

## Congressional Bill Tracking

AZGFD-Related Legislation in the 1<sup>st</sup> Session of the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress  
(For Period Ending Friday, July 15, 2005)

### News & Notes

The U.S. House of Representatives has adjourned for the weekend and will reconvene Monday, July 18. The U.S. Senate is in session considering H.R. 3057, the Foreign Operations Appropriations bill.

### STATUS OF BILLS MONITORED BY THE COMMISSION

BILLS	BILL STATUS
<p><b>H.R. 3 Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users</b> To authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes.</p> <p><b>Game and Fish-Related Provision</b> Reauthorization of the Sport Fish Restoration Act (Wallop-Breaux). Provides for the authorization of excise taxes on motorboats and small engine fuels towards the Aquatic Resources Trust Fund.</p> <p><b>Primary Sponsor(s):</b> Rep. Don Young (AK) <b>Arizona co-sponsor(s):</b> none <b>Dear Colleague Signer(s):</b> none</p>	<p><b>Date</b>    <b>Major Congressional Action</b></p> <p>2/9/05    Introduced in the House</p> <p>3/7/05    Amended by the Committee on Transportation</p> <p>3/10/05    Passed/agreed to in House: (417-9)</p> <p>5/17/05    Passed/agreed to in Senate with an amendment (89-11)</p> <p>6/9/05    Conference committee held</p> <p><b>Arizona delegation votes</b> <u>House:</u> (417-9) <i>Yeas:</i> Franks, Grijalva, Hayworth, Kolbe, Pastor, Renzi; <i>Nays:</i> Flake, Shadegg <u>Senate:</u> (89-11) <i>Yeas:</i> none; <i>Nays:</i> Kyl, McCain.</p> <p><b>Current Status</b> Awaits conference committee action. The House-passed version of the bill provides for the full recovery of the excise taxes; the Senate-passed version does not. Rep. Young assured that the bill will emerge from committee with the House provisions regarding the Aquatic Trust Fund.</p>
<p><b>H.R.410/S.161 Northern Arizona Land Exchange and Verde River Basin Partnership Act of 2005</b> A bill to provide for a land exchange in the State of Arizona between the Secretary of Agriculture and Yavapai Ranch Limited Partnership.</p> <p><b>Game and Fish-Related Provision</b> Land to be exchanged includes wildlife habitat.</p> <p><b>Primary Sponsor(s):</b> Rep. Rick Renzi (AZ) and Sen. John McCain (AZ) <b>Arizona Co-sponsor(s):</b> Rep. J. D. Hayworth and Sen. Jon Kyl <b>Dear Colleague Signer(s):</b> n/a</p>	<p><b>Date</b>    <b>Major Congressional Action</b></p> <p>1/25/05    Introduced in Senate and referred to the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources</p> <p>1/26/05    Introduced in House and referred to the House Committee on Resources.</p> <p>2/10    -referred to the House Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health.</p> <p>3/16/05    Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources reported favorably by Senator Domenici without amendment.</p> <p>3/16/05    House Subcommittee hearings held.</p> <p><b>Current Status</b> Awaits floor action in Senate and Subcommittee action in House.</p>

<b>BILLS</b>	<b>BILL STATUS</b>
<p><b>H.R.1299 Critical Habitat Enhancement Act of 2005</b> To amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to reform the process for designating critical habitat under that Act.</p> <p><b>Game and Fish-Related Provision</b> Makes changes to the process of designating critical habitat of endangered or threatened species.</p> <p><b>Primary Sponsor(s):</b> Rep. Dennis A. Cardoza (CA) <b>Arizona Co-sponsor(s):</b> Rep. Jeff Flake and Rep. J. D. Hayworth <b>Dear Colleague Signer(s):</b> n/a</p>	<p><b>Date</b>    <b>Major Congressional Action</b> 3/15/05    Introduced in the House and referred to the House Committee on Resources.</p> <p><b>Current Status</b> Awaits receipt of executive comment in Committee.</p>
<p><b>H.R.1351/S.548 Voluntary Public Access and Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program Act of 2005</b> To amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to encourage owners and operators of privately-held farm, ranch, and forest land to voluntarily make their land available for public access under programs administered by States and tribal governments, and for other purposes.</p> <p><b>Game and Fish-Related Provision</b> Creates the voluntary access program and appropriates \$20 mil. for each year from FY05-FY09.</p> <p><b>Primary Sponsor(s):</b> Rep. Earl Pomeroy (ND) and Sen. Kent Conrad (ND) <b>Arizona Co-sponsor(s):</b> none <b>Dear Colleague Signer(s):</b> n/a</p>	<p><b>Date</b>    <b>Major Congressional Action</b> 3/8/05    Introduced in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry 3/16/05    Introduced in the House and referred to the House Committee on Agriculture 3/24    -referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Rural Development and Research 5/17/05    Introductory remarks on measure in the Senate</p> <p><b>Current Status</b> Awaits action in Senate Committee and receipt of executive comment by House Committee.</p>
<p><b>H.R.1428 National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Reauthorization Act of 2005</b> To authorize appropriations for the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, and for other purposes.</p> <p><b>Game and Fish-Related Provision</b> Reauthorizes appropriations for the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation through FY2010. Authorizes the use of federal funds to match contributions made to Foundation grant recipients.</p> <p><b>Primary Sponsor(s):</b> Rep. Richard W. Pombo (CA) <b>Arizona Co-sponsor(s):</b> none <b>Dear Colleague Signer(s):</b> n/a</p>	<p><b>Date</b>    <b>Major Congressional Action</b> 3/17/05    Introduced in the House and referred to the House Committee on Resources. 6/8/05    Reported and amended by the House Committee on Resources 6/27/05    Passed/agreed to as amended in House by a voice vote. 6/28/05    Referred to Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works.</p> <p><b>Current Status</b> Awaits Committee action in the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works</p>

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<p><b>H.R.1591/S.770 National Aquatic Invasive Species Act of 2005</b> To amend the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990 to reauthorize and improve that Act.</p> <p><b>Game and Fish-Related Provision</b></p> <p><b>Primary Sponsor(s):</b> Rep. Wayne T. Gilchrest (MD) and Sen. Carl Levin (MI) <b>Arizona Co-sponsor(s):</b> Rep. Raul M. Grijalva <b>Dear Colleague Signer(s):</b> n/a</p>	<p><b>Date Major Congressional Action</b> 4/13/05 Introduced in the House and referred to House Transportation and Infrastructure; 4/14 -referred to Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment -referred to the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation 4/13/05 Referred to House Resources 5/4 -referred to the House Subcommittee on Fisheries and Oceans 4/13/05 Introduced in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works</p> <p><b>Current Status</b> Awaits Committee action in the House and Senate.</p>
<p><b>H.R.1593 National Invasive Species Council Act</b> To establish the National Invasive Species Council, and for other purposes.</p> <p><b>Game and Fish-Related Provision</b></p> <p><b>Primary Sponsor(s):</b> Rep. Vernon J. Ehlers (MI) <b>Arizona Co-sponsor(s):</b> Rep. Raul M. Grijalva <b>Dear Colleague Signer(s):</b> n/a</p>	<p><b>Date Major Congressional Action</b> 4/13/05 Introduced in the House and referred to the House Committee on Resources 4/18 -referred to House Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health</p> <p><b>Current Status</b> Awaits Committee action in the House.</p>
<p><b>H.R.2361 Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2006</b> Making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes.</p> <p><b>Game and Fish-Related Provision</b> For wildlife conservation grants to States for development and implementation of programs to benefit of wildlife and their habitat, including species that are not hunted or fished, to be derived from the Land and Water Conservation Fund, and to remain available until expended. House-version appropriation: \$65 mil. Senate-version appropriation: \$72 mil.</p> <p><b>Primary Sponsor(s):</b> Rep. Charles H. Taylor (NC) <b>Arizona Co-sponsor(s):</b> none <b>Dear Colleague Signer(s):</b> n/a</p>	<p><b>Date Major Congressional Action</b> 5/13/05 Introduced in House and referred to the House Committee on Appropriations 5/19/05 Passed/agreed to in the House: (329-89) 5/20/05 Received in the Senate and referred to the Senate Committee on Appropriations 6/7 Subcommittee on Interior and Related Agencies 6/10/05 Committee passed with a substitute amendment 6/29/05 Passed/agreed to in the Senate with amendments: (94-0) 6/29/05 Resolving differences/Conference--Senate insists on its amendments, asks for a conference, appoints conferees</p> <p><b>Arizona delegation votes</b> <u>House:</u> <i>Yeas:</i> Hayworth, Kolbe, Pastor, Renzi, Shadegg; <i>Nays:</i> Flake, Franks, Grijalva <u>Senate:</u> <i>Yeas:</i> Kyl; <i>Nays:</i> none</p> <p><b>Current Status</b> Awaits House conferee appointments.</p>

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<p><b>H.R. 2618/S.1122 Southeast Arizona Land Exchange and Conservation Act of 2005</b>  A bill to authorize and direct the exchange and conveyance of certain National Forest land and other land in southeast Arizona.</p> <p><b>Game and Fish-Related Provision</b></p> <p><b>Primary Sponsor(s):</b> Rep. Rick Renzi (AZ) and Sen. Jon Kyl (AZ)  <b>Arizona Co-sponsor(s):</b> Rep. Jeff Flake, Rep. Trent Franks, Rep. J.D. Hayworth, Rep. Jim Kolbe, Rep. Ed Pastor, Rep. John Shadegg, and Sen. John McCain  <b>Dear Colleague Signer(s):</b> n/a</p>	<p><b>Date</b>    <b>Major Congressional Action</b></p> <p>5/25/05    Introduced in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources</p> <p>5/25/05    Introduced in the House and referred to the House Committee on Resources</p> <p>6/6         -referred to the Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health</p> <p><b>Current Status</b>  Awaits committee action in the Senate and the House.</p>
<p><b>H.R.2779 Species Rescue Act</b>  To amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to enable Federal agencies responsible for the preservation of threatened species and endangered species to rescue and relocate members of any of those species that would be taken in the course of certain reconstruction, maintenance, or repair of Federal or non-Federal manmade flood control levees.</p> <p><b>Game and Fish-Related Provision</b></p> <p><b>Primary Sponsor(s):</b> Rep. Wally Herger (CA)  <b>Arizona Co-sponsor(s):</b> none  <b>Dear Colleague Signer(s):</b> n/a</p>	<p><b>Date</b>    <b>Major Congressional Action</b></p> <p>6/7/05    Referred to the House Committee on Resources.</p> <p><b>Current Status</b>  Awaits Committee action in the House Committee on Resources</p>
<p><b>S.260 Partners for Fish and Wildlife Act</b>  To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide technical and financial assistance to private landowners to restore, enhance, and manage private land to improve fish and wildlife habitats through the Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program.</p> <p><b>Game and Fish-Related Provision</b>  Includes an appropriation for the landowner-relations program for \$75mil. for each of fiscal years 2006 through 2011.</p> <p><b>Primary Sponsor(s):</b> Rep. John Sullivan (OK) and Sen. James M. Inhofe (OK)  <b>Arizona Co-sponsor(s):</b> none  <b>Dear Colleague Signer(s):</b> n/a</p>	<p><b>Date</b>    <b>Major Congressional Action</b></p> <p>2/2/05    Introduce in the Senate and referred to Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works</p> <p>6/8/05    Senate Committee ordered bill to be reported with amendments favorably</p> <p>6/27/05    Passed Senate with amendments by Unanimous Consent</p> <p>6/28/05    Senate version sent to House and referred to House Committee on Resources</p> <p>6/30       -referred to the House Subcommittee on Fisheries and Oceans</p> <p><b>Current Status</b>  Awaits Committee action in the House.</p>

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<p><b>S. 1340 Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act Extension</b>            To amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act to extend the date after which surplus funds in the wildlife restoration fund become available for apportionment.</p> <p><b>Game and Fish-Related Provision</b></p> <p><b>Primary Sponsor(s):</b> Sen. James M. Inhofe (OK)  <b>Arizona Co-sponsor(s):</b> none  <b>Dear Colleague Signer(s):</b> n/a</p>	<p><b>Date</b>    <b>Major Congressional Action</b>            6/30/05    Referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works.</p> <p><b>Current Status</b>            Awaits Committee action in the Senate.</p>