



Senator Klobuchar Supports Bipartisan Bill To Help Wildlife, Prevent Extinctions Nationwide

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ST. PAUL, Minn. (October 13, 2021) — Senator Amy Klobuchar has signed onto a bipartisan wildlife conservation bill, [the Recovering America's Wildlife Act](#), that will dedicate \$1.4 billion annually to locally-led efforts to help at-risk wildlife species nationwide.

“We’re facing a looming wildlife crisis, and this is the most important piece of wildlife legislation in the past fifty years,” said Brad Gausman, Executive Director of the Minnesota Conservation Federation. “We thank Senator Klobuchar for co-sponsoring this bold, bipartisan effort to help at-risk wildlife with collaborative, voluntary measures across every state, territory and Tribal nation.”

The bill will send \$20.6 million to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, which the agency will use to implement its wildlife action plan. Roughly 340 local species would benefit – including common loons, brook trout, and trumpeter swans.

“Saving the thousands of at-risk wildlife species will require bold, bipartisan leadership and unprecedented collaboration,” said Collin O’Mara, president and CEO of the National Wildlife Federation. “We are so grateful to Senator Klobuchar for leading the way on the historic Recovering America’s Wildlife Act that will have an immediate impact – saving species and creating jobs in Minnesota and all across the country.”

Federally recognized tribal nations, such as the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe and Mdewakanton Sioux Indians, would share \$97.5 million annually to fund wildlife conservation efforts on tribal lands.

This bill is also making its way through the house and Representative Angie Craig is among the 125 bipartisan supporters of [the House version of the legislation](#).

“Wildlife conservation is an issue that unites all Americans. We hope Senator Smith and the rest of the Minnesota delegation will join Senator Klobuchar in cosponsoring this commonsense bill,” said Gausman.