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**Congressional Update** is published by the Arizona Game and Fish Department Legislative Affairs throughout the year. We provide a summary of Congressional legislation and national news that pertains to the Department.

## Congressional News:

- Sportsmen's grassroots action has led to the withdrawal of federal regulations that would have inflated firearm and ammunition production costs and halted the manufacture and sale of the products. The **Occupational Safety and Health Administration** (OSHA) announced July 16 that it will revise proposed rules that would have classified ammunition, gun powder and primers as explosives. A flood of sportsmen's pressure convinced the agency to reevaluate the rules that would have imposed restrictions with which few gun shops, sporting goods stores, shippers or ammunition dealers could comply.
- The **Farm bill** passed the House on July 27<sup>th</sup>, passage of the 741-page bill was by a vote of 231 to 191, after partisan battling unusual for farm legislation. The Senate has introduced their version. The President is currently threatening to veto this bill because of "pork." (No pun intended)
- Commissioner Martin attended Congressional testimony on **HR 2262** (Hardrock mining) and represented the Commission before the Committee, disposition of this bill is unknown.

## Congressional Legislation

### Totals

**House Bills:** 8  
**Senate Bills:** 7  
**Total:** 15

### Lists

- **Spotlight – Bills of Interest**
- **Moving – Recent Action**
- **Status Quo – Bills w/ no Recent Action**

### Spotlight

#### **HR 2262**

**Title:** To modify the requirements applicable to locatable minerals on public domain lands, consistent with the principles of self-initiation of mining claims, and for other purposes.

**Sponsor:** Rep Rahall, Nick J., II [WV-3] (introduced 5/10/2007)      **Cosponsors** (15)

**Latest Major Action:** 7/26/2007 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Introduced</b>	May 10, 2007
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Scheduled for Debate</b>	-7/27/07
<input type="checkbox"/> Voted on in House	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Voted on in Senate	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Signed by President	-

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### Moving

#### **H.R.767**

**Title:** To protect, conserve, and restore native fish, wildlife, and their natural habitats at national wildlife refuges through cooperative, incentive-based grants to control, mitigate, and eradicate harmful nonnative species, and for other purposes.

**Sponsor:** Rep Kind, Ron [WI-3] (introduced 1/31/2007)      **Cosponsors** (14)

**Latest Major Action:** 7/27/2007 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Introduced</b>	Jan 31, 2007
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Scheduled for Debate</b>	- 7/27/07
<input type="checkbox"/> Voted on in House	-
<input type="checkbox"/> Voted on in Senate	-

### S.300

**Title:** A bill to authorize appropriations for the Bureau of Reclamation to carry out the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program in the States of Arizona, California, and Nevada, and for other purposes.

**Sponsor:** Sen Kyl, Jon [AZ] (introduced 1/16/2007)      **Cosponsors** (3)

**Latest Major Action:** 7/26/2007 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Senate Subcommittee on Water and Power. Hearings held.

- Introduced** Jan 16, 2007
- Scheduled for Debate - HELD
- Voted on in Senate -
- Voted on in House -
- Signed by President -

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### Status Quo

### S.86

**Title:** A bill to designate segments of Fossil Creek, a tributary to the Verde River in the State of Arizona, as wild and scenic rivers.

**Sponsor:** Sen McCain, John [AZ] (introduced 1/4/2007)      **Cosponsors** (1) J. Kyle

**Related Bills:** H.R.199

**Latest Major Action:** 1/4/2007 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

### S.272

**Title:** A bill to amend Public Law 87-383 to reauthorize appropriations to promote the conservation of migratory waterfowl and to offset or prevent the serious loss of important wetland and other waterfowl habitat essential to the preservation of migratory waterfowl, and for other purposes.

**Sponsor:** Sen Coleman, Norm [MN] (introduced 1/11/2007)      **Cosponsors** (None)

**Latest Major Action:** 1/11/2007 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

### **S.317**

**Title:** A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to establish a program to regulate the emission of greenhouse gases from electric utilities.

**Sponsor:** Sen Feinstein, Dianne [CA] (introduced 1/17/2007)      **Cosponsors** (1)

**Related Bills:** H.R.620

**Latest Major Action:** 1/17/2007 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

### **S.408**

**Title:** A bill to recognize the heritage of hunting and provide opportunities for continued hunting on Federal public land.

**Sponsor:** Sen Chambliss, Saxby [GA] (introduced 1/26/2007)      **Cosponsors** (6)

**Latest Major Action:** 1/26/2007 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

### **S. 658**

**Title:** A bill to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to improve the process for listing, recovery planning, and delisting, and for other purposes.

**Sponsor:** Sen Thomas, Craig [WY] (introduced 2/16/2007)      **Cosponsors** (5)

**Latest Major Action:** 2/16/2007 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

### **S. 700**

**Title:** A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code to provide a tax credit to individuals who enter into agreements to protect the habitats of endangered and threatened species, and for other purposes.

**Sponsor:** Sen Crapo, Mike [ID] (introduced 2/28/2007)      **Cosponsors** (16)

**Related Bills:** H.R.1422

**Latest Major Action:** 2/28/2007 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

### **S. 725**

**Title:** A bill to amend the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990 to reauthorize and improve that Act.

**Sponsor:** Sen Levin, Carl [MI] (introduced 3/1/2007)      **Cosponsors** (2)

**Latest Major Action:** 3/1/2007 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

### **H.R.199**

**Title:** To designate segments of Fossil Creek, a tributary to the Verde River in the State

of Arizona, as wild and scenic rivers.

**Sponsor:** Rep Renzi, Rick [AZ-1] (introduced 1/4/2007)      **Cosponsors** (3) Franks, Grijalva, Pastor

**Related Bills:** S.86

**Latest Major Action:** 2/7/2007 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands.

### **H.R.620**

**Title:** To accelerate the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions in the United States by establishing a market-driven system of greenhouse gas tradeable allowances that will limit greenhouse gas emissions in the United States, reduce dependence upon foreign oil, and ensure benefits to consumers from the trading in such allowances, and for other purposes.

**Sponsor:** Rep Olver, John W. [MA-1] (introduced 1/22/2007)      **Cosponsors** (112)

**Related Bills:** S.280, S.317

**Latest Major Action:** 2/7/2007 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, and Oceans.

### **H.R.658**

**Title:** To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into cooperative agreements to protect natural resources of units of the National Park System through collaborative efforts on land inside and outside of units of the National Park System, and for other purposes.

**Sponsor:** Rep Porter, Jon C. [NV-3] (introduced 1/24/2007)      **Cosponsors** (4)

**Related Bills:** S.241

**Latest Major Action:** 6/26/2007 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 235.

### **H.R.764**

**Title:** To expand the boundary of Saguaro National Park, to study additional land for future adjustments to the boundary of the Park, and for other purposes.

**Sponsor:** Rep Grijalva, Raul M. [AZ-7] (introduced 1/31/2007)      **Cosponsors** (1) G, Giffords

**Latest Major Action:** 2/7/2007 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands.

### **H.R.1179**

**Title:** To clarify the authority of the Secretary of the Interior with regard to management of elk in Rocky Mountain National Park.

**Sponsor:** Rep Udall, Mark [CO-2] (introduced 2/16/2007)      **Cosponsors** (1) Rep Gordon, Bart [TN-6] - 5/2/2007

**Related Bills:** S.684, S.917 (S. 684 identifies Theodore Roosevelt NP)

**Latest Major Action:** 2/26/2007 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands.

### **H.R.2337**

**Title:** To promote energy policy reforms and public accountability, alternative energy and efficiency, and carbon capture and climate change mitigation, and for other purposes.

**Sponsor:** Rep Rahall, Nick J., II [WV-3] (introduced 5/16/2007)      **Cosponsors** (7)

**Latest Major Action:** 6/13/2007 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 26 - 22.

### **H.R.2550**

**Title:** To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act relating to recreational vessels.

**Sponsor:** Rep Taylor, Gene [MS-4] (introduced 5/24/2007)      **Cosponsors** (14)

**Latest Major Action:** 5/25/2007 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.

### **H.R.2593**

**Title:** To secure and conserve Federal public lands and natural resources along the international land borders of the United States, and for other purposes.

**Sponsor:** Rep Grijalva, Raul M. [AZ-7] (introduced 6/6/2007)      **Cosponsors** (11)

**Latest Major Action:** 6/14/2007 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands.

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