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Semiannual Regulatory Agenda

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Interior.
ACTION: Semiannual regulatory agenda.

SUMMARY: This notice provides the semiannual agenda of Department of the Interior (Department) rules scheduled for review or development between Spring 2020 and Spring 2021. The Regulatory Flexibility Act and Executive Order 12866 require publication of the agenda.

ADDRESSES: Unless otherwise indicated, all agency contacts are located at the Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20240.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Please direct all comments and inquiries about these rules to the appropriate agency contact. Please direct general comments relating to the agenda to the Office of Executive Secretariat and Regulatory Affairs, Department of the Interior, at the address above or at (202) 208-5257.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: With this publication, the Department satisfies the requirement of Executive Order 12866 that the Department publish an agenda of rules that we have issued or expect to issue and of currently effective rules that we have scheduled for review.

Simultaneously, the Department meets the requirement of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*) to publish an agenda in April and October of each year identifying rules that will have significant economic effects on a substantial number of small entities. We have specifically identified in the agenda rules that will have such effects. The complete Unified Agenda will be published at www.reginfo.gov, in a

format that offers users enhanced ability to obtain information from the Agenda database. Agenda information is also available at www.regulations.gov, the government-wide website for submission of comments on proposed regulations.

In some cases, the Department has withdrawn rules that were placed on previous agendas for which there has been no publication activity or for which a proposed or interim rule was published. There is no legal significance to the omission of an item from this agenda. Withdrawal of a rule does not necessarily mean that the Department will not proceed with the rulemaking. Withdrawal allows the Department to assess the action further and determine whether rulemaking is appropriate. Following such an assessment, the Department may determine that certain rules listed as withdrawn under this agenda are appropriate for promulgation. If that determination is made, such rules will comply with Executive Order 13771.

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Deputy Director, Executive Secretariat and Regulatory Affairs.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR LAND AND MINERALS MANAGEMENT—PROPOSED RULE STAGE

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR (DOI)

Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management (ASLM)

Proposed Rule Stage

141. Revisions to the Requirements for Exploratory Drilling on the Arctic Outer Continental Shelf

E.O. 13771 Designation: Deregulatory.
Legal Authority: 43 U.S.C. 1331 to 1356a; 33 U.S.C. 2701

Abstract: This proposed rule would revise specific provisions of the regulations published in the final Arctic Exploratory Drilling Rule, 81 FR 46478 (July 15, 2016), which established a regulatory framework for exploratory drilling and related operations within the Beaufort Sea and Chukchi Sea Planning Areas on the Outer Continental Shelf of Alaska. The rulemaking for this RIN replaces the

Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement’s RIN 1014-AA40.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/00/20	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.

Agency Contact: Justin Abernathy, Deputy Director for Policy, Office of the

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RIN: 1082-AA01

142. Risk Management, Financial Assurance and Loss Prevention

E.O. 13771 Designation: Deregulatory. *Legal Authority:* 43 U.S.C. 1331 *et seq.*

Abstract: As directed by Executive Order 13795, the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) has reconsidered its financial assurance policies, as reflected in Notice to Lessees No. 2016-N01 (September 12, 2016). In consideration of that review, BOEM and the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) are now developing a joint rule that is intended to revise existing financial assurance policies for oil and gas operations on the Outer Continental Shelf in order to ensure operator compliance with financial and performance obligations while reducing unnecessary regulatory burdens.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/00/20	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.

Agency Contact: Justin Abernathy, Deputy Director for Policy, Office of the Executive Secretariat and Regulatory Affairs, Department of the Interior, Office of the Secretary, 1849 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20240, Phone: 202 513-0357, Email: justin_abernathy@ios.doi.gov.

RIN: 1082-AA02

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR (DOI)

United States Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)

Proposed Rule Stage

143. Migratory Bird Hunting; 2020–2021 Migratory Game Bird Hunting Regulations

E.O. 13771 Designation: Fully or Partially Exempt. *Legal Authority:* 16 U.S.C. 703 to 712; 16 U.S.C. 742a–j

Abstract: We propose to establish annual hunting regulations for certain migratory game birds for the 2020–2021 hunting season. We annually prescribe outside limits (frameworks), within which States may select hunting seasons. This proposed rule provides the regulatory schedule, describes the

proposed regulatory alternatives for the 2020–2021 duck hunting seasons, and requests proposals from Indian tribes that wish to establish special migratory game bird hunting regulations on Federal Indian reservations and ceded lands. Migratory game bird hunting seasons provide opportunities for recreation and sustenance; aid Federal, State, and Tribal governments in the management of migratory game birds; and permit harvests at levels compatible with migratory game bird population status and habitat conditions. We rely on a regulatory impact analysis developed in 2013 to quantify the costs and benefits of different regulatory alternatives in these annual hunting regulations. We will incorporate the most recent available data in this analysis to inform the final rule and subsequent rulemakings.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/15/19	84 FR 55120
NPRM Comment Period End.	11/15/19	
NPRM—Proposed Frameworks.	03/19/20	85 FR 15870
NPRM Comment Period End.	04/20/20	
NPRM—Proposed Tribal Regulations.	04/02/20	85 FR 18532
NPRM Comment Period End.	05/04/20	
Final Frameworks	06/00/20	
Final Tribal Regulations.	07/00/20	
Season Selections.	08/00/20	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.

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RIN: 1018-BD89

144. Migratory Bird Hunting; 2021–22 Migratory Game Bird Hunting Regulations

E.O. 13771 Designation: Fully or Partially Exempt. *Legal Authority:* 16 U.S.C. 703 to 712; 16 U.S.C. 742a–j

Abstract: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service proposes to establish annual hunting regulations for certain migratory game birds for the 2021–22 hunting season. We annually prescribe outside limits (frameworks) within which States may select hunting seasons. This proposed rule provides

the regulatory schedule, announces the Service Migratory Bird Regulations Committee and Flyway Council meetings, describes the proposed regulatory alternatives for the 2021–22 duck hunting seasons, and requests proposals from Indian Tribes that wish to establish special migratory game bird hunting regulations on Federal Indian reservations and ceded lands.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/00/20	
NPRM—Supplemental.	09/00/20	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.

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RIN: 1018-BE34

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR (DOI)

United States Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)

Long-Term Actions

145. • Migratory Bird Hunting; 2022–23 Migratory Game Bird Hunting Regulations

E.O. 13771 Designation: Fully or Partially Exempt. *Legal Authority:* 16 U.S.C. 703 to 712; 16 U.S.C. 742a–j

Abstract: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service proposes to establish annual hunting regulations for certain migratory game birds for the 2022–23 hunting season. We annually prescribe outside limits (frameworks) within which States may select hunting seasons. This proposed rule provides the regulatory schedule, announces the Service Migratory Bird Regulations Committee and Flyway Council meetings, describes the proposed regulatory alternatives for the 2022–23 duck hunting seasons, and requests proposals from Indian Tribes that wish to establish special migratory game bird hunting regulations on Federal Indian reservations and ceded lands.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/00/21	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.

Agency Contact: Jerome Ford, Assistant Director—Migratory Bird Program, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, 5275 Leesburg Pike, MS—MB, Falls Church, VA 22041—3803, *Phone:* 703 358—1050, *Email:* jerome_ford@fws.gov.

RIN: 1018—BF07

146. • Importation, Exportation and Transportation of Wildlife; Updates to the Regulations

E.O. 13771 Designation: Other.

Legal Authority: 16 U.S.C. 668; 16 U.S.C. 704; 16 U.S.C. 712; 16 U.S.C. 1382; 16 U.S.C. 1538(d)–(f); 16 U.S.C. 1540(f); 16 U.S.C. 33 8(d)–(f); 16 U.S.C. 3371 to 3378; 16 U.S.C. 4223 to 4244; 16 U.S.C. 4901 to 4916; 18 U.S.C. 42; 31 U.S.C. 42; 31 U.S.C. 9701

Abstract: We propose to rewrite our regulations governing the importation and exportation of wildlife to make these regulations easier to understand. In addition, we propose to revise the inspection fees associated with the importation and exportation of wildlife and to update the list of species that qualify as domesticated species, for which U.S. Fish and Wildlife inspection and clearance is not required. The current inspection fees have been in effect since 2012. The establishment of these fees is consistent with the Independent Offices Appropriations Act of 1952 and OMB Circular No. A–25, which provide that services provided by Federal agencies are to be self-sustaining to the extent possible and that fees assessed should be sufficient to recover the full cost to the Federal

Government of providing the service and are based on market prices.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/00/21	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.

Agency Contact: Edward Grace, Assistant Director, Office of Law Enforcement, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, 5275 Leesburg Pike, MS: LEO, Falls Church, VA 22041—3803, *Phone:* 703 358—1949, *Fax:* 703 358—1947, *Email:* edward_grace@fws.gov.

RIN: 1018—BF16

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