[118H615_RFS]

(Original Signature of Member)

119TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION



To prohibit the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture from prohibiting the use of lead ammunition or tackle on certain Federal land or water under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. WITTMAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

- To prohibit the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture from prohibiting the use of lead ammunition or tackle on certain Federal land or water under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture, and for other purposes.
 - 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
 - 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

- 4 This Act may be cited as the "Protecting Access for
- 5 Hunters and Anglers Act of 2025".

2

1 SEC. 2. PROTECTING ACCESS FOR HUNTERS AND ANGLERS 2 ON FEDERAL LAND AND WATER.

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in section 4 20.21 or 20.108 of title 50, Code of Federal Regulations 5 (as in effect on the date of enactment of this Act), and subsection (b), the Secretary of the Interior, acting 6 7 through the Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service or the Director of the Bureau of Land Man-8 9 agement, and the Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the Chief of the Forest Service (referred to in this section 10 as the "applicable Secretary"), may not— 11

12 (1) prohibit the use of lead ammunition or tack-13 le on Federal land or water that is—

(A) under the jurisdiction of the applicable 14 15 Secretary; and

16 (B) made available for hunting or fishing activities; or 17

18 (2) issue regulations relating to the level of lead 19 in ammunition or tackle to be used on Federal land 20 or water described in paragraph (1).

21 (b) EXCEPTION.—Subsection (a) shall not apply to 22 a prohibition or regulations described in that subsection 23 that are limited to a specific unit of Federal land or water, 24 if the applicable Secretary determines that—

25 (1) a decline in wildlife population at the specific unit of Federal land or water is primarily 26 (957340|1)

3

1	caused by the use of lead in ammunition or tackle,
2	based on the field data from the specific unit of Fed-
3	eral land or water; and
4	(2) the prohibition or regulations, as applicable,
5	are—
6	(A) consistent with the law of the State in
7	which the specific Federal land or water is lo-
8	cated;
9	(B) consistent with an applicable policy of
10	the fish and wildlife department of the State in
11	which the specific Federal land or water is lo-
12	cated; or
13	(C) approved by the applicable fish and
14	wildlife department of the State in which the
15	specific Federal land or water is located.
16	(c) FEDERAL REGISTER NOTICE.—The applicable
17	Secretary shall include in a Federal Register notice with
18	respect to any prohibition or regulations that meet the re-
19	quirements of paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (b)
20	an explanation of how the prohibition or regulations, as
21	applicable, meet those requirements.