

Interior Secretary David Bernhardt Redefined Habitat Under The Endangered Species Act—Favoring His Oil Industry Clients At The Expense Of Wildlife Conservation

David Bernhardt's Agenda To Deregulate Public Lands Oil And Gas Development Broadly Benefits Dozens Of His Former Clients

David Bernhardt Represented Oil And Gas Industry Associations Covering The Entire Oil Industry

David Bernhardt was Recused from Working on Particular Matters Involving IPAA until August 3, 2019 Under EO 13770. [[Bernhardt Ethics Agreement](#), 8/15/17]

David Bernhardt was Recused from Working on Particular Matters Involving the U.S. Oil and Gas Association until August 3, 2019 Under EO 13770. [[Bernhardt Ethics Agreement](#), 8/15/17]

- Bernhardt Was Also Recused from Working on Particular Matters Involving the U.S. Oil and Gas Association until July 29, 2018, Under 5 CFR § 2635.502. [[Bernhardt Ethics Agreement](#), 8/15/17]

David Bernhardt was Recused From Working On Particular Matters Involving The National Ocean Industry Association (NOIA) Until August 3, 2019 Under EO 13770. [[Bernhardt Ethics Agreement](#), 08/15/17]

During the December 2018-January 2019 Government Shutdown, the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) Approved Offshore Drilling Permits For 53 Companies That Are Members Of NOIA. [[Medium](#), 01/30/19; [EcoRI News](#), 01/14/19]

David Bernhardt's Former Clients Also Include Individual Mining And Oil Companies With Business On Federal Lands

David Bernhardt Lobbied On Behalf of Samson Resources, Co. David Bernhardt, in 2012 and 2013, lobbied the federal government on behalf of Samson Resources Co., which is an oil and gas company with operations “primarily in the Rocky Mountain, Mid-Continent, and East Texas regions.” [Center for Responsive Politics, Lobbying, Bernhardt, David L, [2012](#), [2013](#), accessed 01/18/17; [Bloomberg](#), accessed 01/18/17]

David Bernhardt Was Recused from Working on Particular Matters Involving Noble Energy. until August 3, 2019 Under EO 13770. [[Bernhardt Ethics Agreement](#), 8/15/17]

David Bernhardt Was Recused from Working on Particular Matters Involving ENI Petroleum until August 3, 2019 Under EO 13770. [[Bernhardt Ethics Agreement](#), 8/15/17]

David Bernhardt Was Recused from Working on Particular Matters Involving Halliburton Energy Services. until August 3, 2019 Under EO 13770. [[Bernhardt Ethics Agreement](#), 8/15/17]

David Bernhardt Was Recused from Working on Particular Matters Involving Hudbay. until August 3, 2019 Under EO 13770. [[Bernhardt Ethics Agreement](#), 8/15/17]

David Bernhardt Was Recused from Working on Particular Matters Involving Rosemont Copper. until August 3, 2019 Under EO 13770. [[Bernhardt Ethics Agreement](#), 8/15/17]

David Bernhardt Represented Ur-Energy USA Inc. from 2009 to 2012. [U.S. Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Statement by David Bernhardt Pertaining to His 2017 Nomination To Be Deputy Secretary]

David Bernhardt Represented American West Potash, Which Is A Subsidiary Of Prospect Global Resources, From 2012 To 2014. [[U.S. Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Statement by David Bernhardt](#), 05/11,17]

The Trump Administration Wants To Redefine “Habitat” To Benefit Oil Drillers And Grazers

The Trump Administration Released Proposed Rulemaking In September To Redefine “Habitat” Under The Endangered Species Act. “Trump administration proposal released Friday would allow the government to deny habitat protections for endangered animals and plants in areas that would see greater economic benefits from being developed — a change critics said could open lands to more energy development and other activities.” [Associated Press, [09/04/20](#)]

The Change Favors Energy Development, Grazing, And Other Industries. “U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service officials described the proposal as giving more deference to local governments when they want to build things like schools and hospitals. But the proposal indicates that exemptions from habitat protections would be considered for a much broader array of developments, including at the request of private companies that lease federal lands or have permits to use them. Government-issued leases and permits can allow energy development, grazing, recreation, logging and other commercial uses of public lands.” [Associated Press, [09/04/20](#)]