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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 Department of the Interior (Department) rules scheduled for review or development between spring 2024 and spring 2025. The Regulatory Flexibility Act and Executive Order 12866 require publication of the agenda.

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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. The Department has specifically identified in the agenda those rules that will have such effects. The complete

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In some cases, the Department has withdrawn rules that were placed on previous Agendas for which there has been no publication activity or for which a proposed or interim rule was published.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 Following such an assessment, the Department may determine that any rules listed as withdrawn under this Agenda may be appropriate for promulgation.

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**BUREAU OF SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENFORCEMENT—FINAL RULE STAGE**

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137 .....	Migratory Bird Hunting; 2025–26 Migratory Game Bird Hunting Regulations .....	1018-BH65

**UNITED STATES FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE—FINAL RULE STAGE**

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140 .....	Risk Management and Financial Assurance for OCS Lease and Grant Obligations .....	1010-AE14

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR (DOI)**

*Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE)*

Final Rule Stage

**134. Outer Continental Shelf Civil Penalties, Surety Bond Requirements When Filing an Appeal [1014-AA57]**

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

*Abstract:* This proposed rulemaking would clarify BSEE's existing regulatory authority under 30 CFR 250.1409, which establishes criteria that must be met before a party may proceed with an appeal of a civil penalty pursuant to 30 CFR part 290. Before filing an appeal to the Interior Board of Land Appeals (IBLA), an operator must either submit a surety bond to BSEE's sister agency, BOEM, in the amount of the penalty, or notify BOEM that they want their lease bond to be used as the bond for the penalty amount.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	12/13/23	88 FR 86285
NPRM Comment Period End.	02/12/24	
Final Action .....	07/00/24	
Final Action Effective.	08/00/24	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR (DOI)**

*Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE)*

Long-Term Actions

**135. 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 .....	06/00/25	
NPRM Comment Period End.	09/00/25	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR (DOI)**

*United States Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)*

Proposed Rule Stage

**136. 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 FWS's regulations governing the importation and exportation of wildlife. In this rulemaking, FWS would review all sections of 50 CFR part 14 and provide necessary revisions.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	12/00/24	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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**137. Migratory Bird Hunting; 2025-26 Migratory Game Bird Hunting Regulations [1018-BH65]**

*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. Migratory bird management is a cooperative effort of Federal, State, and Tribal governments.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	09/00/24	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR (DOI)**

*United States Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)*

Final Rule Stage

**138. Migratory Bird Hunting; 2024-25 Migratory Game Bird Hunting Regulations [1018-BG63]**

*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. Migratory bird management is a cooperative effort of Federal, State, and Tribal governments.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	02/08/24	89 FR 8631
NPRM Comment Period End.	03/11/24	
Proposed Frameworks.	05/13/24	89 FR 41522
Proposed Frameworks; Comment Period End.	06/12/24	
Final Frameworks	08/00/24	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis*

*Required: Yes.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR (DOI)**

*National Park Service (NPS)*

Completed Actions

**139. Commercial Visitor Services; Concession Contracts [1024-AE57]**

*Legal Authority:* 54 U.S.C. 101926

*Abstract:* This final rule revises regulations that govern the solicitation,

award, and administration of concessions contracts to provide commercial visitor services at National Park System units under the authority granted to the Secretary of the Interior by the Concessions Management Improvement Act of 1998 and the National Park Service Centennial Act. The revisions reduce administrative burdens and expand opportunities for sustainable, high quality, and contemporary concessioner-provided visitor services in park areas.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	07/20/20	85 FR 43775
NPRM Comment Period End.	09/18/20	
Final Rule .....	12/29/23	88 FR 90098
Final Rule Effective.	01/29/24	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis*

*Required: Yes.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR (DOI)**

*Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM)*

Completed Actions

**140. Risk Management and Financial Assurance for OCS Lease and Grant Obligations [1010-AE14]**

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

*Abstract:* This final rule modifies the evaluation criteria for determining

whether oil, gas and sulfur lessees, right-of-use and easement grant holders, and pipeline right-of-way grant holders may be required to provide bonds or other financial assurance, above the regulatorily prescribed amounts for base bonds, to ensure compliance with their Outer Continental Shelf obligations.

BOEM held a Government-to-Government consultation with an Indian Tribal Nation during the development of the NPRM and the final rule. BOEM received a range of comments on the NPRM during the public comment period. This final rule addresses feedback received from public comment period and Tribal consultations.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	06/29/23	88 FR 42136
NPRM Comment Period Extension.	08/25/23	88 FR 58173
NPRM Comment Period End.	08/28/23	
NPRM Comment Period Extension End.	09/07/23	
Final Rule .....	04/24/24	89 FR 31544
Final Rule Technical Correction.	05/31/24	89 FR 47080
Final Rule Effective.	06/29/24	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis*

*Required: Yes.*

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