

## **Summary of H.R. 2406, Sportsmen’s Heritage and Recreational Enhancement Act of 2015 (“SHARE Act”)**

Federal agencies like the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) often prevent or impede access to federal lands for hunting, fishing, and recreational shooting that should otherwise be available for those activities. H.R. 2406 the “*Sportsmen’s Heritage and Recreational Enhancement Act of 2015 (SHARE Act)*” introduced by Rep. Robert Wittman (R-VA-1) is comprised of thirteen provisions that increase opportunities for hunters, anglers, and recreational shooters; eliminate regulatory impediments and safeguard against new regulations that impede outdoor sporting activities; and protect Second Amendment rights. The bill also protects the use of traditional ammunition and fishing tackle, prevents the implementation of onerous constraints on lawfully possessed ivory products, and eliminates red tape associated with the importation of hunting trophies.

### **IMPORTANT PROVISIONS**

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Outdoor sporting activities are also a major economic driver, contributing over \$90 billion to the U.S. economy in 2011. One major provision within the bill encourages federal land management agencies to cooperate with state and local governments to maintain recreational shooting ranges. This enables states to allocate a greater proportion of federal funding to create and maintain recreational shooting ranges on federal and non-federal lands.

The bill amends the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act to establish the Wildlife and Hunting Heritage Conservation Council Advisory Committee to advise the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture on wildlife and habitat conservation, hunting, and recreational shooting.

The *SHARE Act* aims to ensure future generations have ample access to federal lands to hunt, fish, and shoot. Reliable access not only sustains our nation’s rich outdoor sporting heritage, it significantly benefits the sportsmen and women that make up our recreational industries.

### **SUPPORT FOR THE LEGISLATION**

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The following organizations support H.R. 2406: 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 Rifle Association, National Shooting Sports Foundation, National Trappers Association, National Wild Turkey 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, Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership, Tread Lightly!, Trout Unlimited, Wild Sheep Foundation, Wildlife Forever, Wildlife Management Institute, and Wildlife Mississippi.