

A major piece of federal legislation critical to slowing the rate of biodiversity collapse was passed out of the House of Representatives last week 231-190. [The Recovering America's Wildlife Act](#) will provide states, territories and tribes with \$1.39 billion annually to undertake efforts aimed at restoring essential habitat and implementing key conservation strategies, as described in each state's Wildlife Action Plan.

Each state's fish and wildlife agency is responsible for collaboratively developing a State Wildlife Action Plan, which identifies imperiled species in the state and identifies specific actions that would assist with their protection and recovery. The state agencies have identified 12,000 species of wildlife and plants in need of conservation assistance in their federally-approved State Wildlife Action Plans. These plans would guide spending from the bill.

[The bill now heads to the Senate.](#)

More about the bill: https://blog.nwf.org/2021/04/7-reasons-to-support-the-recovering-americas-wildlife-act/?_ga=2.13564979.52109925.1655495267-1340822368.1655495267

More about its passage in the House: <https://www.npr.org/2022/06/14/1105007255/us-house-passes-wildlife-conservation-spending-bill>

A 54-foot speeding charter fishing boat slammed into a right whale calf and its mother off St. Augustine, killing the calf and, perhaps, the mother... [and no laws were violated.](#)

The right whale is one of the most endangered mammals in the world and breeds off the coast of Northeast Florida and Southeast Georgia.

LINK: <https://floridaphoenix.com/2022/06/16/florida-boaters-clobber-rare-whale-and-calf-but-they-avoid-legal-consequences/>

Evidence of [a rebound in Florida panther populations?](#)

LINK: <https://www.axios.com/local/tampa-bay/2022/06/17/florida-panthers-deer-hunting-study>

More good news on the federal level, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit sided with farmworkers and the environment by overturning the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) decision that the toxic pesticide glyphosate poses no cancer risks and sending EPA back to redo its environmental analysis. Glyphosate is the active ingredient in Monsanto-Bayer's flagship Roundup weedkiller, the most widely used pesticide in the world.

The court unanimously agreed with the arguments that "EPA did not adequately consider whether glyphosate causes cancer and shirked its duties under the Endangered Species Act."

In addition to killing weeds, glyphosate/Roundup kills native plants, animals and just about everything it comes in contact with and it is used by the billions of gallons annually around the U.S. by homeowners, big agriculture and municipalities. If glyphosate/Roundup were ever banned in the U.S., insect, bird, pollinator, fish and other animal populations would see immediate increases, our drinking water would be cleaner, our food would be more nutritious and soil health would improve.

Glyphosate/Roundup is one of the single most destructive forces causing the ecological collapse occurring across the country.

LINK: <https://www.centerforfoodsafety.org/press-releases/6658/federal-court-holds-glyphosate-registration-unlawful-cites-cancer-risks-endangered-species-risks>