

September 9, 2015

The Honorable Lisa Murkowski
Chairwoman
Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
304 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable James Inhofe
Chairman
Committee on Environment and Public Works
410 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Maria Cantwell
Ranking Member
Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
304 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Barbara Boxer
Ranking Member
Committee on Environment and Public Works
456 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairwoman Murkowski and Chairman Inhofe, and Ranking Members Cantwell and Boxer:

We are writing to you on behalf of the millions of sportsmen-conservationists we represent to express our strong support for the Bipartisan Sportsmen's Act of 2015 (S.405). Introduced by Senators Murkowski and Heinrich of the Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus, and currently comprising 21 bipartisan cosponsors, S.405 revises a variety of existing programs to expand access to, and opportunities for, hunting, angling, and recreational shooting, and promotes wildlife and habitat conservation.

Despite strong support, similar legislation fell victim to procedural gridlock short of Senate passage in both the 112th and 113th Congresses. We are confident that the third iteration of this bipartisan effort will be successful.

We encourage prompt scheduling of markups in both the Environment and Public Works and Energy and Natural Resources Committees. If markups can be scheduled shortly and potential amendments to the base bill can be made in a timely fashion, then regular order consideration of this important legislation can continue to advance the bipartisan provisions in the bill.

Please let us know if we can assist you during this process in any way.

Sincerely,

American Sportfishing Association
Archery Trade Association
Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies
B.A.S.S.
Bear Trust International

Berkley Conservation Institute
Boone and Crockett Club
Camp Fire Club of America
Catch-A-Dream Foundation
Center for Coastal Conservation

Coastal Conservation Association
Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation
Conservation Force
Council to Advance Hunting and the
Shooting Sports
Dallas Safari Club
Delta Waterfowl Foundation
Ducks Unlimited
Houston Safari Club
International Game Fish Association
Izaak Walton League of America
Masters of Foxhounds Association
Mule Deer Foundation
National Marine Manufacturers Association
National Shooting Sports Foundation
National Trappers Association
National Wild Turkey Federation
National Wildlife Federation
North American Bear Foundation
Orion – The Hunter's Institute

Pheasants Forever
Pope and Young Club
Quail Forever
Quality Deer Management Association
Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation
Ruffed Grouse Society
Safari Club International
Shikar Safari Club International
Shimano American Corporation
Sportsmen's Alliance
Texas Wildlife Association
The Conservation Fund
Theodore Roosevelt Conservation
Partnership
Tread Lightly!
Trout Unlimited
Wild Sheep Foundation
Wildlife Forever
Wildlife Management Institute
Wildlife Mississippi