

February 14, 2014

Dear Senator,

Our organizations, which represent millions of hunters, anglers, recreational shooters, and other conservationists, urge you to co-sponsor the Bipartisan Sportsmen's Act of 2014 (S. 1996), introduced on February 4. The bill is sponsored by Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus (CSC) Co-Chair Senator Kay Hagan and CSC member Senator Lisa Murkowski; and cosponsored by CSC Vice-Chair Senator Mark Pryor and CSC members, Senators Mark Begich, John Boozman, Dean Heller, John Hoeven, Mary Landrieu, Joe Manchin, Rob Portman, John Tester, and David Vitter. This pro-sportsmen's package is a compromise of legislation from Senator Hagan's Sportmen's and Public Outdoor Recreation Traditions (SPORT) Act and Senator Murkowski's Sportsmen's Act of 2013.

The Bipartisan Sportsmen's Act includes the following 12 titles:

- ***Permanent Electronic Duck Stamp Act of 2013 (S.738)***, authorizes the Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) to allow any state to provide federal duck stamps electronically
- ***Hunting, Fishing and Recreational Shooting Protection Act (S.1505)***, exempts lead fishing tackle from being regulated under the Toxic Substances Control Act
- ***Target Practice and Marksmanship Training Support Act (S.1212)***, enables states to allocate a greater proportion of federal funding to create and maintain shooting ranges on federal and non-federal lands
- ***Duck Stamp Subsistence Waiver***, grants the Secretary of the Interior the authority to make limited waivers of Duck Stamp requirements for certain subsistence users
- ***Polar Bear Conservation and Fairness Act (S.847)***, permits the Secretary of the Interior to authorize permits for re-importation of legally harvested Polar Bears from approved populations in Canada before the 2008 ban
- ***Farmer and Hunter Protection Act***, authorizes USDA extension offices to determine normal agricultural practices rather than the Fish and Wildlife Service
- ***Recreational Fishing and Hunting Heritage Opportunities Act (S.170)***, the bill also requires the Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service to keep their lands open to hunting, recreational fishing, and shooting
- ***Permits for Film Crews of Five People or Less***, directs the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to require annual permits and assess annual fees
- ***Making Public Lands Public***, requires 1.5% of annual Land and Water Conservation Fund for securing fishing, hunting, and recreational shooting access on federal public lands
- ***Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act Reauthorization (S.368)***, a program that enables the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to sell public land to private owners, counties, companies and others for ranching, community development and other projects
- ***North American Wetlands Conservation Act Reauthorization (S.741)***, provides matching grants to organizations, state and local governments, and private landowners

*for the acquisition, restoration, and enhancement of wetlands critical to the habitat of migratory birds.*

- ***National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Reauthorization (S.51)***, a non-profit that preserves and restores native wildlife species and habitats

As a large and diverse coalition of hunting, shooting, angling and other conservation organizations united, we ask that you cosponsor this important legislation to promote and preserve the values and traditions shared by sportsmen and women across the United States.

Sincerely,

American Sportfishing Association  
Archery Trade Association  
Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies  
B.A.S.S. LLC  
Boone & Crockett Club  
Bowhunting Preservation Alliance  
Campfire Club of America  
Catch-A-Dream Foundation  
Center for Coastal Conservation  
Coastal Conservation Association  
Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation  
Conservation Force  
Dallas Safari Club  
Delta Waterfowl Foundation  
Ducks Unlimited  
Izaak Walton League of America  
Masters of Foxhounds Association  
Mule Deer Foundation  
National Marine Manufacturers Association  
National Shooting Sports Foundation  
National Trappers Association  
National Wild Turkey Federation  
North American Bear Foundation  
North American Grouse Partnership  
Pheasants Forever  
Pope and Young Club  
Quail Forever  
Quality Deer Management Association  
Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation  
Ruffed Grouse Society  
Safari Club International  
Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership  
Tread Lightly!  
Trout Unlimited  
United States Sportsmen's Alliance

Whitetails Unlimited  
Wild Sheep Foundation  
Wildlife Forever  
Wildlife Management Institute  
Wildlife Mississippi