



COMMENTS ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE MIGRATORY BIRD TREATY ACT

March 24, 2020

Michigan Audubon, in connection and collaboration with more than 500 conservation groups around the country, signed in support of a letter submitted to the USFWS on March 19, 2020, and submitted the following comment to the USFWS regarding the weakening of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act.

Docket No. FWS-HQ-MB-2018-0090, Proposed Rule and Environmental Impact Statement for Migratory Bird Treaty Act to the US Fish and Wildlife Service

Regarding the US Fish and Wildlife Service's (USFWS) Proposed Rule and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA):

Michigan Audubon Society and its 41 statewide chapters strongly oppose the proposed rule, which would conflict with the purpose of the Migratory Bird Treaties that form the basis for the MBTA, eliminate critical protections for migratory birds provided by the MBTA, and put North American bird populations at significantly increased jeopardy. We urge the US Fish and Wildlife Service to reject the proposed rule and **select the “no action” alternative in the EIS.**

Respectfully submitted,

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