

## FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE TAKING COMMENTS ON THREATS TO BEES

On September 29, 2021, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service published a <u>notice in the Federal Register</u> saying that it is proposing to list the American bumble bee as a threatened or endangered species, and that it is requesting comments and information about threats to the existence of this species. The agency is taking this action in response to a <u>petition</u> submitted by the Center for Biological Diversity.



Until 2002, the American bumble bee was the most common species of bumble bee in the United States, occurring in every state except Alaska, Hawaii and Washington. But in the past 20 years its numbers have plummeted nationwide by almost 90%. It has disappeared entirely from Connecticut, Idaho, Maine, Massachusetts,

Minnesota, New Hampshire, North Dakota, Oregon, Rhode Island, Utah, Vermont, Wisconsin and Wyoming, and has almost vanished from New York, Michigan, Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

The Fish and Wildlife Service lists four threats to the existence of the American bumble bee: habitat destruction, loss of genetic diversity, climate change, and competition from nonnative honey bees. But the agency has failed to explain why any of these threats should have caused a once-abundant species to suddenly begin to vanish, throughout the United States, in the year 2002. Radiation from cell towers can explain this. 2002 is the year that what we now call 3G technology was introduced in the United States, which turned every cell phone into a computer and connected every cell tower to the Internet. The number of cell towers and cell phone users began to increase tremendously.

Yesterday I submitted <u>my comments to the Fish and Wildlife Service</u> summarizing the threat to bees posed by radio frequency (RF) radiation from wireless technology. This is an opportunity for us to take collective action to bring this threat to bees, and to all life, out into the open. I have received hundreds of emails from people all over the world in recent years about bees suddenly vanishing from their yard and their neighborhood as soon as a cell tower was built nearby. I encourage everyone who has observed this happening to send comments to the Fish and Wildlife Service telling exactly what you saw happen to the bees after a cell tower was erected -- the honey bees, the wild bees, and the bumble bees. Whatever you observed.

To submit your comments electronically, go to <a href="https://www.regulations.gov/document/FWS-R3-ES-2021-0063-0001">https://www.regulations.gov/document/FWS-R3-ES-2021-0063-0001</a> and click on "Comment." Or, you can submit comments by mail to

Public Comments Processing Attn: FWS-R3-ES-2021-0063 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service MS: PRB/3W 5275 Leesburg Pike Falls Church, VA 22041-3803

## DONATIONS REQUESTED BY SCCWSS FOR THEIR AMICUS BRIEF IN SUPREME COURT

As I reported in my last newsletter, the South Carolina Coalition for Wireless Safety Standards will file an amicus brief in support of our case in the U.S. Supreme Court on behalf of concerned organizations. A large number of organizations from all over the world have already signed on to their brief. I have been informed by their director, Lex Kisteneff, that they need to raise an additional \$9,000 quickly in order to pay their attorney. He writes:

We at the South Carolina Coalition for Wireless Safety Standards are fundraising again. Our goal is to raise \$15,000 in the coming weeks to fund an Amicus Brief to the United States Supreme Court. To date, we have privately raised about \$6,000.

We have hired a very sharp, Harvard and Yale educated attorney, with some good experience under his belt. The purpose of the Amicus Brief is to ask the Supreme Court to hear the landmark case filed by the Santa Fe Alliance for Public Health and Safety. You can read more about the case <a href="here">here</a>.

You can donate by credit card or PayPal on our new website: <a href="mailto:sccwss.org/donate">sccwss.org/donate</a>. REMEMBER: Your donation is tax-deductible! The SCCWSS is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit. Our EIN # is 84-4451900.

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Please send donations toward their amicus brief directly to SCCWSS, not to Cellular Phone Task Force. The rules of the Supreme Court prohibit us from funding their brief.

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