal land at least 48 hours before entering the Federal land.

22 "(G) DENIAL OF ACCESS.—The head of
23 the applicable land management agency may
24 deny access to a film crew under this paragraph
25 if—

1	"(i) there is a likelihood of resource
2	damage that cannot be mitigated;
3	"(ii) there would be an unreasonable
4	disruption of the use and enjoyment of the
5	site by the public;
6	"(iii) the activity poses health or safe-
7	ty risks to the public; or
8	"(iv) the filming includes the use of
9	models or props that are not part of the
10	natural or cultural resources or adminis-
11	trative facilities of the Federal land."; and
12	(2) in the first sentence of subsection (b)—
13	(A) by striking "collect any costs" and in-
14	serting "recover any costs"; and
15	(B) by striking "similar project" and in-
16	serting "similar projects".

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