

Stronger U.S. Regulation of Live Animal Imports



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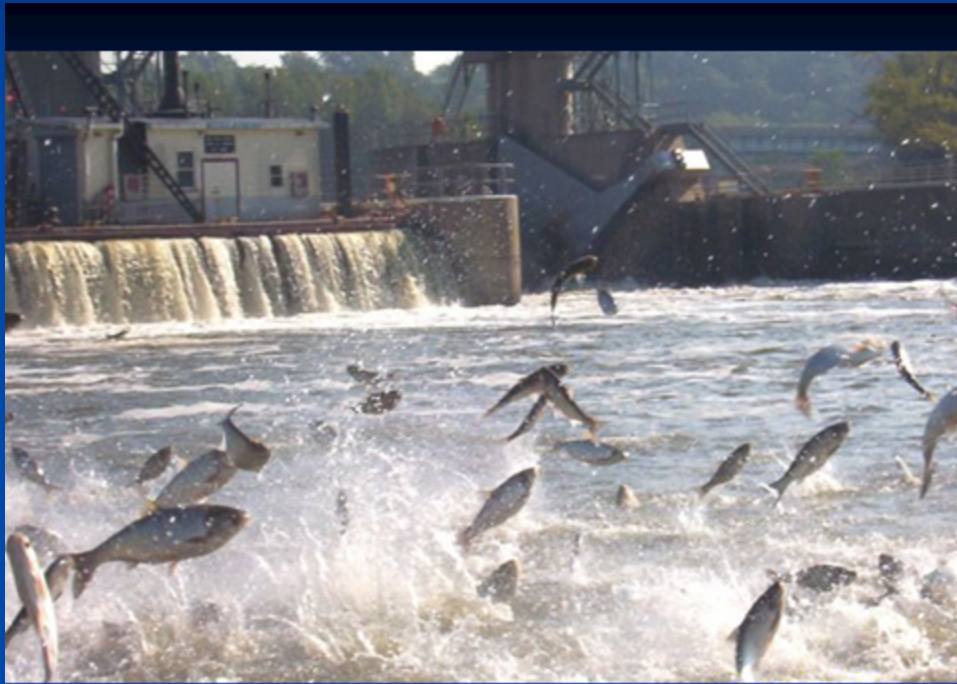
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POLICY QUALITY GOALS

- - PREVENTION-FOCUSED
- - PROACTIVE
- - RAPID
- - SCIENCE-BASED BUT PRACTICAL
- - STAKEHOLDER SUPPORT
- - COOPERATIVE WITH STATES AND INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS
- - COST-EFFECTIVE
- - SELF-SUPPORTING; ADEQUATE FUNDING

*** FEW OF THESE QUALITIES IN U.S. LAW NOW**

■ INTENTIONAL IMPORTS



– THE EASIEST PATHWAY TO CONTROL

OTHER INTENTIONAL IMPORTS



Defenders of Wildlife Report - 2007

Broken Screens: the Regulation of Live Animal Imports in the United States

Summary

- 2,241 identified non-native aquatic or terrestrial species imported, 2000-2004
- Coarse Screen: 302 of those species met basic threshold for regulation: documented potential invasiveness and/or disease risk
- Only 34 of those 302 had a regulatory restriction in place by USFWS (18), APHIS (5) or CDC (11)

#1 Recommendation - Need Better Federal legislation

- 113 year old Lacey Act not working:
- Need new authority to prevent high- and medium-risk imports
- Need to proactively assess animal species for invasiveness or disease risk using modern tools

A PROPOSAL:

- Short of new legislation, the USFWS should initiate its own “NAPPRA-like” approach for animal imports
- Work like USDA’s plant import NAPPRA process— 2 rounds done

- How much power does the Secretary of the Interior have to be proactive and block risky imports under the Lacey Act?

Stricter risk-based approach to regulating imports of live animals is cost-effective

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Invasive animals and wildlife pathogens in the United States: the economic case for more risk assessments and regulation.

Biological Invasions

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Pending legislation to reform
Lacey Act injurious species section
18 USC sec. 42:

- HR 996 – Invasive Fish and
Wildlife Prevention Act

- 28 cosponsors in House

- Section 1. Title
- Sec. 2. Purpose
- Sec. 3. Definitions
- Sec. 4. Proposals for regulation of nonnative wildlife taxa
- Sec. 5. Scientific risk assessment and risk determination regulations
- Sec. 6. Emergency temporary designation

- Sec. 7. Information on imported animals
- Sec. 8. Injurious wildlife determinations
- Sec. 9. Effect on injurious wildlife provision
- Sec. 10. Prevention of wildlife pathogens and parasites
- Sec. 11. Prohibitions
- Sec. 12. Permits and exemptions for qualified institutions and live animal transporters

- Sec. 13. User fees
- Sec. 14. Relationship to state law
- Sec. 15. Penalties and sanctions
- Sec. 16. Injurious wildlife prevention fund
- Sec. 17. Relationship to other federal laws
- Sec. 18. Requirement to promulgate regulations

Australia, New Zealand and Israel
have effective risk screening
systems –

why not U.S.?

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