



## RECOVERING AMERICA'S WILDLIFE ACT

The ***Recovering America's Wildlife Act, H.R.3742***, offers an incredible opportunity to protect at-risk fish and wildlife and their habitats throughout the country. It would dedicate \$1.3 billion annually to state-led conservation efforts to prevent at-risk species from becoming endangered. It also provides an additional \$97.5 million to tribal fish and wildlife managers.

The *Recovering America's Wildlife Act* specifically states that funding shall supplement, not replace, existing Pittman-Robertson (P-R) and Dingell-Johnson/Wallop-Breaux (D-J/W-B) funds available to the states. This legislation provides additional funding to the states for more fish, wildlife, and habitat conservation activities that benefit both game and non-game species.

H.R. 3742 will provide state wildlife agencies with resources to implement their State Wildlife Action Plans (SWAPs), which are blueprints to solve fish, wildlife, and habitat challenges. Many SWAPs include iconic game species that would directly benefit such as Northern Bobwhite in the Southeast, many waterfowl species in the Northwest, and Prairie Grouse in the West. When habitat is restored, all species thrive.



### **Good for wildlife. Good for taxpayers. Good for sportsmen & women.**

Over 60% of funding for sport fish and game species conservation led by our state wildlife agencies comes from state hunting and fishing licenses, permits, federal excise taxes on firearms and ammunition, and fishing/boating gear (over \$62 billion since 1939). State wildlife agencies have a solid track record of accomplishing remarkable species recovery and restoration successes since the early 1900s. However, enhanced funding is now needed to address today's growing fish and wildlife habitat management challenges.

A new complementary funding source is needed to support healthy populations of game and non-game species for future generations. This new funding model will allow all Americans to become investors in wildlife conservation for the nation. The funding associated with H.R. 3742 goes directly into the currently unfunded Wildlife Restoration and Conservation Program Subaccount of P-R, further solidifying the fact this bill is complementary to the contributions of sportsmen and women.

## A smart investment

The *Recovering America's Wildlife Act* represents an unprecedented opportunity to sustain the benefits of our natural world and our booming outdoor recreation industry. Across the country, outdoor recreation related activities generate \$887 billion in annual consumer spending and contribute to 7.6 million jobs.

The \$1.3 billion per year in federal funds that states would be eligible to receive, coupled with a 25% non-federal match, would translate into new jobs, increased funding for conservation, support for habitat restoration, and numerous other benefits to our nation's fish and wildlife.



## Recovering America's Wildlife Act Benefits:

**FUNDING FOR OUR STATES & TRIBAL LANDS.** The bipartisan *Recovering America's Wildlife Act* would provide \$1.3 billion per year to states nationally, and \$97.5 million to tribal lands, to recover imperiled fish and wildlife species and restore habitats.

**NO TAX INCREASE.** The money would come from existing revenues, so there would be no new taxes. Proactive fish and wildlife conservation is a smart investment to protect nature's benefits, which support our economy, agriculture, health, and quality of life.

**LOCAL CONTROL.** The funds will be administered by state fish and wildlife departments to fund qualified projects conducted by state and local government agencies, private landowners, conservation organizations, land trusts, universities, researchers, and others dealing with at-risk fish and wildlife.

**GOOD FOR BUSINESS.** This funding will create jobs, invest in our outdoor recreation economy, and avoid expensive recovery costs when species are listed as threatened or endangered.

**HUNTERS & ANGLERS.** Hunters and anglers know that game species rely on healthy habitat for survival. H.R.3742 provides a new complementary funding source to ensure healthy populations of game and non-game species and their habitats for future generations to enjoy.



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