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Semiannual Regulatory Agenda

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Interior.

ACTION: Semiannual Regulatory Agenda.

SUMMARY: This notice provides the semiannual agenda of the Department of the Interior (Department) rules scheduled for review or development between Spring 2025 and Spring 2026. The Regulatory Flexibility Act and Executive Order 12866 require publication of the agenda.

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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In some cases, the Department has withdrawn rules that were placed on previous agendas for which there has been no publication activity or for which a proposed or interim rule was published.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 Following such an assessment, the Department may determine that certain rules listed as withdrawn under this agenda are appropriate for promulgation.

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BUREAU OF SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENFORCEMENT—LONG-TERM ACTIONS

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UNITED STATES FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE—FINAL RULE STAGE

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BUREAU OF OCEAN ENERGY MANAGEMENT—PROPOSED RULE STAGE

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BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT—PROPOSED RULE STAGE

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109	Royalty for Oil and Gas Lost from Onshore Federal and Indian Leases	1004-AF33

Department of the Interior (DOI)	Long-Term Actions
Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE)	

102. REVISIONS TO DECOMMISSIONING REQUIREMENTS ON THE OCS [1014-AA53]

Legal Authority: Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act, 43 U.S.C. 1331 to 1356a

Abstract: This proposed rule would address issues relating to (1) idle iron by adding a definition of this term to clarify that it applies to idle wells and structures on active leases; (2) abandonment in place of subsea infrastructure by adding regulations addressing when BSEE may approve decommissioning-in-place instead of removal of certain subsea equipment; and (3) other operational considerations.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/00/26	
NPRM Comment Period End.	10/00/26	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes

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Department of the Interior (DOI)	Proposed Rule Stage
United States Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)	

103. IMPORTATION, EXPORTATION, AND TRANSPORTATION OF WILDLIFE; UPDATES TO THE REGULATIONS [1018-BF16]

Legal Authority: 16 U.S.C. 33 8(d)-(f); 16 U.S.C. 668; 16 U.S.C. 704; 16 U.S.C. 712; 16 U.S.C. 1382; 16 U.S.C. 1538(d)-(f); 16 U.S.C. 1540(f); 16 U.S.C. 3371 to 3378; 16 U.S.C. 4223 to 4244; 16 U.S.C. 4901 to 4916; 18 U.S.C. 42; 31 U.S.C. 42; 31 U.S.C. 9701; . . .

Abstract: This proposed rule would revise the FWS regulations governing the importation and exportation of wildlife. In conducting this rulemaking, FWS will review all sections of 50 CFR part 14 and propose necessary revisions.

Some substantive changes that FWS is considering include clarifying and adding definitions; codifying our approach to compliance with the Freedom of Information Act; designating additional ports for wildlife trade and clarifying the regulations pertaining to ports; adding sections related to requirements for urine, feces, and synthetically derived DNA, exempt species, and international mail; removing a section related to personally owned pet birds; clarifying language related to declaration and clearance requirements; streamlining marking requirements; and updating the fee schedule to better reflect 2025 conditions.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/00/25	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes

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104. • MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTING; 2026-27 MIGRATORY GAME BIRD HUNTING REGULATIONS [1018-BI69]

Legal Authority: 16 U.S.C. 703 *et seq.*; 16 U.S.C. 742a-j

Abstract: This rulemaking action would establish annual hunting regulations for certain migratory game birds. FWS annually prescribes the frameworks, or outside limits, for season lengths, bag limits, and areas for migratory game bird hunting. After these frameworks are established, States and Tribes may select season dates, bag limits, and other regulatory options for their hunting seasons.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/00/25	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes

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Department of the Interior (DOI)	Final Rule Stage
United States Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)	

105. MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTING; 2025-26 MIGRATORY GAME BIRD HUNTING REGULATIONS [1018-BH65]

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Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM (Preliminary).	01/21/25	90 FR 7056
NPRM Comment Period End.	02/20/25	
Proposed Frameworks.	04/23/25	90 FR 17300
Proposed Frameworks; Comment Period End.	05/27/25	
Final Frameworks	08/00/25	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes

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106. • RESCINDING THE DEFINITION OF “HARM” UNDER THE ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT [1018-BI38]

Legal Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*

Abstract: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service (we) are proposing to rescind the regulatory definition of “harm” in our Endangered Species Act (ESA) regulations. The existing regulatory definition of “harm,” which includes habitat modification, runs contrary to the best meaning of the statutory term “take.” We are

undertaking this change to adhere to the single, best meaning of the ESA.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/17/25	90 FR 16102
NPRM Comment Period End.	05/19/25	
Final Action	07/00/25	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes

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Department of the Interior (DOI)	Proposed Rule Stage
Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM)	

107. • RISK MANAGEMENT AND FINANCIAL ASSURANCE FOR OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF LEASE AND GRANT OBLIGATIONS [1010-AE26]

Legal Authority: 43 U.S.C. 1331, OCS Lands Act; E.O. 14154, Unleashing American Energy

Abstract: This proposed rule would rescind BOEM’s final rule “Risk Management and Financial Assurance for OCS Lease and Grant Obligations.” The proposed rule would revise the criteria for determining whether oil, gas, and sulfur lessees, right-of-use and easement grant holders, and pipeline right-of-way grant holders are required to provide financial assurance above the current minimum bonding levels to ensure compliance with their Outer

Continental Shelf (OCS) Lands Act obligations. This rule, if finalized, would reduce the amount of supplemental financial assurance required from oil gas, and sulfur lessees operating on the OCS and would support the goals of E.O. 14154.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	01/00/26	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes

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Department of the Interior (DOI)	Proposed Rule Stage
Bureau of Land Management (BLM)	

108. • RESCISSION OF THE INTERMITTENT ENERGY RULE [1004-AF32]

Legal Authority: 43 U.S.C. 1733; 43 U.S.C. 1740; 43 U.S. 1763; Public Law 116-260

Abstract: The BLM is proposing to rescind the “Rights-of-Way, Leasing, and Operations for Renewable Energy” final rule, issued on May 1, 2024.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/00/25	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes

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109. • ROYALTY FOR OIL AND GAS LOST FROM ONSHORE FEDERAL AND INDIAN LEASES [1004-AF33]

Legal Authority: 30 U.S.C. 181 *et seq.*; 30 U.S.C. 351 *et seq.*; 30 U.S.C. 1701 *et seq.*; 43 U.S.C. 1701 *et seq.*; 25 U.S.C. 396a *et seq.*; 25 U.S.C. 2102 *et seq.*; 25 U.S.C. 396; 30 U.S.C. 301-306; . . .

Abstract: This proposed rule would rescind BLM’s final rule “Waste Prevention, Production Subject to Royalties, and Resource Conservation,” consistent with the priorities identified in E.O. 14154 and SO 3418. The rule would reduce operator burdens.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/00/25	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes

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