Semiannual Regulatory Agenda

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Interior.

ACTION: Semiannual regulatory agenda.

SUMMARY: This notice provides the semiannual agenda of Department of the Interior (Department) rules scheduled for review or development between Spring 2020 and Spring 2021. The Regulatory Flexibility Act and Executive Order 12866 require publication of the agenda.
ADDRESSES: Unless otherwise indicated, all agency contacts are located at the Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20240.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Please direct all comments and inquiries about these rules to the appropriate agency contact. Please direct general comments relating to the agenda to the Office of Executive Secretariat and Regulatory Affairs, Department of the Interior, at the address above or at (202) 208-5257.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: With this publication, the Department satisfies the requirement of Executive Order 12866 that the Department publish an agenda of rules that we have issued or expect to issue and of currently effective rules that we have scheduled for review.

Simultaneously, the Department meets the requirement of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 et seq.) to publish an agenda in April and October of each year identifying rules that will have significant economic effects on a substantial number of small entities. We have specifically identified in the agenda rules that will have such effects. The complete Unified Agenda will be published at www.reginfo.gov, in a format that offers users enhanced ability to obtain information from the Agenda database. Agenda information is also available at www.regulations.gov, the government-wide website for submission of comments on proposed regulations.

In some cases, the Department has withdrawn rules that were placed on previous agendas for which there has been no publication activity or for which a proposed or interim rule was published. There is no legal significance to the omission of an item from this agenda. Withdrawal of a rule does not necessarily mean that the Department will not proceed with the rulemaking. Withdrawal allows the Department to assess the action further and determine whether rulemaking is appropriate. Following such an assessment, the Department may determine that certain rules listed as withdrawn under this agenda are appropriate for promulgation. If that determination is made, such rules will comply with Executive Order 13771.
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Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management—Proposed Rule Stage

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**Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management (ASLM)**

**141. REVISIONS TO THE REQUIREMENTS FOR EXPLORATORY DRILLING ON THE ARCTIC OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF**

**EO 13771 Designation:** Deregulatory

**Legal Authority:** 43 U.S.C. 1331 to 1356a; 33 U.S.C. 2701

**Abstract:** This proposed rule would revise specific provisions of the regulations published in the final Arctic Exploratory Drilling Rule, 81 FR 46478 (July 15, 2016), which established a regulatory framework
for exploratory drilling and related operations within the Beaufort Sea and Chukchi Sea Planning Areas on
the Outer Continental Shelf of Alaska. The rulemaking for this RIN replaces the Bureau of Safety and
Environmental Enforcement’s RIN 1014-AA40.

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**RIN:** 1082–AA01

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142. **RISK MANAGEMENT, FINANCIAL ASSURANCE AND LOSS PREVENTION**

**EO 13771 Designation:** Deregulatory

**Legal Authority:** 43 U.S.C. 1331 et seq.

**Abstract:** As directed by Executive Order 13795, the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) has
reconsidered its financial assurance policies, as reflected in Notice to Lessees No. 2016-N01 (September
12, 2016). In consideration of that review, BOEM and the Bureau of Safety and Environmental
Enforcement (BSEE) are now developing a joint rule that is intended to revise existing financial assurance
policies for oil and gas operations on the Outer Continental Shelf in order to ensure operator compliance
with financial and performance obligations while reducing unnecessary regulatory burdens.
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143. MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTING; 2020–2021 MIGRATORY GAME BIRD HUNTING REGULATIONS

EO 13771 Designation: Fully or Partially Exempt

Legal Authority: 16 U.S.C. 703 to 712; 16 U.S.C. 742a–j

Abstract: We propose to establish annual hunting regulations for certain migratory game birds for the 2020-2021 hunting season. We annually prescribe outside limits (frameworks), within which States may select hunting seasons. This proposed rule provides the regulatory schedule, describes the proposed regulatory alternatives for the 2020-2021 duck hunting seasons, and requests proposals from Indian
tribes that wish to establish special migratory game bird hunting regulations on Federal Indian reservations and ceded lands. Migratory game bird hunting seasons provide opportunities for recreation and sustenance; aid Federal, State, and Tribal governments in the management of migratory game birds; and permit harvests at levels compatible with migratory game bird population status and habitat conditions. We rely on a regulatory impact analysis developed in 2013 to quantify the costs and benefits of different regulatory alternatives in these annual hunting regulations. We will incorporate the most recent available data in this analysis to inform the final rule and subsequent rulemakings.

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144. MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTING; 2021–22 MIGRATORY GAME BIRD HUNTING REGULATIONS

EO 13771 Designation: Fully or Partially Exempt

Legal Authority: 16 U.S.C. 703 to 712; 16 U.S.C. 742a–j

Abstract: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service proposes to establish annual hunting regulations for certain migratory game birds for the 2021-22 hunting season. We annually prescribe outside limits (frameworks) within which States may select hunting seasons. This proposed rule provides the regulatory schedule, announces the Service Migratory Bird Regulations Committee and Flyway Council meetings, describes the proposed regulatory alternatives for the 2021-22 duck hunting seasons, and requests proposals from Indian Tribes that wish to establish special migratory game bird hunting regulations on Federal Indian reservations and ceded lands.

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145. • MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTING; 2022–23 MIGRATORY GAME BIRD HUNTING REGULATIONS

EO 13771 Designation: Fully or Partially Exempt

Legal Authority: 16 U.S.C. 703 to 712; 16 U.S.C. 742a–j

Abstract: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service proposes to establish annual hunting regulations for certain migratory game birds for the 2022-23 hunting season. We annually prescribe outside limits (frameworks) within which States may select hunting seasons. This proposed rule provides the regulatory schedule, announces the Service Migratory Bird Regulations Committee and Flyway Council meetings, describes the proposed regulatory alternatives for the 2022-23 duck hunting seasons, and requests proposals from Indian Tribes that wish to establish special migratory game bird hunting regulations on Federal Indian reservations and ceded lands.

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146. • IMPORTATION, EXPORTATION AND TRANSPORTATION OF WILDLIFE; UPDATES TO THE REGULATIONS

EO 13771 Designation: Other


Abstract: We propose to rewrite our regulations governing the importation and exportation of wildlife to make these regulations easier to understand. In addition, we propose to revise the inspection fees associated with the importation and exportation of wildlife and to update the list of species that qualify as domesticated species, for which U.S. Fish and Wildlife inspection and clearance is not required. The current inspection fees have been in effect since 2012. The establishment of these fees is consistent with the Independent Offices Appropriations Act of 1952 and OMB Circular No. A-25, which provide that services provided by Federal agencies are to be self-sustaining to the extent possible and that fees assessed should be sufficient to recover the full cost to the Federal Government of providing the service and are based on market prices.

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