

# Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission

## Business Session

*February 9, 2012  
3:45 – 4:15 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/Call to Order (*P. Diodati*) 3:45 p.m.
2. Board Consent 3:45 p.m.
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of Proceedings from November 2011
3. Public Comment 3:50 p.m.
4. Review Non-Compliance Findings (If Necessary) 4:00 p.m.
5. Other Business/Adjourn 4:15 p.m.

The meeting will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 901 North Fairfax Street, Alexandria, Virginia; 703-683-6000

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**DRAFT PROCEEDINGS OF THE  
ATLANTIC STATES MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION  
BUSINESS SESSION**

**The Langham Hotel**  
Boston, Massachusetts  
November 9, 2011

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2. **Move for approval of the Proceedings from August, 2011** (Page 1). Motion by Pat Augustine; second by Bill Adler. Motion carried (Page 1).
3. **Move to approve the Action Plan as amended and presented** (Page 3) Motion by the AOC. Motion carries without opposition (Page 4).
4. **Move to nominate Mr. Paul Diodati as chair of the ASMFC and Dr. Louis Daniel as the Vice-Chair of the ASMFC** (Page 3). Motion on behalf of the nominating committee.
5. **Adjourn** by consent (Page 5).

## ATTENDANCE

### Board Members

Terry Stockwell, ME, proxy for P. Keliher (AA)	Roy Miller, DE (GA)
Douglas Grout (AA)	Bernie Pankowski, DE, proxy for Sen. Venables (LA)
Dennis Abbott, NH proxy for Rep Watters (LA)	David Saveikis, DE (AA)
Ritchie White, NH (GA)	William Goldsborough, MD (GA)
Paul Diodati, MA (AA)	Tom O'Connell, MD (AA)
William Adler, MA (GA)	Steve Bowman, VA (AA)
Bob Ballou, RI (AA)	Jack Travelstead, VA Administrative Proxy
Rick Bellavance, RI, proxy for Rep. Martin (LA)	Louis Daniel, NC (AA)
David Simpson, CT (AA)	Willard Cole, NC (GA)
Lance Stewart, CT (GA)	Mike Johnson, NC, proxy for Rep. Wainwright (LA)
Rep. Craig Miner, CT (LA)	John Frampton, SC (AA)
James Gilmore, NY (AA)	Malcolm Rhodes, SC (GA)
Pat Augustine, NY (GA)	Robert Boyles, Jr., SC (LA)
Byron Young, NY, proxy for Sen. Johnson (LA)	John Duren, GA (GA)
Tom McCloy, NJ, proxy for D. Chanda (AA)	Spud Woodward, GA (AA)
Tom Fote, NJ (GA)	Aaron Podey, FL, proxy for J. McCawley (AA)
Adam Nowalsky, NJ, proxy for Asm. Albano (LA)	A.C. Carpenter, PRFC
Leroy Young, PA, proxy for J. Arway (AA)	Jaime Geiger, USFWS
Loren Lustig, PA (GA)	Steve Meyers, NOAA

(AA = Administrative Appointee; GA = Governor Appointee; LA = Legislative Appointee)

### Ex-Officio Members

Vince O'Shea	Toni Kerns
Danielle Chesky	Mark Robson
Bob Beal	

### Guests

Joe Grist, VMRC	Mike Armstrong, MA DMF
Rob O'Reilly, VMRC	Patrick Geer, GA DNR
Rick Robins, MAFMC	Duane Harris, SAFMC
Peter Burns, NMFS	Peter Himchak, NJ DFW
Stewart Michels, DE DFW	Chip Lynch, NOAA
Mary Griffin MA DFG	Wilson Laney, US FWS
Gordon Colvin, NOAA	Michelle Duval, NC DMF
Russ Allen, NJ DFW	

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The Business Session of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission convened in the Wilson Ballroom of the Langham Hotel, Boston, Massachusetts, November 9, 2011, and was called to order at 4:30 o'clock p.m. by Chairman Robert H. Boyles, Jr.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

CHAIRMAN ROBERT H. BOYLES, JR.: Good afternoon, everybody. My name is Robert Boyles. I'm Chair of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission. I would like to call to order the business session of the commission.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

CHAIRMAN ROBERT H. BOYLES, JR.: The first item on our agenda is to seek consent for the approval of the agenda. One thing that differs from the published agenda, it has been our custom to give the chairman's comments, and I would like to do that immediately after the public comment. After our elections, we were going to have a report from the Resolutions Commission, Dr. Rhodes, if we could do that. Are there any other additions to the agenda? Steve.

MR. STEVEN G. BOWMAN: Mr. Chairman, if I could, Mr. Carpenter has asked that we correct the attendance from the last meeting although Jack was here as my proxy. A.C. is listed as a board member on here, and he informs me that he is not specifically a board member, a visitor, so if we could just move it down at his request. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

### **APPROVAL OF PROCEEDINGS**

CHAIRMAN BOYLES: Yes, so moved. Thank you for that, Steve. Any other comments on the agenda? Okay, seeing none, and with the approval of proceedings with that change from the last meeting of the business session, are there any other changes, additions or corrections to the proceedings from August 2011? Okay, seeing none, then the proceedings will be adopted as amended. One sad note I would like to make the commission aware of, and I'll turn it over to Doug Grout.

MR. DOUGLAS GROUT: Yes, just this afternoon we received an e-mail that former New Hampshire governor's appointee to this commission and a long-time friend of this commission passed away. Herbie Drake passed away last night. It sounds like what we heard from his son he sat down and had a couple of drinks, had some venison, went to bed and had a

peaceful sleep. If would be okay with the business session, if we could have just a moment of remembrance of Herbie and all he did for this commission.

(Moment of silence)

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

CHAIRMAN BOYLES: Doug, thank you for passing on that news. The next item on the agenda is the opportunity for public comment. As you know, we have the opportunity for folks from the public who wish to address the commission on matters that are not on the agenda. Is there anyone in the public who would like to address the commission? Yes.

MR. DENNIS ABBOTT: Mr. Chair, I would be remiss if I didn't comment on Herbie Drake. Back in 1997 Herby called me up in his gruff tone, and he said, "Got a job for you. How would you like to be an ASMFC commissioner?" He said, "Go to a few meetings; no big deal." Here I am 15 years later.

CHAIRMAN BOYLES: Thank you, Dennis, and I think it goes without saying that the commission will be sending a note of condolence and certainly a note of thanks to his family for his service, his inspiration and his encouragement to this commission.

### **ANNUAL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT TO THE COMMISSION**

CHAIRMAN BOYLES: I wanted to chat a little bit about where we are as a commission. I really was delighted to walk through Boston on Sunday with my wife. I was struck by the history and I was struck by the great people that are part of the history of this city and the history of this country who have trod these streets.

One of those great people was a man named Oliver Wendell Holmes, and I'm going to give you a couple of quotes from Dr. Holmes. The first one was "He must be a poor creature that does not often repeat himself." And the second thing I think that Dr. Holmes said – and this was the father of our associate justice, a very prolific jurist – Oliver Wendell Holmes said, "I find the great thing in this world is not so much where we stand as in what direction we're moving."

It has been my honor and my privilege to have served these past two years as your chair. I have been grateful for your confidence and your support. I appreciate that and thank you to each one of you. I also want to thank my boss, John Frampton, fellow

commissioner from South Carolina, who is retiring after a career of 37 years in natural resources management. John, thank you for supporting me during these years and more importantly for your dedicated service and leadership protecting and preserving our natural resources.

This is my last report as your chair, and in preparing my words for today I was struck by the dedication and the passion with which you all serve as commissioners. I believe that's the glue that binds us together. Your collective commitment to our mission is perhaps one of the greatest strengths of our commission.

Last year I spoke about the daunting challenges facing all of us, and I was heartened by your requests for written copies of those words, and I hope you'll continue to keep them close in your deliberations and your actions as I believe those issues remain with us. We can all take pride in your response to that message.

Our policy board has made solid progress to improve accountability of our management process, and in addition several boards have made very, very difficult decisions this past year to take action to rebuilding stocks. I would encourage us all to continue that trend. The challenges of rebuilding stocks, instilling our culture on a new generation of commissioners, and dealing with scarce fiscal and human resources are known to all of us.

I would suggest that cooperation should be the fundamental element of our response to these and the other challenges that we face. Cooperation goes to the root of our commission. In fact, it's the very reason the ASMFC was formed and the reason for some of our greatest successes and important results. I'm struck by the fact that our commission was formed in 1942 when our forebears knew not what the future of their world was going to be. The notion and the potential power of cooperation is embedded in our Compact and our regulations, and is a word in the very title of the Atlantic Coastal Fisheries Cooperative Management Act and a theme that's repeated throughout the Act.

I believe it's a principle and a value most recently reaffirmed by all of us when we approved our current Strategic Plan. I would ask you to consider what is possible when we as commissioners and the states we represent agree to stand together. When we stand together, I believe we develop better solutions with better outcomes.

Our resulting decisions and agreements are stable; a reflection of being good for all. When we stand together as leaders in carrying out our public trust responsibilities, we enhance and project confidence in the wisdom of our collective decisions. Standing together we are better able to respond to challenges to our actions and better explain and promote the long-term benefits of what we all do.

Cooperation enables us to make better use of our limited political, fiscal and human resources and especially in the area of scientific advice. Standing together and cooperating promotes clarity of vision and clarity of purpose. And perhaps most importantly cooperation generates the ability for us to energize each other through our encouragement and our accomplishments.

The new standards of accountability and adherence to science advice are producing results for federally managed species. I believe this will raise the bar for what the public will expect from our commission as well, and I think we need to prepare for that challenge. We can use our power of cooperation to leverage our capacities on multiple fronts.

As I stand down from being your chair, I stand confident in the belief that we have tools and the courage to use them to meet the challenges ahead and to deliver to the next generation fisheries that are more abundant than what we have enjoyed. I look forward to working with you in the coming years towards that end.

I really, really appreciate you allowing me the privilege of allowing me to serve as your chair over these past two years and of your support and encouragement. To quote Dr. Holmes again, the great citizen of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, because he did say, "He must be a poor creature that does not often repeat himself."

"I do find the great thing in this world is not so much where we stand as in what direction we're moving," and he followed that up with this sentence, "To reach the port of Heaven, we must sail sometimes with the wind, sometimes against it, but we must sail and not drift nor lie at anchor." Thank you. (Applause)

Thank you for that and I do mean thank you so much for the support. It really, really has been a terrific privilege, a terrific privilege. The next item of business to review and consider the approval of the 2012 ASMFC Action Plan. Recall that this was a plan that comes to us from our Administrative Oversight Committee; and as a result it has to be approved by the full commission.

## **REVIEW AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE 2012 ASMFC ACTION PLAN**

Note that we did have an Action Plan Workshop yesterday; and since it comes to us from our AOC, we have it as a motion to approve. It does not require a second. Is there any discussion on the 2012 Action Plan? Adam.

MR. ADAM NOWALSKY: Mr. Chairman, I had a discussion yesterday and I just wanted to see if the commission had a followup to that with regards to Item 2.4.4 with regards to tautog modeling?

MR. ROBERT E. BEAL: Yes, actually there are going to be a couple of slides up here, and these are changes that came up during the workshop yesterday and during the deliberations during the board meetings that took place earlier this week. I'll go through all those and then the last bullet there will be respond to your question, Adam.

The first change was Task 1.1.2, which is American lobster, adding Addendum XIX to that; under Task 1.1.3, Atlantic menhaden, Amendment 2. The original draft contemplated an addendum versus an amendment. Clearly, the direction from the board that met just before this session was to change that to an amendment.

Task 1.1.4 is Striped Bass Addendum III. The Striped Bass Board took action earlier this week to postpone action on Addendum III. The question before the group is should that be taken out of the document and the reference to that be taken out of the Action Plan for 2012 or is there still some potential action for Addendum III in 2012.

The next issue that came up during the deliberations – and actually this is a holdover from a Northern Shrimp Section Meeting about two weeks ago – is there some consideration of the Northern Shrimp Assessment Peer Review being moved up from 2013 to 2012, and I think Doug Grout can comment on that.

MR. GROUT: Yes, as Bob said, at our Section meeting where we were making some very difficult decisions to try and address reduced abundance for northern shrimp, one of the things that we brought up was to address some concerns or some questions about some of the inputs of the stock assessment was to possibly move or request the commission to move that up by a year from 2013 to 2012.

We've since had a discussion amongst the Section along with some input from our technical committee

about the pros and cons of moving it up by a year. After reflection of what things we would gain and we'd lose by moving it up by a year, we have unanimously decided – we've decided to withdraw that request to move it up by a year.

MR. WILLIAM A. ADLER: Just a question back on the lobster, was that Addendum XIX – or, you know, you haven't got Addendum XVIII yet. I know there was an XVIII going in next year and were you still sticking to XIX as well?

MR. BEAL: XVIII was already referenced in the Draft Action Plan that we talked about in the workshop yesterday, but the addition of XIX is something new that came out of the Lobster Board earlier this week, so it will be both XVIII and XIX that will be worked on next year. In response to Doug's position, we can probably take out any changes needed for the Task 1.1.6, northern shrimp. That can stay as it was drafted in the Draft Action Plan. Under Task 2.3.9, Dr. Daniel brought up some questions as to whether this should be southern kingfish or all kingfish, and we will sort that out and then correct that reference.

The last one is in response to Adam Nowalsky's question just a minute ago. The last tautog stock assessment and a benchmark assessment and peer review identified a number of potential improvements to the tautog stock assessment. The management board yesterday, as they were going through their deliberations, identified that as being something they'd want to see if they could explore during 2012, which would be having an assessment workshop to get started working on some of the improvements that were suggested by the technical committee and suggested by the last peer review.

In order to do that, we'd have to add that to the Action Plan and we'd have to find approximately \$9,000 to pull together a multi-day technical committee meeting with probably a couple of outside experts to figure out how to do that. That's a new task and we'll need to identify some funds to handle that workshop.

CHAIRMAN BOYLES: Further discussion? All right, there is a motion from the AOC to approve the Action Plan as drafted and amended yesterday in the workshop. Is there any opposition to that motion? Pat.

**MR. PATRICK AUGUSTINE: Mr. Chairman, move to approve the Action Plan as amended and presented.**



CHAIRMAN BOYLES: We've got that motion from the AOC, so I'm calling the question. Is there any opposition to that motion? **All right, I see none, the 2012 ASMFC Action Plan stands adopted as amended through the workshop.** The next item on the agenda is elections, and at this point I'm going to turn it over to our executive director.

## ELECTIONS OF ASMFC CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JOHN V. O'SHEA: I have in front of me the procedures for the election process and just to quickly review a couple of things, the Nominating Committee under the process was to contact all commissioners to solicit recommendations; follow up on commissioner recommendations to gauge the individual's interest in being included as a nominee; and then develop separate ballots for chair and vice-chair based on input from commissioners.

A ballot will be prepared even if there is only one nominee in order to provide the opportunity to write in a candidate. The election process is ballots will be distributed to state delegations at the commission business session. Each state delegation will receive one ballot and cast one vote based on the result of the commissioner caucus.

State delegations may identify a write-in candidate. A state should verify the interest of their candidate before submitting his or her name on the ballot. In the event that more than two candidates receive votes for either chair or vice-chair, a runoff will be conducted between the two candidates that receive the most votes.

In the event of the tie, a vote will be taken until there is a majority winner. The Nominating Committee will tally the votes and report the results to the commission after each vote. Jack, as chair of the Nominating Committee, I'll call on your, please.

MR. JACK TRAVELSTEAD: Mr. Chairman, first, let me thank my fellow Nominating Committee members Spud Woodward and Dennis Abbott. We divided the coast into three parts and made every effort to contact all of the commission members and proxies to gauge their interest in being nominated or supporting another nominee.

We've completed that process quite a while ago and at this point are prepared to nominate Mr. Paul Diodati for commission chair. Our nomination for commission vice-chair is Dr. Louis Daniel.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR O'SHEA: Staff is passing out the ballots. There will be two ballots, one for the chair and one for the vice-chair. We'd ask that each state delegation include your state on the ballot when you mark it. Staff will come around to pick it up.

(Whereupon, the vote was taken.)

MR. TRAVELSTEAD: **Mr. Chairman, I am pleased to report that Mr. Paul Diodati has been elected chair and Dr. Louis Daniel has been elected commission vice-chair.** (Applause)

CHAIRMAN PAUL DIODATI: I first want to start by saying, because I know you're wondering, we did not cast a null vote from New Massachusetts. (Laughter) Congratulations, Lou. We will have our work cut out for us and a tough road to follow behind our outgoing chair, Robert. We appreciate your kind words. I think speaking on behalf of everyone here we appreciate all you have done and what you said tonight. I am going to recognize Dr. Rhodes for the Report of the Revolutions Committee. I know you've been working on that all week, Malcolm, so good luck.

DR. MALCOLM RHODES: Well, thank you very much, and revolution is in the air in this city as well as Charleston. It's kind of interesting that we had back-to-back starting points for conflagrations of our country. I would like to thank the Resolution Committee, Mr. Grout and Mr. Pankowski as well as the always exceptional help of Laura Leach in preparing these resolutions. That being said, here we go:

WHEREAS, the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission conducted its 70<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting in the historic city of Boston, Massachusetts, which provided a magnificent venue for the commissioners, commission staff, law enforcement, management and science, habitat and ACFHP committee members to deliberate on issues of mutual concern; and

WHEREAS, the weather was unquestionably and utterly perfect, with warm sunshine, mild breezes and temperatures that promoted long walks through the town; and

WHEREAS, the meeting began with receptions at the elegant Langham Hotel and then at the UMass Club where views, food, drink and dulcet tones of Vito Calomo provided the perfect venue to renew old friendships and start many new ones; and

WHEREAS, the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission Family contributed to the economy of Boston by enjoying the unseasonable weather and exploring the Freedom Trail, the North End, Beacon Hill, Boston Commons, Charlestown and the waterfront, necessitating visits to restaurants, bakeries and shops; and

WHEREAS, the spousal tours were greatly enjoyed by all, providing opportunities to visit the historic sites of this town, to enter the Hallowed Halls of the Senate and House, to ride and sometimes drive a duck; and most importantly to view the Sacred Cod and reportedly the Holy Mackerel; and

WHEREAS, the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Laura Leach Fishing Tournament proved the angling prowess of the commission by not only overfishing but depleting all six target species within the first day; and

WHEREAS, the Annual Dinner aboard the Odyssey provided a floating venue for a spectacular meal and musical entertainment by Mike Armstrong's Band, Loud Mouth Sue; a dance floor dominated by the Augustines, proving once again that movement keeps you young; and unobstructed views of Downtown Bean Town; and

WHEREAS, the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual David H. Hart Award recognized Patton White for his tremendous contributions to the successful management of marine fisheries along the Atlantic Coast; and

WHEREAS, the commissioners' annual photo was yet again another exercise akin to herding cats but masterfully accomplished through the exemplary professional and combined talents of Laura Leach and Tina Berger, who skillfully avoided bodily harm dodging Boston traffic to get the shot; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission expresses its deep appreciation to the Massachusetts commissioners, Paul Diodati, Representative Sarah Peake and Bill Adler, and all the staff of the Department of Marine Fisheries, especially Nichola Meserve and Jean Shaw for their terrific assistance in the planning and execution of this outstanding 70<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting in showing us all the charms of Boston. A wicked good time was had by all. (Applause)

CHAIRMAN DIODATI: **Is there a motion to accept the resolution? John Frampton; seconded by Louis.** Thank you, Malcolm, that was wonderful. I have noticed all week when people see Nichola,

they give her a big hug and everything. She hasn't been in prison! (Laughter) We're not going to continue on with the policy board this evening.

That will be my first order of business. I think you've been locked in this room that's deficient of oxygen for about three or four hours now. Even though you did a great job, Louis, at a very difficult meeting, I think you were here for a long time, so we're going to suspend the policy board meeting.

There is one other important item of business and, Robert, if you can come back up here. Louis, why don't you come up, too, and take on your first official duty as well. I'm going to ask our Executive Director Vince O'Shea to make this presentation to our outgoing chairman.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR O'SHEA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Robert, on behalf of not only your fellow commissioners but I know also the entire staff it has been our privileged to have your leadership for the last two years. We have a small token of our appreciation. It says, "In recognition of outstanding leadership, Robert H. Boyles, Jr., Chair, 2009-2011; vice-chair, 2006-2009," so by this you have worked for five years to get this plaque, but thank you very, very much for your leadership and your attention to your responsibilities that you did here. I think a lot of the things we accomplished were more than what we thought would happen, and that's a great sign of leadership. On behalf of everybody thank you so much. (Applause)

## ADJOURNMENT

CHAIRMAN DIODATI: There will be a 7:00 o'clock breakfast meeting for the executive committee. If there is no other business to come before us, we'll suspend for this evening and we will meet as an executive meeting tomorrow morning at 7:00 o'clock.

(Whereupon, the meeting was adjourned at 5:05 o'clock p.m., November 9, 2011.)



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## MEMORANDUM

19 January 2012

**To:** ASMFC Commissioners

**From:** John V. O'Shea

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John V. O'Shea".

**Re:** Legislative Tracking Sheet: 112<sup>th</sup> Congress, 1<sup>st</sup> Session

The 112<sup>th</sup> United States Congress has begun. Please find attached tables providing summary information of key bills already introduced regarding ocean and coastal issues. Legislation has been categorized into Priority I or II areas. Bills that fall under the Priority I areas are defined as being of major and substantive interest to the Commission. Bills under Priority II areas are of less importance to the Commission. Bills are grouped in the following focus areas:

### Priority I Areas

ASMFC Species  
ACFCMA  
Interjurisdictional Fisheries  
Federal Fisheries  
Coastal Management  
Endangered Species  
Aquatic Invasive Species  
Marine Mammal Protection  
Appropriations

### Priority II Areas

Aquaculture  
Habitat  
Exploration  
Ocean Education and Training  
Observing Systems  
National Ocean Policy  
Chesapeake Bay  
NOAA  
Waterfronts/Ports/Coastal Jobs  
Shark Conservation  
USFWS

This is a living document and 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. Links to the full text of bills are provided in the tables. If there is a particular bill not included here that you would like summarized or if you would like more information on bills listed, please contact Danielle Brzezinski ([dbrzezinski@asmfc.org](mailto:dbrzezinski@asmfc.org)). Also, please let us know if you have any ideas to improve this report.

Key Bill	Highlights	Sponsor [Cosponsors]/Committee Status
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### PRIORITY I BILLS

#### Magnuson Stevens Act

S. 238	<p>FISH Act of 2011  <a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:S.238:">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:S.238:</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amends the Magnuson-Stevens Act to require yearly updates to the fishery impact statements considering consistency with National Standard 8</li> <li>• Requires the yearly updates to be performed by an individual not employed by the U.S. Government and selected by the Comptroller General of the United States</li> <li>• Requires mitigation plans within 60 days of review completion to address negative economic or social impacts and any inconsistencies with National Standard 8</li> </ul>	<p>Brown (R – MA) [Collins (R-ME), Snowe (R-ME)]  <b>Commerce, Science, and Transportation, SC</b> on  Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard  01/31/11: Introduced  01/31/11: Referred to SC</p>
S. 632	<p>Flexibility in Rebuilding American Fisheries Act  <a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:S.632:">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:S.632:</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amends the MSA to set the rebuilding timeline to as soon as <i>practicable</i> instead of as soon as <i>possible</i></li> <li>• Expands the number of exceptions of the 10-year rebuilding time frame to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Cause of fishery decline is outside purview of the Council or rebuilding is ineffective by only limiting fishing activities</li> <li>– Minimizing economic impacts or maintaining fishing communities, provided that the stock is showing an increasing trend</li> <li>– Allowing an extended timeframe for one or more stocks of a multi-species fishery, provided that the stock is showing an increasing trend</li> <li>– A substantial change to the biomass rebuilding target after the rebuilding plan has taken effect</li> <li>– If the biomass rebuilding target exceeds the highest abundance of the stock in the past 25 years and there is evidence the stock is increasing</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Requires review of other non-fishery impacts on stock declines and rebuilding during the regular review (at least every 2 years) of the fishery management plans</li> <li>• Puts an absolute limit on the rebuilding time frame as the sum of the 10-years, the expected rebuilding time without any fishing, and the mean generation time</li> <li>• Defines a positive rebuilding trend as “a substantial increase in abundance since the implementation of the rebuilding plan”</li> </ul>	<p>Schumer (D-NY), [Gillibrand (D-NY), Hagan (D-NC), Burr (R-NC), Brown (R-MA), Graham (R-SC)]  <b>Commerce, Science, and Transportation, SC</b> on  Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard  03/17/2011: Introduced  03/17/2011: Referred to Committee</p>

H.R. 1646	<p>American Angler Preservation Act [Second half is very similar to the Schumer Bill, S. 632]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requires the Scientific and Statistical Committee to give “risk neutral” scientific advice for fishery management decisions, instead of just scientific advice</li> <li>• Prevents a recommendation by a Science and Statistical Committee of a change in catch limit of greater than 20% without an external peer review</li> <li>• Requires that the Councils submit their multi-year research priorities to Congress, in addition to already providing it to the Secretary of Commerce and the regional science centers</li> <li>• Amends the MSA to set the rebuilding timeline to as soon as <i>practicable</i> instead of as soon as <i>possible</i></li> <li>• Expands the number of exceptions of the 10-year rebuilding time frame to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Cause of fishery decline is outside purview of the Council or rebuilding is ineffective by only limiting fishing activities</li> <li>– Minimizing economic impacts or maintaining fishing communities, provided that the stock is showing an increasing trend</li> <li>– Allowing an extended timeframe for one or more stocks of a multi-species fishery, provided that the stock is showing an increasing trend</li> <li>– A substantial change to the biomass rebuilding target after the rebuilding plan has taken effect</li> <li>– If the biomass rebuilding target exceeds the highest abundance of the stock in the past 25 years and there is evidence the stock is increasing</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Requires review of other non-fishery impacts on stock declines and rebuilding during the regular review (at least every 2 years) of the fishery management plans</li> <li>• Puts an absolute limit on the rebuilding time frame as the sum of the 10-years, the expected rebuilding time without any fishing, and the mean generation time</li> <li>• Defines a positive rebuilding trend as “a substantial increase in abundance since the implementation of the rebuilding plan”</li> </ul>	<p>Runyan (R-NJ) [Jones (R-NC), Long (R-MO), Mica (R-FL), Nugent (R-FL), Southerland (R-FL), <b>Posey (R-FL)</b>] <b>Natural Resources</b>, SC on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs 04/15/2011: Introduced 04/15/2011: Referred to Committee <b>12/01/11: Committee hearing held</b></p>
H.R. 1013	<p>Strengthen Fisheries Management in New England Act <a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.1013">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.1013:</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requires the Secretary of Commerce or Secretary of Treasury to annually make available to the NEFMC, for funding of Council research and monitoring, all sums received by the U.S. as fines, penalties, and forfeitures of property for violations of the Magnuson-Stevens Act within the Council’s fishery management jurisdiction</li> </ul>	<p>Keating (D-MA), [Courtney (D-CT), Lynch (D-MA)] <b>Natural Resources</b>, SC on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs 03/10/11: Introduced 03/10/11: Referred to Committee 03/15/11: Referred to SC <b>12/01/11: SC discharged</b> <b>12/01/11: Committee hearing held</b></p>

<p>H.R. 2304</p> <p><b>S. 1916</b></p>	<p>Fishery Science Improvement Act  <a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.2304">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.2304:</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Extends deadline for establishing annual catch limits (ACLs) and accountability measures (AMs) for all fisheries not subject to overfishing from 2011 to 2014</li> <li>• Exempts fisheries that have not had a stock assessment within the last 5 years and not deemed to be subject to overfishing from requirement to establish ACLs and AMs</li> <li>• Also exempts ecosystem stocks (defined as: nontarget stock and not overfished or likely to become overfished) from ACL and AM requirement</li> <li>• Requires completion of a stock survey and stock assessment within 270 days of the Secretary designating a fishery as overfished</li> </ul>	<p>Wittman (R-VA) [<b>35 Co-sponsors</b>]  <b>Natural Resources</b>, SC on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs  06/22/11: Introduced  06/22/11: Referred to Committee  <b>12/01/11: Committee Hearing held</b></p> <p>Nelson (D-FL) [7 co-sponsors]  <b>Commerce, Science, and Transportation</b>  11/28/11: Introduced  11/28/11: Referred to Committee</p>
<p>S. 1371</p>	<p>Rhode Island Fishermen's Fairness Act  <a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:S.1371">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:S.1371:</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adds Rhode Island to the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council</li> </ul>	<p>Reed (D-RI) [Whitehouse (D-RI)]  <b>Commerce, Science, and Transportation</b>  07/14/11: Introduced  07/14/11: Referred to Committee</p>
<p>H.R. 2753</p>	<p>Fishery Management Transparency and Accountability Act  <a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.2753">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.2753:</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requires webcasting of all Council and Science and Statistical Committee meetings</li> <li>• Requires web posting of all archived Council and SSC meeting webcasts, transcripts and audio for three years</li> </ul>	<p>Jones (R-NC) [<b>Sablan (D-Northern Mariana Islands)</b>]  <b>Natural Resources</b>  08/01/11: Introduced  08/01/11: Referred to Committee  <b>12/01/11: Committee hearing held</b></p>
<p>H.R. 2772  S. 1678</p>	<p>Saving Fish Jobs Act  <a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.2772">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.2772:</a>  <a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:S.1678">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:S.1678:</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prevents development of a LAPP program under the New England, Mid-Atlantic, South Atlantic, or Gulf Fishery Management Councils unless: a petition signed by at least 50% of eligible permit holders requests the program; Council provides the permit holders with an estimate of the fee that would be needed to cover implementation of the program; and 2/3 of the permit holders vote for the program to be established</li> <li>• Requires termination of any LAPP under the New England, Mid-Atlantic, South Atlantic, or Gulf Fishery Management Councils that has caused the number of eligible fishermen to decline by at least 15% from the previous year</li> </ul>	<p>Runyan (R-NJ) [<b>9 co-sponsors</b>]  <b>Natural Resources</b>  08/01/11: Introduced  08/01/11: Referred to Committee  <b>12/01/11: Committee hearing held</b></p> <p>Ayotte (R-NH) [Brown (R-MA)]  <b>Commerce, Science, and Transportation</b>, SC on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard  10/11/11: Introduced  10/11/11: Referred to Committee</p>

<p>H.R. 3061</p>	<p>Flexibility and Access in Rebuilding American Fisheries Act  <a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bing/query/z?c112:H.R.3061">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bing/query/z?c112:H.R.3061:</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amends the MSA to set the rebuilding timeline to as soon as <i>practicable</i> instead of as soon as <i>possible</i></li> <li>• Expands the number of exceptions of the 10-year rebuilding time frame to include:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Cause of fishery decline is outside purview of the Council or rebuilding is ineffective by only limiting fishing activities</li> <li>– Minimizing economic impacts or maintaining fishing communities, provided that the stock is showing an increasing trend</li> <li>– Allowing an extended timeframe for one or more stocks of a multi-species fishery, provided that the stock is showing an increasing trend</li> <li>– A substantial change to the biomass rebuilding target after the rebuilding plan has taken effect</li> <li>– If the biomass rebuilding target exceeds the highest abundance of the stock in the past 25 years and there is evidence the stock is increasing</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Requires review of other non-fishery impacts on stock declines and rebuilding during the regular review (at least every 2 years) of the fishery management plans</li> <li>• Puts an absolute limit on the rebuilding time frame as the sum of the 10-years, the expected rebuilding time without any fishing, and the mean generation time</li> <li>• Requires each Science and Statistical Committee to submit to its Council a report on the quality and quantity of data and impacts of uncertainty; also requires justification of any deviance between MSY and ABC recommendations</li> <li>• Allows Secretary of Commerce to suspend ACLs if: fishery not overfished, all stocks within the fishery are rebuilt, and scientific uncertainty so high that ACLs inconsistent with National Standard 8</li> <li>• Requires annual report to the Secretary of Commerce from each Council on adverse economic impacts and dollar estimates; Secretary then required to take actions to mitigate these adverse impacts</li> <li>• Requires a follow-up report from the National Research Council on MRIP development and implementation</li> <li>• Similar to Schumer’s S. 632</li> </ul>	<p>Pallone (D-NJ) [11 co-sponsors]  <b>Natural Resources</b>            09/23/11: Introduced            09/23/11: Referred to Committee            12/01/11: Committee hearing held</p>
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### Aquatic Invasive Species

<p>H.RES. 132</p>	<p>Expressing the need to raise awareness and promote capacity building to strategically address the lionfish invasion in the Atlantic Ocean  <a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.RES.132">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.RES.132:</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recognizes damage to ecosystems by the invasion and expansion of the two species of lionfish</li> <li>• Urges development of a comprehensive, scientifically based, region-wide strategy to address the lionfish invasion in the Atlantic Ocean, that includes actions such as local management plans and international partnerships;</li> <li>• Supports scientific research and capacity building to develop and implement responses to the lionfish invasion; and</li> <li>• Encourages raising public awareness about the lionfish invasion across the United States and its territories, especially in coastal communities, through outreach and education.</li> </ul>	<p>Christensen (D-VI)  <b>Natural Resources</b>, SC on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs            03/01/11: Introduced            03/01/11: Referred to Committee            03/02/11: Referred to SC            09/01/11: Recalled by full Committee</p> <p>*The resolution, if passed, is not binding action as a law would be</p>
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### Endangered Species

<p>H.R. 1042</p>	<p>Expressing the need to raise awareness and promote capacity building to strategically address the lionfish invasion in the Atlantic Ocean            “DELIST Act”  <a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.1042">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.1042:</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allows for recognition as “extinct” a limited listed species after 15 years of listing unless the Secretary (of the Interior or of Commerce) determines that, in the past 15 years:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– There has been a substantial increase in the population of that species, or</li> <li>– The continued listing of that species does not impose any economic hardship on communities located in the range of that species</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The term “limited listed species” means any species that is listed as endangered for which it is not reasonably possible to determine whether the species has been extirpated from the range of the species that existed on the date the species was listed because not all individuals of the species were identified at the time of such listing</li> <li>• This bill stems mainly from a small desert fly that fits the definition of a “limited listed species” and is believed to be present on one remaining set of dunes in California</li> </ul>	<p>Baca (D-CA), [16 co-sponsors]  <b>Natural Resources</b>, SC on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs            03/11/11: Introduced            03/11/11: Referred to Committee</p>
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H.R. 1917	<p>Joint Ventures for Bird Habitat Conservation Act  <a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.1917:">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.1917:</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Creates a Joint Ventures Program to facilitate partnerships among federal and state agencies, affected regional, local and tribal governments, private landowners, land managers, and other private stakeholders, nongovernmental organizations, and other relevant stakeholders to promote conservation and restoration of habitat for migratory birds</li> <li>• Creates authority to establish a management board of partners to create and implement a management plan</li> <li>• Potential implications in shorebird management</li> </ul>	<p>Kind (D-WI) [Wittman (R-VA), Young (D-AK)]  <b>Natural Resources</b>, SC on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs  05/13/11: Introduced  05/13/11: Referred to Committee  05/26/11: Referred to SC</p>
H.R. 1761	<p>Marine Turtle Conservation Reauthorization Act  <a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.1761:">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.1761:</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Removes focus on protecting turtle nesting and habitat in only foreign countries</li> <li>• Allows states or territories with sea turtle nesting to apply for funds</li> <li>• Extends authorization of funds through 2017</li> <li>• Increases amount allowed for administrative costs to \$150,000 per year</li> </ul>	<p>Pierluisi (D-PR) [<b>17 co-sponsors</b>]  <b>Natural Resources</b>, SC on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs  05/05/11: Introduced  05/05/11: Referred to Committee  05/16/11: Referred to SC  07/28/11: SC Hearings held</p>

### Marine Mammal Protection

S. 1402	<p>Marine Mammal Protection Amendment Act  <a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:S.1402:">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:S.1402:</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increases the fines from \$20,000 to \$50,000 for each act that a person commits and knowingly violates the Marine Mammal Protection Act</li> </ul>	<p>Brown (R-MA)  <b>Commerce, Science, and Transportation</b>  07/21/11: Introduced  07/21/11: Referred to Committee</p>
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## Coastal Management

H.R. 1372	<p>VA Energy Act  <a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.1372">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.1372:</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requires the completion of the Lease Sale 220 off Virginia's coast to be completed within one year of passage of the act as long as the sale does not conflict with military operations</li> <li>• Requires that revenues from the lease sale be distributed in the following manner: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– 50% to reducing the federal debt</li> <li>– 37.5% to the State (no purpose listed)</li> <li>– 6.25% to be used, without further appropriation, as funds for the State from the Land and Water Conservation Fund</li> <li>– 6.25% to be placed in a State fund to mitigate environmental damage as a result of oil and gas extraction performed under resulting leases</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Map of the proposed 220 Lease area  <a href="http://www.gomr.boemre.gov/homepg/lseale/220/VA_ProgramArea3c.pdf">http://www.gomr.boemre.gov/homepg/lseale/220/VA_ProgramArea3c.pdf</a></li> </ul>	<p>Goodlatte (R-VA), [6 co-sponsors, all VA]  <b>Natural Resources</b>, SC on Energy and Mineral Resources  04/05/11: Introduced  04/05/11: Referred to Committee  04/07/11: Referred to SC</p>
H.R. 1230	<p>Restarting American Offshore Leasing Now Act  <a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.1230">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.1230:</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requires the completion of Lease Sale 220 off Virginia's coast to be completed within one year of passage of the act</li> <li>• Also requires completion of Gulf lease sales originally planned prior to the BP Oil Spill</li> <li>• NOTE: Amendments to require 1) a new safety and environmental review (and thus not accept the 2007 review) and 2) to ensure the lease sale does not interfere with DOD operations, both failed</li> </ul>	<p>Hastings (R-WA), [67 co-sponsors]  <b>Natural Resources</b>, SC on Energy and Mineral Resources  03/29/11: Introduced  03/29/11: Referred to Committee  03/31/11: Referred to SC  04/06/11: SC Hearings held  04/13/11: SC discharged, Committee Mark-up and ordered to be reported (29-14 vote)  05/02/11: Placed on Union Calendar (No. 36)  05/04/11: Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 245 reported to the House  05/05/11: H. Res. 245 passed House  05/05/11: Motion to recommit failed (171-238 vote)  05/05/11: Motion passed (266-149 vote)</p>
H.R. 1870	<p>Increase American Energy Production Now Act  <a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.1870">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.1870:</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establishes the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement and abolishes the former Minerals Management Service</li> <li>• Establishes safety and liability requirements for offshore exploration</li> <li>• Creates Regional Coordination Councils for impacted regions of offshore exploration</li> </ul>	<p>Connolly (D-VA) [Bishop (D-NY), Eshoo (D-CA), Larson (D-CT), Markey (D-MA), Waxman (D-CA)]  <b>Natural Resources</b>, SC on Energy and Mineral Resources  <b>Science, Space and Technology</b>, SC on Energy and Environment  <b>Energy and Commerce</b>, SC on Energy and Power</p>

	and mandates representation on these Coordination Councils of representatives from the Regional Fishery Management Councils with jurisdiction as well as the executive director from the interstate marine fisheries commission	<p><b>Transportation and Infrastructure, SC</b> on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation; SC on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials; SC on Water Resources and Environment</p> <p><b>Education and the Workforce, SC</b> on Workforce Protections</p> <p>05/12/11: Introduced</p> <p>05/12/11: Referred to Committees (5)</p> <p>05/13/11: Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure SCs</p> <p>05/13/11: Referred to Energy and Commerce SC</p> <p>05/24/11: Referred to Natural Resources SC</p> <p>05/26/11: Referred to Science, Space and Technology SC</p> <p>09/08/11: Referred to Education and Workforce SC</p>
H.R. 261	<p>No New Drilling Act</p> <p><a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.261:">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.261:</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prohibits issuance of leases for exploration, development, or production of oil, gas or any other mineral on the outer Continental Shelf</li> </ul>	<p>Pallone (D-NJ) [10 co-sponsors]</p> <p><b>Natural Resources, SC</b> on Energy and Mineral Resources</p> <p>01/11/11: Introduced</p> <p>01/11/11: Referred to Committee</p> <p>01/26/11: Referred to SC</p>
H.R. 2173	<p>Advancing Offshore Wind Production Act</p> <p><a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.2173:">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.2173:</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Defines restrictions for offshore weather testing monitoring</li> <li>• Requires the Secretary of the Interior to establish permitting regulations for testing and monitoring for weather offshore</li> <li>• Requires a public comment period prior to approval of the offshore testing and monitoring permit</li> <li>• Provides a NEPA exclusion for testing and monitoring permits</li> </ul>	<p>Wittman (R-VA) [10 co-sponsors]</p> <p><b>Natural Resources, SC</b> on Energy and Mineral Resources</p> <p>06/14/11: Introduced</p> <p>06/14/11: Referred to Committee</p> <p>06/17/11: Referred to SC</p> <p>06/23/11: SC hearings held</p> <p>07/13/11: Committee consideration and mark-up, SC discharged, Reported favorably (24-18)</p> <p>10/14/11: Reported, as amended, by Committee, Placed on Union Calendar</p>
S. 1313	<p>Clean Estuaries Act</p> <p><a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:S.1313:">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:S.1313:</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Re-authorizes the National Estuary Program</li> <li>• Expands specific requirements for conservation and management plans</li> <li>• Requires public access to monitoring results as well as public education activities</li> <li>• Requires greater involvement and use of collaborative processes for plans</li> </ul>	<p>Whitehouse (D-RI) [Cardin (D-MD), Lieberman (I-CT), Vitter (R-LA), Brown (R-MA), Kerry (D-MA)]</p> <p><b>Environment and Public Works</b></p> <p>06/30/11: Introduced</p> <p>06/30/11: Referred to Committee</p> <p>07/13/11: Committee reported favorably with amendment</p> <p>07/28/11: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Includes more options for plan review, submittal, approval, and evaluation</li> <li>• Maintains authorization level at \$35 million through 2017</li> </ul>	
H.R. 2887	<p>Surface and Air Transportation Programs Extension Act  <a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.2887">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.2887:</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Extends the Dingell-Johnson Sportfish Restoration Act authorization through January 31, 2012</li> </ul>	<p>Mica (R-FL) [6 co-sponsors]  <b>Transportation and Infrastructure</b>, SC on Aviation  SC on Highways and Transit  <b>Ways and Means</b>  09/12/11: Introduced  09/12/11: Referred to Committees  09/13/11: Referred to SCs  09/13/11: Passed House on motion to suspend the rules by voice vote  09/15/11: Passed Senate by Yea-Nay Vote 92-6  09/16/11: Signed by President; became PL 112-030</p>
S. 1525	<p>Surface Transportation Extension Act  <a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:S.1525">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:S.1525:</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Extends the Dingell-Johnson Sportfish Restoration Act authorization through January 31, 2012</li> </ul>	<p>Boxer (D-CA)  <b>Environment and Public Works</b>  09/08/11: Introduced  09/08/11: Reported by Committee and placed on Senate Legislative Calendar</p>
S. 1331	<p>Virginia Outer Continental Shelf Energy Production Act  <a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:S.1331">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:S.1331:</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Directs Secretary of the Interior to include Lease Sale 220 and any areas off the coast of Virginia included in the Mid-Atlantic planning area as part of the FY2012-FY2017 leasing program</li> <li>• Directs revenue sharing of 50% with Virginia</li> <li>• Prohibits sale of the lease if there is conflict with military operations relating to national security</li> <li>• Directs that the square footage of leasable area in the Mid-Atlantic planning area is directly proportional to the length of the tidal shoreline of the Mid-Atlantic states</li> </ul>	<p>Webb (D-VA) [Warner (D-VA)]  <b>Energy and Natural Resources</b>  07/06/11: Introduced  07/06/11: Referred to Committee</p>
S. 1657	<p>Sport Fish Restoration and Recreational Boating Safety Act  <a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:S.1657">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:S.1657:</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Extends program and authorization of funding through FY2017</li> <li>• Raises authorization from \$9 million to \$11.481 million in FY2012</li> <li>• Raises further authorizations to \$11.87 million</li> <li>• Adds a set-aside of at least \$12.7 million for boating safety</li> </ul>	<p>Rockefeller (D-WV)  <b>Commerce, Science, and Transportation</b>  10/05/11: Introduced  10/05/11: Referred to Committee  11/02/11: Reported favorably by Committee</p>

H.R. 3227	<p>To prohibit the Secretary of the Interior from issuing oil and gas leases on portions of the Outer Continental Shelf located off the coast of New Jersey.</p> <p><a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.3227">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.3227:</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prohibits issuing of oil or gas leases for exploration or extraction on submerged lands within 125 miles of New Jersey's coast line</li> </ul>	<p>LoBiondo (R-NJ) [Frelinghuysen (R-NJ), Lance (R-NJ), Smith (R-NJ)]</p> <p><b>Natural Resources</b>, SC on Energy and Mineral Resources</p> <p>10/14/11: Introduced 10/14/11: Referred to Committee 10/18/11: Referred to SC</p>
H.R. 3264 S. 1164	<p>Transportation Empowerment Act</p> <p><a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.3264">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.3264:</a> <a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:S.1164">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:S.1164:</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Extends authorization of transfers from Highway Trust Fund to the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund through FY2018</li> </ul>	<p>Graves (R-GA) [15 co-sponsors]</p> <p><b>Transportation and Infrastructure, Ways and Means, Budget</b></p> <p>10/26/11: Introduced 10/12/11: Referred to Committees</p> <p>DeMint (R-SC)</p> <p><b>Finance</b></p> <p>06/09/11: Introduced 06/11/09: Referred to Committee</p>
S. 1786	<p>Long-Term Surface Transportation Extension Act</p> <p><a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:S.1786">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:S.1786:</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Extends authority for expenditures from the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund through FY2013</li> <li>• Incorporated aspects of H.R. 10, H.R. 2250, H.R. 2681, H.R. 3194, H.R. 3257, S. 299, S. 1392, S. 1538, and S. 1610</li> </ul>	<p>Hatch (R-UT)</p> <p>11/02/11: Introduced and placed on Legislative Calendar 11/03/11: Measure rejected by vote (47-53)</p>
H.R. 3393	<p>Foreign Oil Spill Liability Act</p> <p><a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.3393">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.3393:</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expands liability of responsible party to discharge from a foreign offshore well or unit to include impacts within U.S. waters</li> <li>• Increases the liability amount by three times should the discharge come from the waters of a State Sponsor of Terrorism (i.e. Cuba)</li> </ul>	<p>Rivera (R-FL) [16 co-sponsors]</p> <p><b>Transportation and Infrastructure</b></p> <p>11/04/11: Introduced 11/04/11: Referred to Committee</p>

## Interjurisdictional Fisheries

S. 1980	<p>Pirate Fishing Elimination Act  <a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:S.1980">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:S.1980:</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implements the Agreement on Port State measures to Prevent, Deter, and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing, from the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations agreement on November 22, 2009</li> <li>• Designates port of entry for inspection of fish, denies entry to vessels known to be involved in or suspected of IUU fishing, and establishes forfeiture procedures and penalties for violation of the act</li> </ul>	<p>Inouye (D -HI) [5 co-sponsors]  <b>Commerce, Science, and Transportation</b>  12/12/11: Introduced  12/12/11: Referred to Committee</p>
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## Federal Fisheries

H.R. 2834	<p>Recreational Fishing and Hunting Heritage and Opportunities Act  <a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.2834">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.2834:</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promotes consideration and promotion of recreational fishing and hunting opportunities on federal land</li> <li>• Federal land broadly defined and includes federal waters</li> </ul>	<p>Benishek (R -MIJ) [42 co-sponsors]  <b>Natural Resources</b>, SC on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs  SC on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands  <b>Agriculture</b>, SC on Conservation, Energy and Forestry  09/02/11: Introduced  09/06/11: Referred to Committees  09/08/11: Referred to Natural Resources SCs  09/09/11: Natural Resources SC hearings held  09/13/11: Referred to Agriculture SC  11/17/11: Natural Resources SCs discharged  11/17/11: Natural Resources Committee consideration and reported, as amended (vote 29-14)</p>
H.R. 3181	<p>Stop the Regulation Invasion Please Act, "STRIP Act"  <a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.3181">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.3181:</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Repeals all federal regulations put into place since October 1, 1991, unless fall within a prescribed exception list for aviation and financial safety, or can be justified</li> </ul>	<p>Young (R-AK) [17 co-sponsors]  <b>Oversight and Government Reform</b>, SC on Regulatory Affairs, Stimulus Oversight and Government Spending  <b>Judiciary</b>, SC on Courts, Commercial and Administrative Law  10/13/11: Introduced  10/13/11: Referred to Committees  10/24/11: Referred to Judiciary SC  11/02/11: Referred to Oversight and Government Reform SC</p>

## Appropriations

H.R. 1473	<p>Department of Defense and Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act  <a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.1473">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.1473</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provides appropriations for the federal government through the end of FY2011 (September 30, 2011)</li> <li>• Includes what is known as the “Jones Amendment”, introduced by Rep. Walter Jones (NC-R) which prohibits the expenditure of any funds for the approval of new limited access privilege programs under the Magnuson-Stevens Act</li> <li>• NOTE: NOAA Counsel released a memorandum on April 20, 2011, indicating that the language limited the prohibition to the final approval process of any new LAPPs but did not prohibit continued spending on development of new LAPPs, continued implementation of current LAPPs or sectors, or development and implementation of new non-LAPP sectors or catch shares</li> <li>• On April 29, 2011 Rep. Jones and Rep. Pallone (NJ-D) sent a letter to Dr. Lubchenco indicating that their intent was to prohibit any spending on approval AND development of LAPPs and suggested that NOAA should not expend funds on developing or approving any new catch shares or LAPPs</li> </ul>	<p>Rogers (R-KY)  <b>Appropriations Committee</b>  04/11/2011: Introduced in House  04/14/2011: Passed House 260-167  04/14/2011: Passed Senate 81-19  04/15/2011: Signed by President, became Public Law 112-010</p>
H.R. 2055	<p>Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2012  <a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.2055">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.2055</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appropriates \$1.478 billion to the U.S. FWS for FY2012, down 1.7% from FY2011.</li> <li>• State and tribal wildlife grants decreased 0.7% and funding for Fisheries and Aquatic Resource Conservation decreased 2.5% from FY2012 levels.</li> </ul>	<p>Culberson (R-TX)  05/31/11: Introduced  05/31/11: Reported by Appropriations Committee  06/14/11: Passed House 411-5  06/30/11: Reported as a substitute by Senate  Appropriations Committee  07/20/11: Passed Senate 97-2  12/16/11: Conference Report passed House (296-121)  12/17/11: Conference Report passed Senate (67-32)  12/23/11: Signed by President, P.L. 112-074</p>
H.R. 2112	<p>Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act  <a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.2112">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.2112</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appropriates \$794 million to the National Marine Fisheries Service for FY2012, of which \$31.855 million was directed towards Regional Councils and Commissions.</li> <li>• Funding level for Councils and Commissions is equal to that received in FY2010 when the NMFS budget was \$928 million (14% decrease).</li> <li>• Extended funding for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service through December 16, 2011</li> </ul>	<p>Kingston (R-GA)  06/03/11: Introduced  06/03/11: Reported out by Appropriations Committee  06/16/11: Passed House 217-203  09/07/11: Reported by Senate Appropriations Committee with an Amendment  11/01/11: Passed Senate, as amended, 69-30  11/17/11: Conference report agreed to by House (298-121) and Senate (70-30)</p>







H.R. 1651	<p>Save the Chesapeake Bay Homeowner Act  <a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.1651:">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.1651:</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Creates the “Save the Chesapeake Bay Home” program</li> <li>• Requires the NOAA Administrator to create a list of actions which homeowners can perform to reduce the nutrient and sediment runoff into the bay and thus qualify them as participants in the program</li> <li>• Requires the NOAA Administrator to determine an appropriate level of state compliance with the program, in terms of total maximum daily load credits, based on the number and level of involvement by property owners in its jurisdiction</li> </ul>	<p>Sarbanes (D-MD) [Cummings (D-MD)]  <b>Transportation and Infrastructure, SC</b> on Water Resources and Environment  04/15/11: Introduced  04/15/11: Referred to Committee  04/18/11: Referred to SC</p>
H.R. 1652	<p>To amend the Water Resources Development Act of 1996 to make modifications to the Chesapeake Bay environmental restoration and protection program.  <a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.1652:">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.1652:</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Modifies the environmental assistance program to non-Federal interests from pilot to full program status</li> <li>• Allows for in-kind services to serve as part of the 25% non-Federal match</li> <li>• Allows for Federal funds received not from the Army Corps of Engineers to be treated as non-Federal funds for cost share requirements</li> <li>• Removes requirement for carrying out projects in certain states and expands the area in which projects may be carried to include Delaware, New York, West Virginia, and DC in addition to the original states of Maryland, Virginia, and Pennsylvania</li> <li>• Establishes a small watershed grants program to be administered by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation to support storm water management or the establishment, restoration, protection, or enhancement of natural habitat</li> <li>• Requires the Army Corps of Engineers to prioritize projects in a report to Congress</li> </ul>	<p>Sarbanes (D-MD), [Connolly (D-VA), Cummings (D-MD), Holden (D-PA), Norton(D-DC), Scott (D-VA)]  <b>Transportation and Infrastructure, SC</b> on Water Resources and Environment  04/15/11: Introduced  04/15/11: Referred to Committee  04/18/11: Referred to SC</p>
S. 1740	<p>Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network Reauthorization Act  <a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:S.1740:">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:S.1740:</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Extends program and authorization of funding for 1998 Chesapeake Bay Initiative Act through FY2016</li> </ul>	<p>Cardin (D-MD) [5 co-sponsors (MD, VA, DE)]  <b>Environment and Public Works</b>  10/19/11: Introduced  10/19/11: Referred to Committee  12/08/11: Committee reported out favorably</p>

## Waterfronts/Ports/Coastal Jobs

H.R. 594	<p>Coastal Jobs Creation Act of 2011  <a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.594:">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.594:</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requires Secretary of Commerce to implement a Coastal Jobs Creation Grant program to administer grants supporting cooperative research and other coastal development and support projects</li> <li>• Authorizes \$80M for each FY2012 through 2016</li> <li>• Amends Magnuson-Stevens Act to allow Secretary of Commerce to provide funds to states supporting a state recreational registry program that fulfills federal needs</li> </ul>	<p>Pallone (D - NJ) [Pingree (D-ME), Capps (D-CA), Filner (D-CA), Frank (D-MA), Sablan (D-Northern Mariana Islands)]  <b>Natural Resources</b>, SC on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs  <b>Science, Space and Technology</b>, SC on Energy and Environment  02/09/11: Introduced  02/09/11: Referred to Committees  02/14/11: Referred to Natural Resources SC  02/18/11: Referred to Science, Space, and Technology SC  12/01/11: Natural Resources SC discharged  12/01/11: Committee hearing held</p>
H.R. 3109	<p>Keep America's Waterfronts Working Act  <a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.3109:">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.3109:</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amends Coastal Zone Management Act to authorize a Working Waterfronts Grant program through the Secretary of Commerce</li> <li>• Matching grants (no more than 75% federal) authorized with approved state working waterfront plan to maintain access for traditional coastal-dependent business</li> <li>• Authorizes \$25 million for FY2012, \$50 million for FY2013, and \$75 million each for FY2014 and FY2015</li> </ul>	<p>Pingree (D-ME) [20 co-sponsors]  <b>Natural Resources</b>, SC on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs  10/05/11: Introduced  10/05/11: Referred to Committee  10/17/11: Referred to SC</p>

## Aquaculture

H.R. 574	<p>A Bill to prohibit the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Commerce from authorizing commercial finfish aquaculture operations in the Exclusive Economic Zone except in accordance with a law authorizing such action.  <a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.574">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.574:</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prohibits the authorization of finfish aquaculture unless Congress specifically passes a law allowing such authorizations</li> </ul>	<p>Young (R - AK) [11 co-sponsors]  <b>Natural Resources, SC</b> on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs  02/09/11: Introduced  02/09/11: Referred to Committee  02/14/11: Referred to SC</p> <p>*ASMFC previously submitted comments to the Administration on the development of its draft offshore aquaculture policy both in 2010 and 2011</p>
H.R. 1176	<p>Shellfish Marketing Assistance Fairness Act  <a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.1176">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.1176:</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adds farmed shellfish to the list of Specialty Crops eligible for grants to enhance competitiveness under the Specialty Crops Competitiveness Act of 2004 (7 U.S.C. 1621, Public Law 108-465)</li> </ul>	<p>Courtney (D-CT) [9 co-sponsors]  <b>Agriculture, SC</b> on Nutrition and Horticulture  03/17/11: Introduced  03/17/11: Referred to Committee  03/29/11: Referred to SC</p>
H.R. 521	<p>To prevent the approval by the FDA of genetically-engineered fish  <a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.521">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.521:</a>  <a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:S.230">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:S.230:</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deems genetically-engineered fish as unsafe under provisions related to new animal drugs and modified food</li> </ul>	<p>Young (R-AK), [15 co-sponsors]  <b>Energy and Commerce, SC</b> on Health  02/08/11: Introduced  02/08/11: Referred to Committee  02/15/11: Referred to SC</p>
S. 230		<p>Begich (D-AK) [Murkowski (R-AK), Murray (D-WA), Mikulski (D-MD), Feinstein (D-CA)]  <b>Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, SC</b> on  01/31/11: Introduced  01/31/11: Referred to Committee</p>
H.R. 520	<p>To require labeling of genetically-engineered fish  <a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.520">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.520:</a>  <a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:S.229">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:S.229:</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deems misbranded any food containing genetically-engineered fish that does not have a label stating so</li> </ul>	<p>Young (R-AK), [25 co-sponsors]  <b>Energy and Commerce, SC</b> on Health  02/08/11: Introduced  02/08/11: Referred to Committee  02/15/11: Referred to SC</p>
S. 229		<p>Begich (D-AK), [Feinstein (D-CA), Murkowski (R-AK), Murray (D-WA), Wyden (D-OR), Mikulski (D-</p>

		MD), Boxer (D-CA)] <b>Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, SC</b> on 01/31/11: Introduced 01/31/11: Referred to Committee
H.R. 2373	National Sustainable Offshore Aquaculture Act <a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.2373">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.2373:</a>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Creates a regulatory system and research program for offshore aquaculture</li> <li>• Establishes an Office of Sustainable Aquaculture within NMFS</li> <li>• Establishes a Secretary-appointed Sustainable Offshore Aquaculture Advisory Board</li> <li>• Requires/allows for regional Environmental Impact Statements</li> <li>• Requires establishing a permitting and fee system for 10-year permits with annual review</li> <li>• Establishes an offshore aquaculture research program</li> <li>• Requires coordination and sign-off by Regional Fishery Management Councils and states</li> </ul>	Capps (D-CA) <b>Natural Resources, SC</b> on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs 06/24/11: Introduced 06/24/11: Referred to Committee 07/06/11: Referred to SC
S. 1717	Prevention of Escapement of Genetically Altered Salmon in the United States Act <a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:S.1717">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:S.1717:</a>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prohibits the sale or transport, or possession with intent to sale or transport, of genetically altered salmon or other marine fish or product containing such fish</li> <li>• Establishes enforcement and penalties for violation of the act as the same as those for violation of the Magnuson-Stevens Act</li> </ul>	Begich (D-AK) [Murkowski (R-AK), <b>Merkley (D-OR)</b> ] <b>Commerce, Science, and Transportation, SC</b> on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Wildlife 10/17/11: Introduced 10/17/11: Referred to Committee
<b>S. 1717</b>	<b>Prevention of Escapement of Genetically Altered Salmon in the United States Act</b> <a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:S.1717">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:S.1717:</a>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Prohibits possession, movement or sale of genetically-altered marine fish or products containing such fish</b></li> <li>• <b>Penalties authorized under the Magnuson-Stevens Act</b></li> </ul>	<b>Begich (D-AK) [Murkowski (R-AK), Merkley (D-OR)]</b> <b>Commerce, Science, and Transportation</b> 10/17/11: Introduced 10/17/11: Referred to Committee

## NOAA

S. 1116	<p>Department of Commerce and the Workforce Consolidation Act  <a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:S.1116">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:S.1116:</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consolidates the Departments of Commerce and Labor</li> <li>• Places NOAA under the Department of the Interior</li> <li>• Reassigns the role of the National Marine Fisheries Service to the Fish and Wildlife Service</li> </ul>	<p>Burr (R-NC), [7 co-sponsors]  <b>Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs</b>  05/26/11: Introduced  05/26/11: Referred to Committee</p>
S. 1304	<p>Fisheries Fee Fairness Act  <a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:S.1304">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:S.1304:</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provides for use of funds from fines, penalties, and other forfeitures to pay remittance of fines and fees to cover reasonable attorney's fees (up to \$200,000) for a person whose penalty has been remitted by the report of Special Master Smartwood</li> <li>• Addresses civil penalties assessed after March 17, 1994, resolved prior to February 3, 2010, sought remittance prior to May 7, 2011, and received at least some remittance</li> </ul>	<p>Kerry (D-MA) [Brown (R-MA)]  <b>Commerce, Science, and Transportation</b>  06/29/11: Introduced  06/29/11: Referred to Committee</p>
S. 1312	<p>Asset Forfeiture Responsibility Act  <a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:S.1312">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:S.1312:</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establishes a formal Fisheries Investment Fund, which shall receive all fines, penalties and forfeitures of property for violations of the Magnuson-Stevens Act</li> <li>• Funds may be disbursed to cover reasonable attorney's fees for a person whose penalty has been remitted by the report of Special Master Smartwood or a fund audit</li> <li>• Prioritizes use of funds, in order: at-sea observers and shoreside monitoring, preparing fishery impact statements, other Council priorities</li> <li>• Councils received proportion of funds based on how much of the fund comes from fines and penalties within their jurisdiction</li> <li>• Funds (and thus reimbursements) still subject to the appropriations process</li> </ul>	<p>Brown (R-MA) [Kerry (D-MA)]  <b>Commerce, Science, and Transportation</b>  06/30/11: Introduced  06/30/11: Referred to Committee</p>
H.R. 2610	<p>Asset Forfeiture Fund Reform and Distribution Act  <a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.2610">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.2610:</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Funds may be disbursed to cover reasonable attorney's fees (up to \$200,000) for a person whose penalty has been remitted by the report of Special Master Smartwood</li> <li>• Remaining funds and those collected up through September 30, 2011 will be distributed to NOAA (80%) and the states (20%) for stock assessments and research</li> <li>• Additional funds collected from October 1, 2011 will be distributed solely to states for research, including data collection, stock assessments, and socioeconomic studies</li> <li>• Requires reassignment of NOAA's Administrative Law Judges in the Council</li> </ul>	<p>Frank (D-MA) [12 co-sponsors]  <b>Natural Resources</b>  07/21/11: Introduced  07/21/11: Referred to Committee  12/01/11: Committee hearing held</p>

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H.R. 1171	<p>Marine Debris Act Re-authorization Amendments of 2011  <a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.1171:">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.1171:</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amends the current Marine Debris Act to require NOAA to establish a Marine Debris Program to establish a process for identifying locations of marine debris, prioritizing cleanup projects, and develop measures to prevent further accumulation.</li> <li>• Allows for international cooperation and implementation of the National Research Council's 2008 report "Tackling Marine Debris in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century".</li> <li>• Requires a Global Marine Debris Coordination Conference to be held every four years beginning in 2015.</li> <li>• Defines Marine Debris and Indian tribe</li> <li>• Reauthorizes same appropriation levels for NOAA (\$10 million) and the U.S. Coast Guard (\$2 million) through 2016</li> </ul>	<p>Farr (D - CA), [32 co-sponsors]  <b>Natural Resources</b>, SC on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs  <b>Transportation and Infrastructure</b>, SC on Water Resources and Environment  03/17/11: Introduced  03/17/11: Referred to Committees  03/18/11: Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure SC  03/21/11: Referred to Natural Resources SC  12/15/11: Natural Resources SC hearing held</p>
S. 1119	<p>Trash Free Seas Act  <a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:S.1119:">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:S.1119:</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expands the NOAA Marine Debris Prevention and Removal Program to include a greater focus on research and reducing marine debris, both before or after it is deposited</li> <li>• Recognizes the additional economic impacts of marine debris</li> <li>• Authorizes research to research, identify, and address land-based sources of marine debris</li> <li>• Authorizes outreach and education activities on marine debris and coordination of those activities with other marine pollution outreach programs</li> <li>• Defines what marine debris is "any persistent solid material that is...disposed of or abandoned into the marine environment or the Great Lakes"</li> <li>• Requires a biennial (every two years) report from the Interagency Marine Debris Coordinating Committee</li> <li>• Extends authorization of funding through 2015</li> </ul>	<p>Inouye (D-HI) [8 co-sponsors]  <b>Commerce, Science, and Transportation</b>  05/26/11: Introduced  05/26/11: Referred to Committee  11/02/11: Committee reported favorably with substitute amendment</p>
H.R. 3757	<p>Securing Health for Ocean Resources and Environment (SHORE) Act  <a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.3757:">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.3757:</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increases NOAA and the U.S. Coast Guard's capability and responsibilities in preparing and responding to oil spills off the coast</li> <li>• Establishes the Federal Oil Spill Research Committee to coordinate research and development of oil pollution technology</li> </ul>	<p>Richardson (D-CA) [Bass (D-CA)]  <b>Transportation and Infrastructure</b>  <b>Science, Space, and Technology</b>, SC on Energy and Environment  <b>Natural Resources</b>, SC on Energy and Mineral Resources, SC on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs  12/20/11: Introduced  12/20/11: Referred to Committees</p>

		01/03/12: Referred to Natural Resources SCs 01/12/12: Referred to Science, Space and Tech SC
H.R. 3570	<p>Oceans and Human Health Reauthorization Act <a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.3570">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.3570:</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expands the original act to include the Great Lakes, require greater public outreach, and expands research priorities to include more preventative and monitoring work</li> <li>• Requires NOAA to establish a program to coordinate its ocean and human health activities, integrating its ocean monitoring into the program</li> <li>• Decreases authorization from \$60 million to \$6 million for FY2011-15</li> </ul>	<p>Capps (D-CA) [Keating (D-MA), Pingree (D-ME), Woolsey (D-CA)] <b>Science, Space, and Technology, SC on Energy and Environment</b> <b>Energy and Commerce, SC on Health</b> 12/06/11: Introduced 12/06/11: Referred to Committees 12/09/11: Referred to Energy and Commerce SC 12/13/11: Referred to Science, Space, and Tech SC</p>

## Habitat

H.R. 1558	<p>Hunting, Fishing and Recreational Shooting Sports Protection Act <a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.1558">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.1558:</a> <a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:S.838">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:S.838:</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amends the Toxic Substances Control Act to prevent a federal ban on lead in recreational fishing tackle as well as shot, bullets and other projectiles, propellants, and primer</li> </ul>	<p>Miller (R-FL) [159 Co-Sponsors] <b>Energy and Commerce, SC on Environment and the Economy</b> 04/14/11: Introduced 04/14/11: Referred to Committee 04/25/11: Referred to SC</p> <p>Tester (D-MT), [27 co-sponsors] <b>Environment and Public Works</b> 04/14/11: Introduced 04/14/11: Referred to Committee on Environment and Public Works</p>
S. 838		
H.R. 1443	<p>Outdoor Sports Protection Act <a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.1443">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.1443:</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prohibits any prohibition on use, manufacture, sale, etc. of traditional hunting and fishing items based on material content, including lead, zinc, copper or brass</li> <li>• Prohibits funding from Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act or the Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act to any state that prohibits that prohibits or restricts the sale of such items based on material content</li> <li>• H.R. 1445 related: prohibits EPA from regulation, based on material composition, any type of firearm ammunition or fishing tackle (Sponsor Broun R-GA)</li> </ul>	<p>Broun (R-GA) [12 co-sponsors] <b>Natural Resources, SC on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs; SC on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands</b> <b>Energy and Commerce</b> <b>Agriculture, SC on Conservation, Energy, and Forestry</b> 04/08/11: Introduced 04/08/11: Referred to Committees 04/14/11: Referred to Natural Resources SCs 05/11/11: Referred to Agriculture SC</p>



H.R. 1480	<p>To delay enforcement and establishment of certain water quality standards within the Great Bay Estuary, and for other purposes  <a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.1480">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.1480:</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prohibits, for 5 years, EPA from required a covered water treatment works to upgrade the facility to enforce water quality standards or effluent limitations with regard to nitrogen</li> <li>• Prohibits, for 5 years, EPA from establishing any water quality standard or effluent limitation with regard to nitrogen in the Great Bay Estuary</li> <li>• Requires a study within 5 years reviewing eelgrass levels and cause for any loss of eelgrass habitat within the Great Bay Estuary</li> </ul>	<p>Quinta (R-NH)  <b>Transportation and Infrastructure</b>, SC on Water Resources and Environment  04/12/11: Introduced  04/12/11: Referred to Committee  04/13/11: Referred to SC</p>
S. 1201	<p>National Fish Habitat Conservation Act  <a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:S.1201">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:S.1201:</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gives authority to the National Fish Habitat Board to develop national priorities and oversee funded projects</li> <li>• Board consists of 27 members, including one seat for all three Interstate Fish Commissions (currently held by PSMFC)</li> <li>• Authorizes \$7.2 million each year for 2012 – 2016 for fish habitat conservation projects (\$75 million in 111<sup>th</sup> Congress)</li> <li>• Authorizes \$500,000 each for USFWS, NOAA, and USGS (\$10 million in 111<sup>th</sup> Congress)</li> </ul>	<p>Lieberman (I-CT) [9 co-sponsors]  <b>Environment and Public Works</b>  06/15/11: Introduced  06/15/11: Referred to Committee</p>
H.R. 2110	<p>Long Island Sound Improvement Act Amendments  <a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.2110">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.2110:</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increases the Long Island Sound program’s responsibilities for addressing issues, including stormwater and climate change impacts, in Long Island Sound</li> <li>• Requires an assessment report two years after passage</li> <li>• Requires establishment of a nitrogen credits trading program</li> <li>• Authorizes funds: \$125 million for 2012 treatment works grants and \$250 million for 2013 – 2016; plus \$40 million each year for other grants</li> </ul>	<p>Bishop (D-NY) [12 co-sponsors]  <b>Transportation and Infrastructure</b>, SC on Water Resources and Environment  <b>Budget</b>  06/03/11: Introduced  06/03/11: Referred to Committees  06/06/11: Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure SC</p>
H.R. 2325	<p>Delaware River Basin Conservation Act  <a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.2325">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.2325:</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establishes Delaware River Basin restoration program under the Secretary of the Interior to coordinate research and provide grants</li> <li>• Grants requires at least a 25% non-federal cost share</li> <li>• No additional authorization level for Department of the Interior for this program</li> </ul>	<p>Carney (D-DE) [10 co-sponsors]  <b>Natural Resources</b>, SC on Fisheries Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs  <b>Transportation and Infrastructure</b>, SC on Water Resources and Environment  06/23/11: Introduced  06/23/11: Referred to Committees</p>



S. 1266	<a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:S.1266:">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:S.1266:</a>	06/24/11: Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure SC 07/11/11: Referred to Natural Resources SC  Carper (D-DE) [6 co-sponsors] <b>Environment and Public Works</b> 06/23/11: Introduced 06/23/11: Referred to Committee 12/08/11: Committee reported favorably with substitute amendment
H.R. 2484	Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia Research and Control Amendments Act <a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.2484:">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.2484:</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reauthorizes the 1998 Act</li> <li>• Establishes the National Harmful Algal Bloom and Hypoxia Program</li> <li>• Expands current electronic clearing house of information</li> <li>• Focus on Gulf of Mexico and Chesapeake Bay dead zones</li> <li>• Authorizes \$18 million each year for 2012 – 2015</li> </ul>	Harris (D-MD) [9 co-sponsors] <b>Science, Space, and Technology</b> , SC on Energy and Environment <b>Natural Resources</b> , SC on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs 07/11/11: Introduced 07/11/11: Referred to Committees 07/11/11: Referred to Science, Space, and Technology SC 07/14/11: Science, Space, and Technology SC hearing and forwarded, as amended, to full committee (voice vote) 07/14/11: Referred to Natural Resources SC 07/28/11: Science, Space, and Technology Committee Mark-Up and ordered to be reported, as amended, by Yeas and Nays (20-15) 12/16/11: Reported by Science, Space, and Technology Committee, as amended 12/16/11: Natural Resources Committee granted extension for consideration, expires 02/09/12
S. 1701	Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia Research and Control Amendments Act <a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:S.1701:">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:S.1701:</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reauthorizes the 1998 Act</li> <li>• Requires creation of regional research and action plans, with focus on input from regional and local resources</li> <li>• Authorizes \$30 million each year for 2011-2015</li> </ul>	Snowe (R-ME) [10 co-sponsors] <b>Commerce, Science, and Transportation</b> , 10/13/11: Introduced 10/13/11: Referred to Committee 11/02/11: Committee reported favorably with substitute amendment

<p>S. 2018 H.R. 3717</p>	<p>Long Island Sound Restoration and Stewardship Act  <a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:S.2018">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:S.2018:</a>  <a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.3717">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.3717:</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requires EPA to establish an office on Long Island Sound</li> <li>• Adds impacts of changing temperatures and sea levels to management plan</li> <li>• Authorizes \$40 million for each FY2012-16 for Long Island Sound Grants and \$35 million for each FY2012-16 for Long Island Sound Stewardship Grants</li> </ul>	<p>Gillibrand (D-NY) [Schumer (D-NY), Blumenthal (D-CT), Lieberman (I-CT)]  <b>Environment and Public Works</b>  12/16/11: Introduced  12/16/11: Referred to Committee</p> <p>Israel (D-NY) [13 co-sponsors]  <b>Transportation and Infrastructure</b>  <b>Natural Resources, SC on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs</b>  12/16/11: Introduced  12/16/11: Referred to Committees  01/03/12: Referred to Natural Resources SC</p>
<p>H.R. 662</p>	<p>Surface Transportation Extension Act of 2011  <a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.662">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.662:</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amends the Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act to extend authorization through FY2011, along with current requirements for distribution for fish restoration and management projects</li> </ul>	<p>Mica (R-FL) [DeFazio (D-OR), Duncan (R-TN), Hanna (R-NY), Rahall (D-WV)]  Transportation and Infrastructure  02/11/11: Introduced in House  02/28/11: Reported by T&amp;I Committee  02/28/11: Discharged from Ways and Means, Budget, and Natural Resources Committees  03/02/11: Passed House 421-4  03/03/11: Passed Senate (Voice vote)  03/04/11: Signed by President, Became Public Law 112-005</p>

## National Ocean Policy

S. 973	<p>National Endowment for the Oceans Act  <a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:S.973">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:S.973:</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Creates a funding source, subject to appropriations and based on Offshore leases, fines, and damages as well as deposits made to the Oil Spill Liability Trust fund, to support grants to coastal states, affected tribes, regional planning bodies, and a national grant program</li> <li>• Distribution of funds to coastal states based on even distribution (50%), shoreline (25%), and coastal population (25%)</li> </ul>	<p>Whitehouse (D-RI), [7 co-sponsors]  <b>Commerce, Science and Transportation, SC</b> on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard  05/12/11: Introduced  05/12/11: Referred to Committee</p>
S. 1400	<p>Incorporated into Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities, and Revived Economies of the Gulf Coast States (RESTORE) Act</p>	<p>Landrieu (D-LA) [8 co-sponsors]  <b>Environment and Public Works</b>  07/21/11: Introduced  07/21/11: Referred to Committee  09/21/11: Committee markup; reported favorably in nature of a substitute  12/08/11: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar</p>
S. 1991	<p>A bill to establish the National Endowment for the Oceans, and other purposes  <a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:S.1991">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:S.1991:</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Similar to S. 987 but removes the specific funding sources for the fund, i.e. oil and gas leases, penalties, etc. and removes the previous percentage requirements to transfer to certain project types or grant applicants</li> <li>• Retains distribution of funds to coastal states based on even distribution (50%), shoreline (25%), and coastal population (25%); prohibits no more than 10% to one state or more than 1% to any territory</li> <li>• Requires Secretary to disperse interest earned on the fund and up to 10% of the fund in any one year, although requirements decrease when fund has less than \$100 million</li> </ul>	<p>Whitehouse (D-RI)  <b>Commerce, Science, and Transportation</b>  12/14/11: Introduced  12/14/11: Referred to Committee</p>

## USFWS

H.R. 3009	<p>National Wildlife Refuge Review Act  <a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.3009">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.3009:</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prohibits establishment of a national wildlife refuge without an act of Congress after September 30, 2011</li> <li>• Expressly exempts existing refuges from any impacts of the act</li> </ul>	<p>Fleming (R - LA), [<b>12 co-sponsors</b>]  <b>Natural Resources</b>, SC on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs  09/22/11: Introduced  09/22/11: Referred to Committee  09/27/11: Referred to SC  10/25/11: SC Hearings Held</p>
S. RES. 288	<p>Designating the week beginning October 9, 2011 as “National Wildlife Refuge Week”  <a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:S.RES.288">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:S.RES.288:</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recognizes the history and benefits of the National Wildlife Refuge System</li> <li>• Includes recreational hunting and fishing, as well as wildlife observation, benefits</li> <li>• Expresses the intent of the Senate to continue working to conserve wildlife and manage the National Wildlife Refuge System for current and future generations</li> </ul>	<p>Coons (D-DE) [14 co-sponsors]  10/06/11: Introduced  10/06/11: Agreed to in the Senate by UC</p>