

NDAA Citation: H.R. 5515, sec. 314 (State Management and Conservation of Species)

DoD Position: The Department objects to the House provision and urges its exclusion, because it is not necessary to protect military testing and training and is therefore not appropriate for inclusion in the NDAA. Inclusion of this provision misleadingly implies that the DOD has had or may have difficulty managing for these species without degrading military testing and training. This is simply not the case—no management actions related to these species have inhibited DOD’s ability to appropriately test and train. Additionally, these provisions may undermine the ongoing working relationships and initiatives that DOD has with our federal, state, and private partners as it relates to balancing wildlife conservation and sustaining our readiness capabilities.