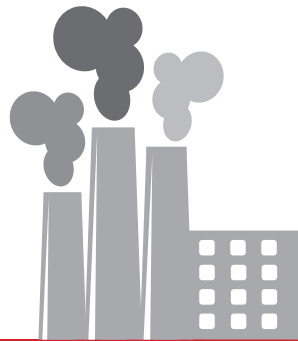


# ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT

## THE ATTACKS DON'T MATCH THE FACTS

False claims that the Endangered Species Act (ESA) stops development and harms jobs have been used to justify the 90+\* legislative attacks that polluting industries, special

economic interests and their willing allies in Congress have introduced since 2015. These legislative measures would collectively chip away at this bedrock conservation law...



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**90+**

proposals, bills,  
riders, amendments  
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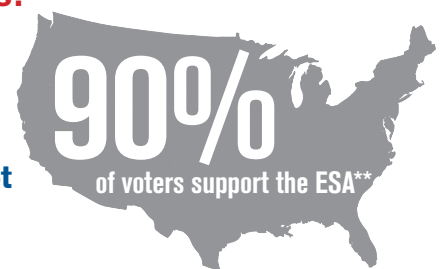
**88,000+**  
**projects**

U.S. Fish and  
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**BUT** during the last seven years, out of more than **88,000 projects** evaluated by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) under the ESA, **ZERO** were stopped or even extensively altered based on FWS finding that a project would threaten a species' survival.<sup>†</sup>

**Cries of economic devastation from ESA opponents are just scare tactics and falsehoods!**

Weakening or destroying the ESA will only benefit special economic interests—not listed species and not the American public. **And that's not what Americans want!**



## Stopped for Endangered Species

# TELL CONGRESS: DON'T MESS WITH SUCCESS!



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NEARLY  
**99%**  
success rate

The ESA has a proven track record of success. It has prevented nearly **99% of protected species<sup>††</sup>** from going extinct, including our national symbol, the bald eagle.

\*Legislative Attacks on the Endangered Species Act introduced during the 114th Congress, Defenders of Wildlife, last updated Dec. 1, 2015, available at: <http://www.defenders.org/publications/Chart-of-ESA-Attacks-in-114th-Congress.pdf>

<sup>†</sup>Malcom, JW and Y-W Li. 2015. Data contradict common perceptions about a controversial provision of the US Endangered Species Act. Proc. Nat. Acad. Sci. Early Edition, doi: [www.pnas.org/cgi/doi/10.1073/pnas.1516938112](http://www.pnas.org/cgi/doi/10.1073/pnas.1516938112)

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<sup>††</sup>Summary of Listed Species Listed Populations and Recovery Plans, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, retrieved Dec. 1, 2015, available at: [http://ecos.fws.gov/tess\\_public/reports/delisting-report](http://ecos.fws.gov/tess_public/reports/delisting-report)