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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 2022 and Spring 2023. 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In some cases, the Department has withdrawn rules that were placed on previous agendas for which there has been no publication activity or for which a proposed or interim rule was published.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 Following such an assessment, the Department may determine that certain rules listed as withdrawn under this agenda are appropriate for promulgation.

Bivan Patnaik,
Deputy Director, Executive Secretariat and Regulatory Affairs.

BUREAU OF SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENFORCEMENT—PROPOSED RULE STAGE

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140	Air Quality Rule	1010-AE09

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR (DOI)

Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE)

Proposed Rule Stage

133. Oil and Gas and Sulfur Operations in the Outer Continental Shelf-Blowout Preventer Systems and Well Control Revisions [1014-AA52]

Legal Authority: Not Yet Determined.
Abstract: This rulemaking would revise the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) regulations published in the 2019 final rule entitled “Oil and Gas and Sulfur Operations in the Outer Continental Shelf-Blowout Preventer Systems and Well Control Revisions,” 84 FR 21908 (May 15, 2019), for drilling, workover, completion and decommissioning operations. In accordance with Executive Order (E.O.) 13990 (Protecting Public Health and the Environment and Restoring Science to Tackle the Climate Crisis) and the E.O.’s accompanying “President’s Fact Sheet: List of Agency Actions for Review,” BSEE reviewed the 2019 final rule and plans to propose updates to Subpart G of 30 CFR part 250 to ensure operations are conducted safely and in an environmentally responsible manner.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/00/22	
NPRM Comment Period End.	08/00/22	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.

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RIN: 1014-AA52

134. 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	04/00/23	
NPRM Comment Period End.	06/00/23	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.

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RIN: 1014-AA53

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR (DOI)

Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management (ASLM)

Final Rule Stage

135. Risk Management, Financial Assurance and Loss Prevention—Decommissioning Activities and Obligations [1082-AA02]

Legal Authority: 43 U.S.C. 1334(a)
Abstract: On October 12, 2020, the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) and Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) published the joint proposed rule in the **Federal Register** (85 FR 65904). BSEE will continue to pursue this rulemaking as a BSEE-only final rule to revise policies and procedures concerning compliance with decommissioning obligations for Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) oil and gas. The final rule will clarify and streamline specific regulatory requirements associated with the operational and procedural aspects of applicable decommissioning responsibilities of OCS lessees and grant holders. BOEM will continue to evaluate and develop a comprehensive set of regulations to manage the risks and financial obligations associated with industry activities on the OCS and

pursue these actions in a separate rulemaking under RIN 1010-AE14.
Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/16/20	85 FR 65904
NPRM Comment Period End.	12/15/20	
Final Action	06/00/22	
Final Action Effective.	07/00/22	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.

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RIN: 1082-AA02

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR (DOI)

United States Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)

Proposed Rule Stage

136. Migratory Bird Hunting; 2022–23 Migratory Game Bird Hunting Regulations [1018-BF07]

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

Abstract: This rulemaking action will establish annual hunting regulations for certain migratory game birds for the 2022–23 hunting season. The FWS annually prescribes outside limits (frameworks) within which States may select hunting seasons. This rulemaking action is conducted under the direction of the Service Migratory Bird Regulations Committee and the Flyway Councils. It describes 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.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Notice of Meeting Meeting	03/25/21 04/06/21	86 FR 15957
NPRM	08/31/21	86 FR 48649
NPRM Comment Period End.	09/30/21	
NPRM—Proposed Frameworks.	02/02/22	87 FR 5946

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM Comment Period End—Proposed Frameworks.	03/04/22	
NPRM—Proposed Tribal Regulations.	06/00/22	
Final Action—Final Frameworks.	06/00/22	
Final Action—Final Tribal Regulations.	08/00/22	
Final Action—Season Selections.	08/00/22	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.
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137. Migratory Bird Hunting; 2023–24 Migratory Game Bird Hunting Regulations [1018–BF64]

Legal Authority: 16 U.S.C. 703 *et seq.*; 16 U.S.C. 742a–j
Abstract: This proposed rule would establish annual hunting regulations for certain migratory game birds. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service 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 may select season dates, bag limits, and other regulatory options for their hunting seasons.
Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM Proposed Frameworks.	06/00/22 12/00/22	
Proposed Tribal Regulations.	01/00/23	
Final Frameworks	02/00/23	
Final Tribal Regulations.	04/00/23	
Seasons and Bag Limits.	06/00/23	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.
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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 may select season dates, bag limits, and other regulatory options for their hunting seasons.
Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/00/22	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR (DOI)

United States Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)

Long-Term Actions

139. Importation, Exportation and Transportation of Wildlife; Updates to the Regulations [1018–BF16]

Legal Authority: 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. 33 8(d)–(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 rewrite FWS’s regulations governing the importation and exportation of wildlife to make these regulations easier to understand. In addition, FWS proposes 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 FWS 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.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM		To Be Determined

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR (DOI)

Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM)

Long-Term Actions

140. Air Quality Rule [1010–AE09]

Legal Authority: OCSLA sec. 5(a)(8)
Abstract: This proposed rule would identify opportunities for clarifying air quality regulations.
Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM		To Be Determined

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.

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