Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission

Business Session

August 6, 2014 1:15 – 2:15 p.m. Alexandria, Virginia

Draft Agenda

The times listed are approximate; the order in which these items will be taken is subject to change; other items may be added as necessary.

1.	Welcome; Introductions (L. Daniel)	1:15 pm
2.	Board Consent (L. Daniel) • Approval of Agenda	1:15 pm
3.	Public comment	1:20 pm
4.	Consider Approval of Policy on Commissioner Financial Disclosure and Conflict of Interest FINAL ACTION	1:25 pm
5.	Other Business/Adjourn	2:15 pm



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MEMORANDUM

July 22, 2014

To: ASMFC Commissioners and Proxies

From: Robert Beal

Re: Federal Legislative Tracking Sheet: 113th Congress, 2nd Session

The following contains an update on federal legislation impacting the Commission, as well as tables providing more general information on federal legislation affecting fisheries. Bills with legislative action (a committee hearing/markup, floor action, or signed into law) are now highlighted in yellow to make them easier to identify.

This document will be updated quarterly or as key bills are introduced or acted on. The document is not intended to summarize all legislation that might affect oceans and coasts, nor does it list the complete contents of bills. To access the complete text of the bills as well as the Library of Congress summary, click on the links below the titles provided in the table. If there is a particular bill not included that you would like summarized or if you would like more information on bills listed, please contact Deke Tompkins (dtompkins@asmfc.org).

Federal Legislative Update

2015 Appropriations

The Fiscal Year 2015 Commerce, Justice, Science Appropriations (CJS) bill, which provides a majority of the Commission's federal funding, has been approved by the House of Representatives and the Senate Appropriations Committee. However, the appropriations process has come to a grinding halt in the Senate due to disagreements over the amendment process.

The Full Senate Appropriations Committee unanimously approved its CJS bill on June 6. Senate funding for Operations, Research, and Facilities for NOAA Fisheries is up \$23.6 million, or about 3 percent, to \$836.2 million from Fiscal Year 2014. The *Regional Councils and Fisheries Commissions* and *Interjurisdictional Fisheries Act Grants* budget lines both received slight increases.

The House of Representatives approved its 2015 CJS bill by a vote of 321-87 on May 30. Funding for Operations, Research, and Facilities for NOAA Fisheries is down \$22 million, or about 2.8 percent, to \$790.2 million from Fiscal Year 2014. However, the Commission's two priority budget lines, *Regional Councils and Fisheries Commissions* and *Interjurisdictional Fisheries Act Grants*, are level funded.

Should the Senate approve its Fiscal Year 2015 CJS bill, both chambers will need to appoint members to a Conference Committee to resolve the differences in the two bills before they can become law. Congress has until October 1, the start of the 2015 Fiscal Year, to approve a CJS Appropriations bill or come up with a stop-gap funding measure.

	Regional Councils	Interjurisdictional Fisheries	NMFS Operations,
	and Fishery	Act	Research, and Facilities
	Commissions		
2014 Enacted	\$32,000,000	\$2,500,000	\$812,560,000
House Passed 2015	\$32,000,000	\$2,500,000	\$790,200,000
Senate Proposed 2015	\$32,738,000	\$2,502,000	\$836,192,000

Other Appropriations Related Items of Interest:

Beaufort (North Carolina) and Hollings (South Carolina) Lab Riders:

The Conference Report accompanying the Senate CJS bill contains a policy rider addressing the President's request to consolidate a number of National Centers for Coastal Ocean Science labs in the southeast. Specifically, the Conference Report requires NOAA to outline options to avoid unnecessary costs associated with maintaining a presence at the Center for Coastal Environmental Health and Biomolecular Research without significantly disrupting the ongoing partnership at the Hollings Marine Laboratory in South Carolina. With regard to the Beaufort lab, the Conference Report gives NOAA the option of transferring the lab and associated funding to a different budget line outside of the National Ocean Service while ensuring research conducted at the lab continues.

Horseshoe Carb Survey (House):

During final debate of the House CJS bill, Rep. John Carney (D-DE) highlighted the importance of horseshoe crabs in a colloquy with the CJS Subcommittee Chairman, Frank Wolf (R-VA). The Chair and Ranking Member of the CJS Subcommittee both signaled interest restoring funding for a survey of the Delaware Bay population of horseshoe crabs. Federal funding for an annual survey dedicated to horseshoe crabs ended in 2011 and the Commission is currently working to resume the survey as it plays a significant

role in the Adaptive Resource Management framework and the setting of annual quotas for horseshoe crabs of Delaware Bay origin.

Amendments Agreed to in the House:

Two amendments of note were adopted during consideration of the House CJS bill. The first, offered by Rep Scott Perry (R-PA) prohibits the use of funds to implement the U.S. Global Climate Research Program National Climate Assessment, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's Fifth Assessment Report, the United Nation's Agenda 21 sustainable development plan, or the May 2013 Technical Update of the Social Cost of Carbon for Regulatory Impact Analysis. The second successful amendment was offered by Rep Bill Flores (R-TX) and prohibits the use of funds to implement the National Ocean Policy.

Magnuson-Stevens Act Update

On June 2, 2014 the Commission submitted written comments on the Magnuson-Stevens draft bills to the House and Senate committees charged with reauthorizing the law. ASMFC comments and positions were formed during the Spring Meeting workshop on Magnuson-Stevens. Since that date, the House Natural Resources Committee approved its bill on a roll call vote of 24 to 17 along partisan lines. Rep Joe Garcia (D-FL) was the lone Democrat to support the bill. The Senate Commerce Committee released its second discussion draft on July 18.

Harmful Algal Blooms:

On June 30, 2014 President Barack Obama signed the *Harmful Algal Bloom and Hypoxia Research and Control Amendments Act of 2014* into law. The bipartisan measure passed the House and Senate with near unanimous support and is the only stand-alone ocean conservation legislation enacted this Congress. Six Atlantic coast state Senators from are listed as cosponsors of the legislation: Angus King (I-ME), Ed Markey (D-MA), Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI), Richard Blumenthal (D-CT), Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY), and Benjamin Cardin (D-MD).

Authored by Senator Rob Portman (R-OH), the law reauthorizes the *Harmful Algal Bloom and Hypoxia Research and Control Act of 1998* and establishes a national HAB and Hypoxia Program at NOAA. The NOAA program will be responsible for promoting a national strategy to help communities understand, predict, control and mitigate freshwater and marine HAB and hypoxia events; enhancing, coordinating, and assessing the activities of existing HABs and hypoxia programs; providing for development of a comprehensive research plan and action strategy; and requiring an assessment and plan for Great Lakes HABs and hypoxia. The last authorization for the programs under the *Harmful Algal Bloom Research and Control Act* expired in 2010. The newly enacted law authorizes a maximum funding level of \$20.5 million per year from 2014 to 2018. In recent years funding has dropped well below that level but allies in Congress have pledged to push for increased funding in future years.

Bill Number Highlights	Sponsor [Cosponsors]/Committee Status
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Priority I

S. 267	Pirate Fishing Elimination Act	Rockefeller (D-WV) [11 cosponsors]
	http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113s267	Senate Committee on Commerce, Science,
		and Transportation
	Codifies the Port States Measures Agreement into U.S. law, an international	2/11/2013 Introduced
	treaty aimed at prohibiting vessels that have engaged in illegal fishing from	1/8/2014 Reported out of Senate
	entering ports around the world	Committee
S. 269	International Fisheries Stewardship and Enforcement Act (IFSEA)	Rockefeller (D-WV) [12 cosponsors]
	http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113s269	Senate Committee on Commerce, Science,
		and Transportation
	 Amends several existing laws to increase enforcement of fishing regulations 	2/11/2013 Introduced
	by giving the Secretary of Commerce and the Coast Guard authority to	12/17/2013 Reported out of Senate
	enforce fishing-related policies.	Committee
	Creates an International Fisheries Enforcement Program within NOAA	
S. 839	Coral Reef Conservation Amendments Act of 2013	Nelson (D-FL) [3 cosponsors]
	http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113s839	Senate Committee on Commerce, Science,
		and Transportation
	• Comprehensive reauthorization of the Coral Reef Conservation Act of 2000	4/25/2013 Introduced
		5/5/2014 Reported out of Senate
		Committee
S. 2028	Sport Fish Restoration and Recreational Boating Safety Act of 2014	Sen Rockefeller (D-WV) [1 cosponsor]
	http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113s2028	Senate Commerce Committee
		2/12/2014 Introduced
	Reauthorizes the Federal Aid in Fish Restoration Act through 2021	7/7/2014 Reported out of Senate
		Committee

H.R. 69	Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing Enforcement Act of 2013	Bordallo (D-GU) [16 Cosponsors]
	http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr69	House Natural Resources Subcommittee
		on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular
	 Amends several existing laws to increase enforcement of fishing regulations 	Affairs
	by giving the Secretary of Commerce and the Coast Guard authority to	1/3/2013 Introduced
	enforce fishing-related policies	1/31/2013 Referred to House
	Authorizes additional enforcement measures relating to search or inspection	Subcommittee
	of facilities, records inspection, shipment detention, arrest, search and	4/3/2014 House Subcommittee hearing
	seizure, and service of civil or criminal process	held
S. 2094	Vessel Incidental Discharge Act	Sen Begich (D-AK) [26 cosponsors]
	http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113s2094	Senate Commerce Committee
		3/6/2014 Introduced
	 Create national, uniform standards on ballast water discharges 	3/6/2014 Referred to Senate Committee
	Currently ballast water is regulated by both the Coast Guard and EPA	Text incorporated in Coast Guard
		Reauthorization bill
S.1757	Fluke Fairness Act of 2013	Schumer (D-NY) [1 Cosponsor]
	http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113s1757	Senate Committee on Commerce, Science,
		and Transportation
	 Requires MAFMC to submit a new summer flounder FMP within one year 	11/21/2013 Introduced
	and prohibits allocation of summer flounder catch quotas on a state by state	11/21/2013 Referred to Senate Committee
	basis using historical landings data	
H.R. 71	Coral Reef Conservation Act Reauthorization and Enhancement Amendments of	Bordall0 (D-GU) [10 cosponsors]
	2013	House Natural Resources Subcommittee
	http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr71	on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular
		Affairs
	 Comprehensive reauthorization of the Coral Reef Conservation Act of 2000 	1/3/2013 Introduced
		1/31/2013 Referred to House
		Subcommittee

H.R. 996	Invasive Fish and Wildlife Prevention Act	Slaughter (D-NY) [31 cosponsors]
	http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr996	House Natural Resources Subcommittee
		on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular
	Strengthens the Fish and Wildlife Service's ability to designate animals as	Affairs
	"injurious," meaning these animals could not be imported or shipped between	House Subcommittee on Crime,
	states without a permit	Terrorism, Homeland Security, And
	Allows the USFWS to update screening procedures using rapid assessment	Investigations
	technology and to designate temporary emergency "injurious" listings	3/6/2013 Introduced
	Allows governors to petition for immediate listing actions	4/8/2013 Referred to House Subcommittee
	Allows listing of non-crustacean and non-mollusk invertebrates	
S. 1153	Invasive Fish and Wildlife Prevention Act	Gillibrand (D-NY) [2 cosponsors]
	http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113s1153	Senate committee on Environment and
		Public Works
	• Senate counterpart to H.R. 996	6/12/2013 Introduced
		6/12/2013 Referred to Senate Committee
S. 221	Saving Fishing Jobs Act of 2013	Ayotte (R-NH) [none]
	http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113s221	Senate Committee on Commerce, Science,
		and Transportation
	Requires the Secretary of Commerce to terminate new and existing catch	2/4/2013 Introduced
	share programs that result in a 15 percent or more reduction in the total	2/4/2013 Referred to Senate Committee
	number of fishermen in the program, and develop a new management plan	
	within one year	
H.R. 263	National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Reauthorization Act of 2013	Grimm (R-NY) [1 cosponsor]
	http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr263	House Natural Resources Subcommittee
		on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular
	 Authorizes \$25 million for the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation for FY 	Affairs
	2014 to 2019	1/15/2013 Introduced
	• The bill would require a new 28-member board of directors including experts	1/31/2013 Referred to House
	in freshwater, saltwater, coastal and land creatures, and would allow the	Subcommittee
	foundation to accept gifts and bequests. The foundation could turn gifts over	
	to federal agencies	
	The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation was created by Congress in 1984	
	to protect and restore fish and wildlife and their habitats. It directs public	
	dollars to critical environmental needs and matches those investments with	
	private contributions	

S. 520	Safety And Fraud Enforcement for Seafood (SAFE) Act	Begich (R-AK) [5 cosponsors]
	http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113s520	Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
	Requires that detailed information accompany seafood through the supply	3/11/2013 Introduced
	chain to the point of sale, including scientific name, geographic catch area,	3/11/2013 Referred to Senate Committee
	date of catch, and catch method	
	 Improves the FDA list of standardized names for seafood 	
	Authorizes refusal of suspected or known violators of seafood mislabeling	
H.R. 1012	Safety And Fraud Enforcement for Seafood (SAFE) Act	Markey (D-MA) [28 cosponsors]
	http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr1012	House Committees on Energy and
		Commerce; Agriculture; Natural
	 House companion bill to S. 520, Safety And Fraud Enforcement for Seafood 	Resources; Ways and Means
	(SAFE) Act	3/6/2013 Introduced
		4/2/2013 Referred to House
		Subcommittees
S. 646	National Endowment for the Oceans Act	Whitehouse (R-RI) [6 cosponsors]
	http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113s646	Senate Committee on Commerce, Science,
		and Transportation
	 Establishes a National Endowment for the Oceans to fund activities intended 	3/21/2013 Introduced
	to protect, conserve, restore, and understand the Nation's oceans, coasts, and	3/21/2013 Referred to Senate Committee
	Great Lakes through a competitive grant process	
H.R. 764	Coastal State Climate Change Planning Act	Capps (D-CA) [28 cosponsors]
	http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr764	House Natural Resources Subcommittee
		on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular
	 Directs the Secretary of Commerce to establish a coastal climate change 	Affairs
	adaptation planning and response program to provide assistance to coastal	2/15/2013 Introduced
	states to develop climate change adaptation plans and provide financial and	3/1/2013 Referred to House Subcommittee
	technical assistance to implement such plans	
	 Requires the Secretary of Commerce to promote the use of National 	
	Estuarine Research Reserves as sites for pilot projects	

H.R. 3063	Healthy Fisheries through Better Science Act	Wittman (R-VA) [none]
	http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr3063	House Natural Resources Committee
		8/2/2013 Referred to House Committee
	Would require the Department of Commerce to develop a plan to conduct	
	stock assessments for all stocks of fish for which a fishery management plan	
	is in effect under the Magnuson-Stevens Act	
S. 713	Rhode Island Fishermen's Fairness Act	Reed (D-RI) [1 cosponsor]
	http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113s713	Committee on Commerce, Science, and
		Transportation
	Would give Rhode Island a seat on the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management	4/11/2013 Introduced
	Council (MAFMC)	4/11/2013 Referred to Senate Committee
H.R. 1504	Rhode Island Fishermen's Fairness Act	Rep Langevin (D-RI) [1 cosponsor]
	http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr1504	House Committee on Natural Resources.
		4/11/2013 Introduced
	 House companion bill to S. 713, Rhode Island Fishermen's Fairness Act 	4/11/2013 Referred to House Committee
S. 2030	National Sea Grant College Program Amendments Act of 2014	Sen Schatz (D-HI) [1 cosponsor]
	http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113s2030	Senate Commerce Committee
		2/12/2014 Introduced
	Reauthorizes the National Sea Grant College Program Act through 2020	2/12/2014 Referred to Senate Committee

Fiscal Year 2015 Appropriations

H.R. 4660	Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2015	Rep Wolf (R-VA) [none]
	http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr4660	House Appropriations Committee
		5/15/2014 Introduced
		5/30/2014 Passed House
S. 2437	Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2015	Sen Mikulski (D-MD) [none]
	http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113s2437	Senate Appropriations Committee
		6/5/2014 Introduced
		6/5/2014 Reported out of Committee

Priority II

S. 1254	Harmful Algal Bloom and Hypoxia Research and Control Amendments Act of 2014 http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113s1254 • Reauthorizes the Harmful Algal Bloom and Hypoxia Research and Control **Act of 1998* • Establishes a national HAB and Hypoxia Program at NOAA	Sen Nelson (D-FL) [18 cosponsors] Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation 6/27/2013 Introduced 6/30/2014 Became Public Law
H.R. 3464	 Commercial Vessel Discharges Reform Act of 2013 http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr3464 Extends permanently, a moratorium from EPA, state regulations and fines governing incidental discharges from commercial fishing vessels and all other commercial vessels less than 79 feet H.R. 3464 was incorporated into H.R. 4005, the Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act of 2014. H.R. 4005 has passed the House and is awaiting action in the Senate 	LoBiondo (R-NJ) [10 cosponsors] House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure 11/14/2013 Introduced 11/14/2013 Referred to House Subcommittee
H.R. 2413	 Weather Forecasting Improvement Act http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr2413 Directs NOAA's research and satellite offices and National Weather Service offices to develop a prioritized weather research plan with the aim of restoring U.S. world leadership in weather modeling, prediction, and forecasting An earlier version of this bill limited NOAA's ability to study climate change 	Rep Bridenstine (R-OK) [20 cosponsors] House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology 6/18/2013 Introduced 4/1/2014 Approved by the House

S. 1996	 Bipartisan Sportsmen's Act of 2014 http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113s1996 Would expand the reach of shooting ranges on federal lands, exempt lead bullets and fishing tackle from federal regulations, expedite duck hunting permits, reauthorize conservation programs and require federal officials to consider how land management affects the activities of hunting, fishing and shooting S. 1996 was cleared for a vote on the Senate floor in mid-July, but leadership could not agree on an amendment process 	Sen Hagen (D-NC) [27 cosponsors] No Committee 2/4/2014 Introduced 2/6/2014 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar
H.R. 4315	21st Century Endangered Species Transparency Act http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr4315 Requires data used by federal agencies for ESA listing decisions be made publicly available and accessible through the Internet	Rep Hastings (R-WA) [28 cosponsors] House Natural Resources Committee 3/27/2014 Introduced 4/30/2014 Reported out of Committee
H.R. 4316	Endangered Species Recovery Transparency Act http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr4316 Requires the Administration to track and make available online the amount of taxpayer dollars being spent on ESA-related litigation to give the American people clear information about the time and resources currently used to address ESA-related lawsuits	Rep Lummis (R-WY) [26 cosponsors] House Natural Resources Committee 3/27/2014 Introduced 4/30/2014 Reported out of Committee
H.R. 4318	Endangered Species Litigation Reasonableness Act http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr4318 • Reduces taxpayer-financed attorney fees to help ensure that resources for species protection are focused more on species than on lucrative legal fees. It puts in place the same reasonable hourly caps on attorney fees used in another federal law, the Equal Access to Justice Act	Rep Huizenga (R-MI) [28 cosponsors] House Natural Resources Committee 3/27/2014 Introduced 4/30/2014 Reported out of Committee
H.R. 4317	State, Tribal, and Local Species Transparency and Recovery Act http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr4317 • Enhances state, local, and tribal involvement in ESA decisions	Rep Neugebauer (R-TX) [29 cosponsors] House Natural Resources Committee 3/27/2014 Introduced 4/30/2014 Reported out of Committee

S. 327	 Good Neighbor Forestry Act http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113s327 Authorizes the Secretaries of Agriculture and Interior to enter into cooperative agreements and contracts with state foresters to provide forest, rangeland, and watershed restoration and protection services that include activities to treat insect infected trees, reduce hazardous fuels, and any other activities to restore or improve forest, rangeland, and watershed health, including fish and wildlife habitat 	Barasso (R-WY) [10 cosponsors] Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources 2/14/2013 Introduced 2/14/2013 Referred to Senate Committee 6/18/2013 Mark-up held, reported out of Committee 9/10/2013 Reported out of Senate Committee
H.R. 2401	Good Neighbor Forestry Act http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr2401 • House companion bill to S. 327, Good Neighbor Forestry Act	Cotton (R-AR) [1 cosponsor] House Committee on Natural Resources Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation; House Committee on Agriculture 6/17/2013 Introduced 8/13/2013 Referred to House Subcommittees
S. 982	Freedom to Fish Act http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113s982 • Prohibits the Army Corps of Engineers from taking any action to establish a restricted area prohibiting public access to waters downstream of a dam within the Cumberland River Basin	Alexander (R-TN) [3 cosponsors] Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works 2/28/2013 Introduced 5/16/2013 Passed in Senate 5/21/2013 Passed in House 6/3/2013 Became Public Law
H.R. 638	National Wildlife Refuge Review Act of 2013 http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr638 • Blocks the Fish and Wildlife Service from declaring any new refuges unless Congress passed legislation specifically allowing it • The bill would not affect any existing refuges	Fleming (R-LA) [13 cosponsors] House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs 2/13/2013 Introduced 2/21/2013 Referred to House Subcommittee 4/25/2013 Legislative hearing held 9/20/2013 Reported out of House Committee

H.R. 910	Sikes Act Reauthorization Act of 2013 http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr910 Reauthorizes the Sikes Act from 2015 through 2019 The Sikes Act requires the Department of Defense to develop and implement Integrated Natural Resources Management Plans for military installations across the United States	Fleming (R-LA) [none] House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs House Armed Services Subcommittee on Readiness 2/28/2013 Introduced 3/21/2013 House Natural Resources Subcommittee hearing held 6/24/2013 Reported out of House Committee
H.R. 1080	To amend the Sikes Act to promote the use of cooperative agreements under such Act for land management related to Department of Defense readiness activities and to facilitate interagency cooperation in conservation programs to reduce adverse impacts on military readiness activities. http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr1080 • Permits the Department of Defense to extend a program reducing restrictions on training by finding and restoring habitat off base	Bordallo (D-GU) [none] House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs; House Armed Services Subcommittee on Readiness 3/12/2013 Introduced 3/21/2013 House Natural Resources Subcommittee hearing held 3/26/2013 Referred to the House Subcommittee on Readiness 5/15/2013 Natural Resources Committee mark-up held 6/17/2013 Reported favorably out of the Natural Resources Committee
H.R. 1300	To amend the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 to reauthorize the volunteer programs and community partnerships for the benefit of national wildlife refuges, and for other purposes. http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr1300 Reauthorizes the National Wildlife Refuge System Volunteer, Community Partnership, and Education Programs for 2014 through 2018 	Runyon (R-NJ) [1 cosponsor] House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs. 3/20/2013 Introduced 3/28/2013 Referred to House Subcommittee 6/17/2013 Reported favorably out of the Natural Resources Committee 7/30/2013 Passed in House

H.R. 1425	 Marine Debris Emergency Act of 2013 http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr1425 Makes improvements to the Marine Debris Research, Prevention, and Reduction Act (2006) by establishing a program within NOAA that complements the Environmental Protection Agency's marine debris program Requires NOAA to give preference to projects that address severe marine debris events especially in the event of potential threat of marine invasive species Requires speedier approval of applications and grant funding 	Bonamici (D-OR) [22 cosponsors] House 4/9/2013 Introduced 4/9/2013 Referred to the House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs; House Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation 6/13/2013 Subcommittee hearing held in the Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs Subcommittee 4/2/2014 Reported out of House Natural Resources Committee
H.R. 1825	Recreational Fishing and Hunting Heritage and Opportunities Act http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr1825 • Creates an "open until closed" policy for sportsmen's use of federal land • Would direct U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management to facilitate use and access for hunting, fishing, and recreational shooting activities on federal lands	Benishek (R-MI) [108 cosponsors] House Agriculture Committee, House Natural Resources Committee 6/12/2013 Reported out of the Natural Resources Committee by a vote of 28-15 1/31/2014 Discharged by the House Agriculture Committee
H.R. 2219	To reauthorize the Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System (ICOOS) Act of 2009 http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr2219 • Reauthorizes the ICCOS Act of 2009, which expires in 2013 • The 2009 law established a national integrated system of ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes observing systems to promote better public awareness and scientific communication concerning ocean, coastal, and lake conservation	Young (R-AK) [none] House Natural Resources Committee, House Science, Space, and Technology Committee 6/3/2013 introduced 6/4/2013 Referred to House subcommittee 6/13/2013 Subcommittee hearing held
H.R. 3105	Aquaculture Risk Reduction Act http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr3105 • Provides exemption from the Lacey Act for animals unintentionally included in shipments of fish produced in commercial aquaculture	Crawford (R-AR) [5 cosponsors] House Natural Resources Committee 9/20/2013 Referred to House Subcommittee 2/27/2014 Subcommittee Hearing held

Fishing Safety Training and Research Act	Rep Keating (D-MA) [1 cosponsor]
http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr4025	2/10/2014 Introduced
	2/11/2013 Referred to House
 Reauthorizes the Fishing Safety Training and Fishing Safety Research grant 	Subcommittee
programs through 2015	
To amend the Act popularly known as the Antiquities Act of 1906 to provide for	Rep Southerland (R-FL) [14 cosponsors]
	House Natural Resources Committee
monuments, to establish requirements for declaration of marine national monuments,	6/26/2014 Introduced
and for other purposes	7/7/2014 Referred to Subcommittee on
http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr4988	Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular
	Affairs
Expressing the sense of the Congress that the Fish and Wildlife Service should	Christensen (D-VI) [none]
incorporate consideration of global warming and sea-level rise into the	House Natural Resources Subcommittee
comprehensive conservation plans for coastal national wildlife refuges	on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular
http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hconres13	Affairs
	2/13/2013 Introduced
	2/13/2013 Referred to Senate
	Subcommittee
Hunting, Fishing, and Recreational Shooting Protection Act	Thune (R-SD) [8 cosponsors]
http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113s1505	Senate Environment and Public Works
	Committee
 Amends the Toxic Substances Control Act to exclude from the definition of 	9/17/2013 Introduced
chemical substance any sport fishing equipment, firearm, or cartridge subject	9/17/2013 Referred to Senate Committee
to a federal excise tax	
Multinational Species Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp Reauthorization Act	Grimm (R-NY) [57 cosponsors]
http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr262	House Natural Resources Subcommittee
	on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular
• Extends the availability of the Save Vanishing Species stamp for four years.	Affairs
	1/15/2013 Introduced
	1/31/2013 Referred to House
African and Asian elephants, rhinos, tigers, great apes, and marine sea turtles	Subcommittee
	 http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr4025 Reauthorizes the Fishing Safety Training and Fishing Safety Research grant programs through 2015 To amend the Act popularly known as the Antiquities Act of 1906 to provide for congressional approval of national monuments and restrictions on the use of national monuments, to establish requirements for declaration of marine national monuments, and for other purposes http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr4988 Expressing the sense of the Congress that the Fish and Wildlife Service should incorporate consideration of global warming and sea-level rise into the comprehensive conservation plans for coastal national wildlife refuges http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hconres13 Hunting, Fishing, and Recreational Shooting Protection Act http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113s1505 Amends the Toxic Substances Control Act to exclude from the definition of chemical substance any sport fishing equipment, firearm, or cartridge subject to a federal excise tax Multinational Species Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp Reauthorization Act http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr262 Extends the availability of the Save Vanishing Species stamp for four years. The Postal Service gives the proceeds from stamp sales to the Fish and Wildlife Service to fund projects for endangered wildlife species including

S. 542	Maritime Lien Reform Act of 2013	Murkowski (R-AK) [2 cosponsors]
	http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113s542	Senate Committee on Commerce, Science,
		and Transportation
	 Prohibits maritime liens from being imposed on Alaskan limited entry 	3/13/2013 Introduced
	commercial fishing permits	3/13/2013 Referred to Senate Committee
H.R. 596	Public Lands Renewable Energy Development Act of 2013	Gosar (R-AZ) [59 cosponsors)
	http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr596	House Natural Resources Subcommittee
		on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular
	Streamlines permitting for renewable energy projects on public lands and	Affairs
	waters	House Agriculture Subcommittee on
		Conservation, Energy, and Forestry.
		2/8/2013 Introduced
		2/25/2013 Referred to Subcommittees
S. 681	Offshore Fairness Act	Vitter (R-LA) [none]
	http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113s681	Senate Committee on Energy and Natural
		Resources
	• Extends the offshore jurisdictions of Gulf of Mexico states to three marine	4/9/2013 Introduced
	leagues from their respective coastlines	4/9/2013 Referred to Senate Committee
	• States would control the rights to energy resources and gain exclusive fishery	
	management authority over reef fish within the new boundary	
H.R. 1430	Offshore Fairness Act	Cassidy (R-LA) [1 cosponsor]
	http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr1430	House Judiciary Subcommittee on
		Regulatory Reform, Commercial And
	 House companion bill to S. 681, the Offshore Fairness Act 	Antitrust Law; House Natural Resources
		Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral
		Resources
		4/30/2013 Referred to House
		Subcommittees

S. 747	A bill to grant exclusive fishery management authority over the red snapper fish in	Vitter (R-AL) [none]
	the Gulf of Mexico to certain States.	Committee on Commerce, Science, and
	http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113s747	Transportation.
		4/17/2013 Introduced
	Grants Gulf states exclusive fishery management authority over red snapper	4/17/2013 Referred to Senate Committee
	fish in the Gulf of Mexico in the area located between the coast line of each	
	such state and the point that is 200 miles seaward of the coast line	
H.R. 753	Prohibiting commercial finfish aquaculture operations in the Exclusive Economic	Young (R-AK) [none]
	Zone.	House Natural Resources Subcommittee
	http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr753	on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular
		Affairs
	 Prohibits the Secretary of Interior and the Secretary of Commerce from 	2/15/2013 Introduced
	authorizing commercial finfish aquaculture operations in the federal	3/1/2013 Referred to House Subcommittee
	Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) unless specifically authorized by Congress	
	Congress has never authorized open ocean aquaculture or provided a	
	legislative framework for managing finfish farms in the EEZ	
H.R. 1021	Land Acquisition to Cut National Debt Act	Stivers (R-OH) [none]
	http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr1021	House Natural Resources Committee;
		House Agriculture Committee
	• Suspends net federal land acquisitions under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of	3/6/2013 Introduced
	Land Management, the National Park Service, the Fish and Wildlife Service,	3/12/2013 Referred to House Committees
	or the Forest Service unless the Federal budget is balanced for the year in	4/2/2013 Referred to House
	which the land would be purchased	Subcommittees

S. 1022	A bill to amend title 46, United States Code, to extend the exemption from the fire-retardant materials construction requirement for vessels operating within the Boundary Line. http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113s1022 Amends federal shipping law to extend through October 31, 2028, the exemption of certain vessels from the requirement that U.S. passenger vessels having berth or stateroom accommodations for at least 50 passengers be constructed of fire-retardant materials in order to be granted a certificate of inspection Continues to apply this exemption only to vessels in operation before January 1, 1968, which operate only within the Boundary Line (the dividing point 	Brown (D-OH) [6 cosponsors] Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation 5/22/2013 Introduced 5/22/2013 Referred to Senate Committee
	between inland waters and high seas)	
S. 1079	Artificial Reef Promotion Act of 2013 http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113s1079 • Expedites the application review to remove an offshore oil or gas platform in the Gulf of Mexico for use as an artificial reef by requiring that a decision be made within 150 days	Vitter (R-LA) [2 cosponsors] Senate 5/23/2013 Introduced 5/23/2013 Referred to Senate Committee
S. 1161	Gulf of Mexico Red Snapper Conservation Act of 2013 http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113s1161 • Transfers management responsibility of Gulf of Mexico red snapper to the Gulf states	Landrieu (D-LA) [1 cosponsor] Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation 6/13/2013 Introduced 6/13/2013 Referred to Senate Committee
S. 1202	SAFE Act http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113s1202 Requires federal agencies that manage natural resources to adopt climate change adaptation plans 	Whitehouse (D-RI) [1 cosponsor] Environment and Public Works Committee 6/20/2013 Referred to Senate Committee

H.R. 1219	Gulf Fisheries Fairness Act	Bonner (R-AL) [12 cosponsors]
	http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr1219	House Committee on Natural Resources
		3/15/2013 Introduced
	• Resets the state water boundaries for the purposes of reef fish management	3/15/2013 Referred to House Committee
	for all five Gulf states to an average depth of 20 fathoms (120 feet) or nine	
	nautical miles, whichever is farthest	
	• Currently, Alabama, Louisiana and Mississippi have three mile boundaries,	
	while Florida and Texas are set at nine miles	
H.R. 1313	To amend the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act to repeal a duplicative program	Hartzler (R-MO) [62 cosponsors]
	relating to inspection and grading of catfish.	House Agriculture Subcommittee on
	http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr1313	Livestock, Rural Development, and Credit
		3/21/2013 Introduced
	Terminates the USDA catfish inspection program	4/2/2013 Referred to Senate Subcommittee
	• Currently the FDA and NFMS also have catfish inspection programs in place,	
	and the Government Accountability Office singled out USDA's catfish	
	inspection program as duplicative in a February 2013 report on government	
	waste	
	• Three other bills (H.R. 1999, S. 632, and the House Farm Bill) also end	
	USDA's catfish inspection program	
S. 1419	Marine and Hydrokinetic Renewable Energy Act of 2013	Wyden (D-OR) [4 cosponsors]
	http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113s1419	Senate Energy and Natural Resources
		Committees
	• Reauthorizes the Department of Energy's marine hydrokinetic (MHK)	8/1/2013 Introduced
	research, development and demonstration programs through 2017	2/27/2014 Subcommittee hearing held
	 Encourages private investment in MHK power technologies by streamlining 	
	the regulatory process for pilot projects that generate energy from oceans,	
	lakes and rivers	
S. 1435	Clean Ports Act of 2013	Gillibrand (D-NY) [1 cosponsor]
	http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113s1435	Senate Commerce, Science, and
		Transportation Committee
	 Encourages ports to adopt and enforce requirements to reduce pollution, 	8/1/2013 Referred to Senate Committee
	mitigate traffic congestion, improve highway safety, and enhance efficient	
	utilization of port facilities	

H.R 2261	National Mitigation Fisheries Coordination Act	Crawford (R-AR) [6 cosponsors]
	http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr2261	Subcommittee on Water Resources and
		Environment
	Directs agencies with fishery mitigation activities on mandated federal water	6/5/2013 Introduced
	projects to reimburse the Fish and Wildlife Service for the cost of operating	6/10/2013 Referred to House
	the hatcheries used in mitigation	Subcommittees
H.R. 3099	Gulf of Mexico Red Snapper Conservation Act of 2013	Miller (R-FL) [20 cosponsors]
	http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr3099	House Natural Resources
		9/12/2013 Introduced
	 Transfers management authority over the red snapper fishery to the Gulf 	9/12/2013 Referred to House Committee
	States Marine Fisheries Commission	
	 Contains a three year prohibition on any reduction in quotas 	
S.2485	Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Convention Amendments Act	Sen Markey (D-MA) [none]
	http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113s2485	Committee on Commerce, Science, and
		Transportation
	A bill to implement the Amendment to the Convention on Future Multilateral	6/17/2014 Introduced
	Cooperation in the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries, as adopted at Lisbon on	6/17/2014 Referred to Senate Committee
	September 28, 2007	
H.R. 4988	Marine Access and State Transparency (MAST) Act	Rep Southerland (R-FL) [14 cosponsors]
111111 1900	http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr4988	House Natural Resources Committee
		7/7/2014 Introduced
	Requires the President to obtain approval from affected state Governors	
	before designating any area of the EEZ to be a national monument	
H.R. 5026	Fish Hatchery Protection Act	Rep Gosar (R-AZ) [6 cosponsors]
	http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr5026	House Natural Resources Committee
		7/8/2014 Introduced
	• Prohibits the Department of the Interior from closing any fish hatchery within	7/10/2014 Referred to House
	the National Fish Hatchery System unless expressly authorized by an Act of	Subcommittee
	Congress	

H.R. 4737	State Fisheries Act of 2014 http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr4737 • Amends the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to provide, for purposes of managing fisheries in the Gulf of Mexico, that the seaward boundary of a coastal state's jurisdiction in the Gulf of Mexico is a line nine nautical miles seaward from the baseline from which the territorial sea of the United States is measured.	Rep Pallazzo (R-MS) [none] House Committee on Natural Resources 5/22/2014 Introduced 5/22/2014 Referred to House committee
H.R. 4722	 EEZ Clarification Act http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr4722 Declares that the landward boundary of the exclusive economic zone (EEZ) between the area south of Montauk, New York, and the area south of Point Judith, Rhode Island, for purposes of all federal laws governing marine fisheries management, shall be considered to be a continuous line running: (1) from a point three miles south of the southernmost point of Montauk to a point three miles south of the southernmost point of Block Island, Rhode Island, and (2) from such point three miles south of the southernmost point of Block Island, Rhode Island, to a point three miles south of the southernmost point of Point Judith. 	Rep Bishop (D-NY) [none] House Committee on Natural Resources 5/22/2014 Introduced 5/30/2014 Referred to House Subcommittee
HR 4642	Boating Occupancy and Teaching Safety Act or the BOATS Act http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr4642 Directs the Commandant of the Coast Guard to: (1) establish maximum passenger capacity and maximum weight capacity standards for recreational vessels, and (2) require manufacturers and operators of passenger vessels to permanently display in a legible manner that is clearly visible, including on each flying bridge of the vessel, to vessel passengers such maximum capacity requirements and a notice of the need to balance vessel weight to avoid capsizing	Rep Israel (D-NY) [none] House Committee on Natural Resources 5/9/2014 Introduced 5/20/2014 Referred to House Subcommittee

S. 518	H2O Visa for Seafood Processing Act	Sen Begich (D-AK) [none]
	http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113s518	Senate Committee on the Judiciary
		3/11/2013 Introduced
	 Amends the Immigration and Nationality Act to establish a nonimmigrant visa category for an alien having a foreign country residence, which he or she has no intention of abandoning, who is coming temporarily to the United States to work in the seafood processing industry. 	3/11/2014 Referred to Senate Committee

Regional Projects/Legislation

H.R. 175	To authorize a project for hurricane and storm damage reduction, West Onslow	Rep McIntyre, Mike (D-NC) [none]
	Beach and New River Inlet (Topsail Beach), North Carolina	Subcommittee on Water Resources and
	http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr157	Environment
		1/4/2013 introduced
		1/7/2013 Referred to subcommittee
H.R. 644	Delaware River Basin Conservation Act of 2013	Carney (D-DE) [21 cosponsors]
	http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr644	House Natural Resources Subcommittee
		on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular
	 Requires the Secretary of the Interior to establish the Delaware River Basin 	Affairs
	Restoration Program within the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	2/13/2013 Introduced
	 Requires the Secretary to institute a new partnership to work in consultation 	2/22/2013 Referred to House
	with existing management structures to identify, prioritize, and implement	Subcommittee
	restoration and protection activities in the entire basin and adopt a basin-wide	
	investment strategy for implementation of the program	
S. 1520	York River Wild and Scenic River Study Act of 2013	Kind (I-ME) [none]
	http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113s1520	Senate Energy and Natural Resources
		Committee
	 Would amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the 	9/18/2013 Introduced
	York River and associated tributaries for study for potential inclusion in the	9/18/2013 Referred to Senate Committee
	National Wild and Scenic Rivers System	

H.R. 2174	Long Island Sound Restoration and Stewardship Act	Israel (D-NY) [16 cosponsors]
	http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr2174	Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife,
		Oceans, and Insular Affairs
	 Streamlines the federal authorization process for the Long Island Sound 	5/23/2013 introduced
	Restoration Act (passed in 2000 & 2005) and the Long Island Sound	6/3/2013 Referred to subcommittee
	Stewardship Act (passed in 2006)	
	 Improves coordination among federal, state and local agencies and requires 	
	reporting on the use of the funds	
H.R. 3139	To amend the Chesapeake Bay Initiative Act of 1998 to provide for the	Sarbanes (D-MD) [10 cosponsors]
	reauthorization of the Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network	House Natural Resources Committee
	http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr3139	9/19/2013 Introduced
		9/27/2013 Referred to House
		Subcommittee