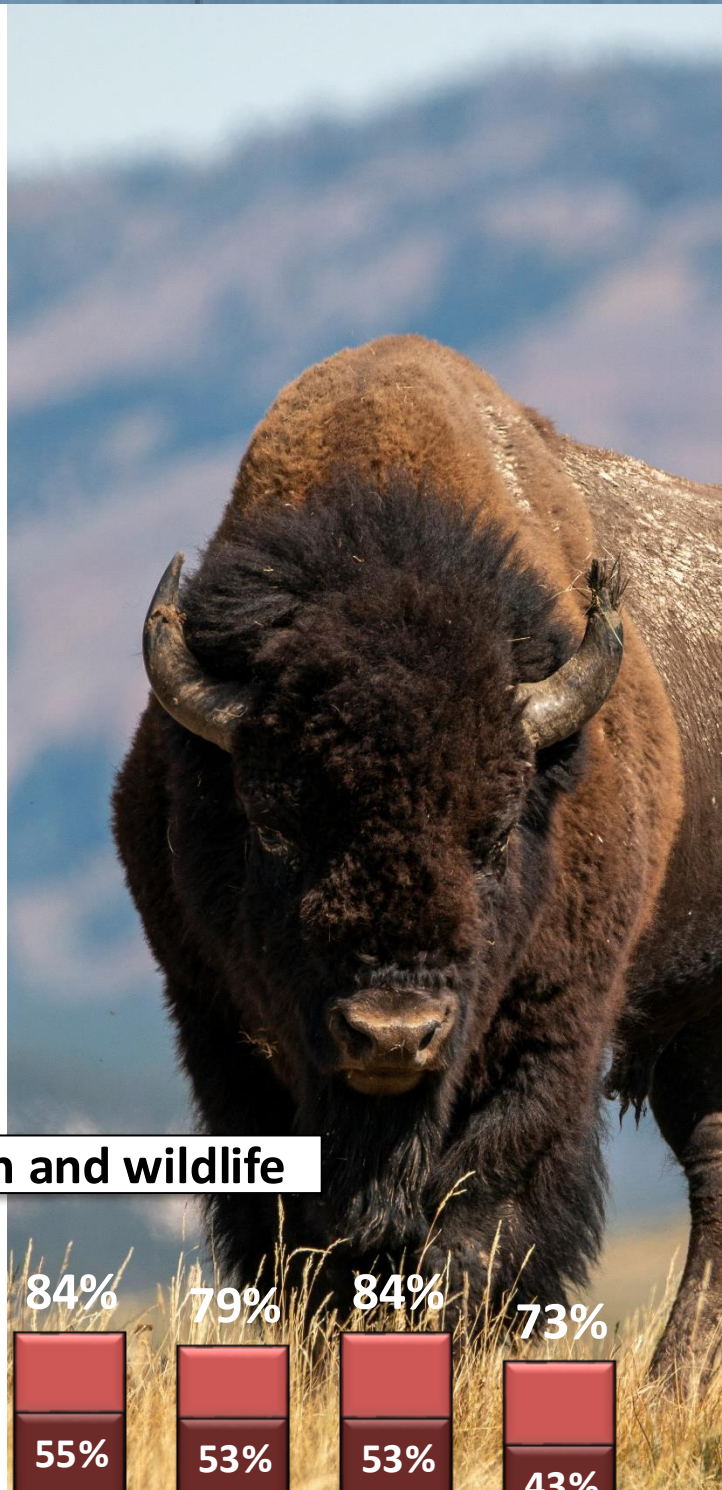


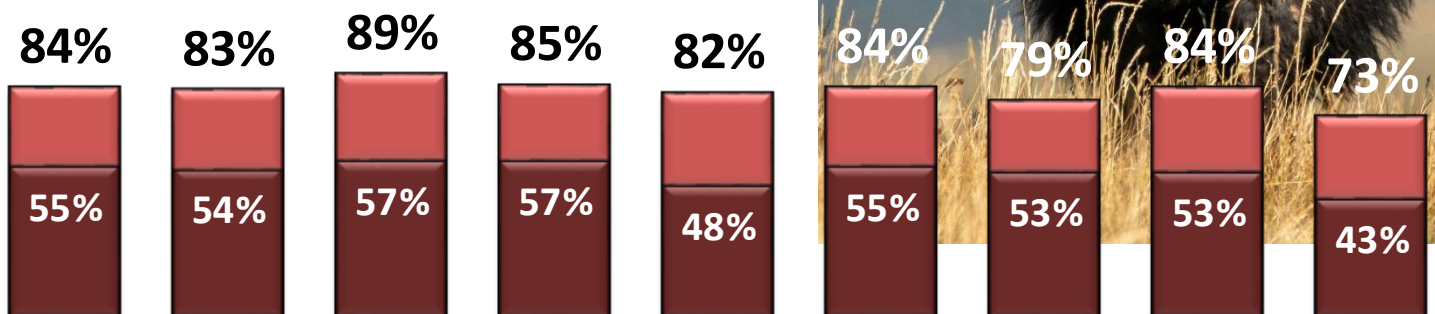
# Wildlife in the West

*Westerners continue to express concern about loss of habitat and population declines of fish and wildlife. A majority of voters oppose reducing protections for some of the species protected under the Endangered Species Act.*

**Westerners continue to express concern about loss of habitat for fish and wildlife.** More than four-in-five (85 percent) of Westerners say the loss of habitat is a serious problem. 54 percent say it is an “extremely” or “very” serious problem. This data is within margin of error of last year’s all-time high (88 percent serious problem; 58 percent extremely/very serious problem). Majorities of Westerners across the region are concerned about this issue, with at least seven-in-ten voters in each of the eight states saying the loss of habitat for fish and wildlife is a serious problem.



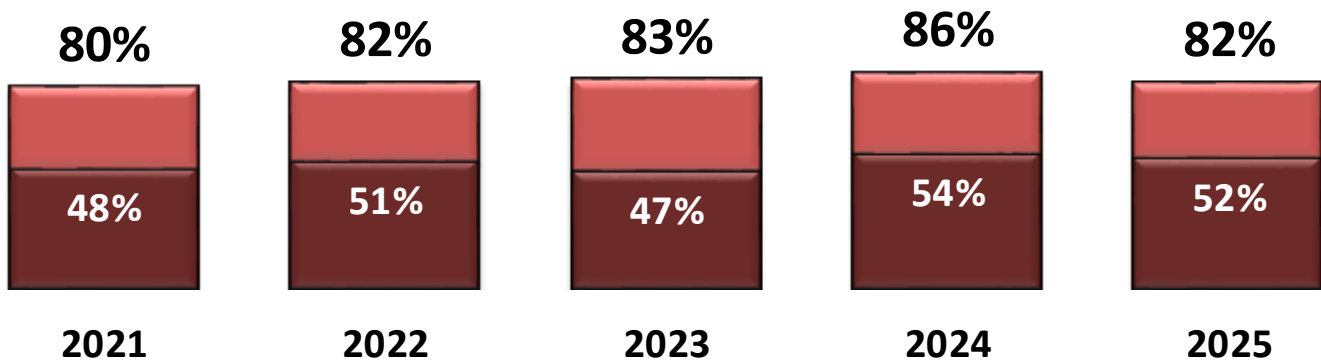
## Loss of habitat for fish and wildlife



■ Extremely/Very Serious Problem    ■ Total Serious Problem

**Voters are also concerned about population declines of fish and wildlife in their states.** This year, 82 percent of Westerners describe the fish and wildlife population decline as a serious problem, with more than half (52 percent) saying it is an “extremely” or “very” serious problem. These results are slightly lower than the all-time high recorded in last year’s survey, with 86 percent perceiving it to be a serious problem and 54 percent saying it is an “extremely” or “very” serious problem. However, these consistently high figures demonstrate Westerner’s continued concern over these population declines. Anglers are slightly more concerned about population declines than hunters, with 56 percent of anglers saying this is an “extremely” or “very” serious problem versus 49 percent of hunters.

### Population declines of fish and wildlife



■ Extremely/Very Serious Problem ■ Total Serious Problem



**There is widespread opposition to reducing protections enshrined in the Endangered Species Act.** Nearly two-thirds (63 percent) of Westerners are opposed to “reducing protections for some of the rare plants and animals protected under the Endangered Species Act,” with more than two-in-five (42 percent) strongly opposed. Majorities of voters across party lines and in every state are opposed to reducing protections under the ESA.