



# Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission

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## MEMORANDUM

25 April 2012

**To:** ASMFC Commissioners

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

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**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

Additionally, newly-introduced bills or bills on which major changes have occurred will appear in the beginning of the document. This is a living document, and it 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 Chesky ([dchesky@asmfc.org](mailto:dchesky@asmfc.org)). Also, please let us know if you have any ideas to improve this report.

Key Bill	Highlights	Sponsor [Cosponsors]/Committee Status
<b>NEW DEVELOPMENTS</b>		
H.R. 3906  H. Amend. 1010 to H.R. 4089	To amend the Atlantic Striped Bass Conservation Act to allow recreational fishing for Atlantic Striped Bass in the Block Island Sound transit zone <a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.3906">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.3906:</a>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Secretary of Commerce may still establish seasonal or other temporary limitations on fishing necessary for the conservation and management of Atlantic striped bass</li> </ul> Bill submitted as an amendment to H.R. 4089 (Sportsmen's Heritage Act of 2012) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Amendment withdrawn on promise of a hearing on reauthorization of the Striped Bass Conservation Act from Natural Resources Committee Chairman, Rep. Doc Hastings</li> </ul>	Bishop (D-NY) <b>Natural Resources</b> , Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs 02/06/12: Introduced and referred to Committee 02/13/12: Referred to SC  04/17/12: Amendment brought up and considered but withdrawn by unanimous consent
H.R. 4281	Surface Transportation Extension Act of 2012 <a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.4281">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.4281:</a>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Extends authorization for expenditures from the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund through June 30, 2012</li> </ul>	Mica (R-FL) [Camp (R-MI), Duncan (R-TN)] No Committee Assignments 03/28/12: Introduced in House 03/29/12: Passed House (266 – 158) 03/29/12: Passed Senate via voice vote 03/30/12: Signed by President; Public Law 112 – 102
H.R. 4348	Surface Transportation Extension Act of 2012, Part II <a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.4348">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.4348:</a>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Extends authorization for expenditure from the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund through the end of 2012</li> <li>Includes RESTORE Act language to provide 80% of the fines for the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill to Gulf states; does not include the National Endowment for the Oceans as passed in the Senate</li> </ul>	Mica (R-FL) [Camp (R-MI), Duncan (R-TN)] <b>Ways and Means</b> <b>Natural Resources</b> <b>Science, Space, and Technology</b> <b>Energy and Commerce</b> 04/16/12: Introduced and referred to Committees 04/18/12: Bill and amendments considered on the House floor and passed, as amended (293 – 127) 04/19/12: Received in the Senate
H.R. 4171	Freedom from Over-Criminalization and Unjust Seizures Act <a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.4171">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.4171:</a>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Amends Lacey Act to remove foreign law violations as reason for prosecution</li> <li>Removes all criminal penalties from the act</li> </ul>	Broun (R-GA) [6 co-sponsors] <b>Natural Resources</b> , Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs 03/08/12: Introduced and referred to Committee 03/19/12: Referred to SC
S. 2323	Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2013 <a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:S.2323">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:S.2323:</a>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provides appropriations for NOAA and NMFS for FY2013</li> <li>Restores Councils and Commissions funding to FY12 levels</li> <li>Fisheries Information Networks and Fisheries Statistics level funded</li> <li>Interjurisdictional Fisheries Act Grants to States restored to \$2 million from zero</li> </ul>	Mikulski (D-MD) 04/17/12: Draft bill marked up in CJS Subcommittee 04/19/12: Draft bill marked up in Full Appropriations Committee 04/19/12: Introduced and placed on Senate Legislative Calendar

## 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</b>, Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard  01/31/11: Introduced and referred to Committee</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</b>, Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard  03/17/2011: Introduced and 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), Posey (R-FL)] <b>Natural Resources</b>, Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs 04/15/2011: Introduced and referred to Committee 12/01/11: Committee hearing held</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>, Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs 03/10/11: Introduced and referred to Committee 03/15/11: Referred to SC 12/01/11: SC discharged 12/01/11: Committee hearing held</p>

<p>H.R. 2304 S. 1916</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) [36 Co-sponsors] <b>Natural Resources</b>, Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs 06/22/11: Introduced and referred to Committee 12/01/11: Committee Hearing held</p> <p>Nelson (D-FL) [7 co-sponsors] <b>Commerce, Science, and Transportation</b> 11/28/11: Introduced and referred to Committee</p>
<p>S. 1371 H.R. 4129</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> <a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.4129">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.4129:</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 and referred to Committee</p> <p>Langevin (D-RI) [Cicilline (D-RI)] <b>Natural Resources</b> 03/01/12: Introduced and 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) [Sablan (D-Northern Mariana Islands)] <b>Natural Resources</b> 08/01/11: Introduced and referred to Committee 12/01/11: Committee hearing held</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) [11 co-sponsors] <b>Natural Resources</b> 08/01/11: Introduced and referred to Committee 12/01/11: Committee hearing held</p> <p>Ayotte (R-NH) [Brown (R-MA)] <b>Commerce, Science, and Transportation</b>, Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard 10/11/11: Introduced and referred to Committee</p>

H.R. 3061	<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) [14 co-sponsors]  <b>Natural Resources</b>  09/23/11: Introduced and 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>, Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs            03/01/11: Introduced and 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>, Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs            03/11/11: Introduced and 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>, Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs  05/13/11: Introduced and referred to Committee  05/26/11: Referred to SC  <b>03/29/12: SC Hearing held</b></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) [17 co-sponsors]  <b>Natural Resources</b>, Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs  05/05/11: Introduced and 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 and 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>, Energy and Mineral Resources  04/05/11: Introduced and 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>, Energy and Mineral Resources  03/29/11: Introduced and 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 and mandates representation on these Coordination Councils of representatives from the Regional Fishery Management Councils with jurisdiction as well as the executive</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>, Energy and Mineral Resources  <b>Science, Space and Technology</b>, Energy and Environment  <b>Energy and Commerce</b>, Energy and Power  <b>Transportation and Infrastructure</b>, Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation; Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials; Water Resources and</p>

	director from the interstate marine fisheries commission	Environment <b>Education and the Workforce</b> , Workforce Protections 05/12/11: Introduced and referred to Committees 05/13/11: Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure SCs 05/13/11: Referred to Energy and Commerce SC 05/24/11: Referred to Natural Resources SC 05/26/11: Referred to Science, Space and Technology SC 09/08/11: Referred to Education and Workforce SC
H.R. 261	No New Drilling Act <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> <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>	Pallone (D-NJ) [10 co-sponsors] <b>Natural Resources</b> , Energy and Mineral Resources 01/11/11: Introduced and referred to Committee 01/26/11: Referred to SC
H.R. 2173	Advancing Offshore Wind Production Act <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> <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>	Wittman (R-VA) [10 co-sponsors] <b>Natural Resources</b> , Energy and Mineral Resources 06/14/11: Introduced and referred to Committee 06/17/11: Referred to SC 06/23/11: SC hearings held 07/13/11: Committee consideration and mark-up, SC discharged, Reported favorably (24-18) 10/14/11: Reported, as amended, by Committee, Placed on Union Calendar
S. 1313	Clean Estuaries Act <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> <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><li>• Includes more options for plan review, submittal, approval, and evaluation</li><li>• Maintains authorization level at \$35 million through 2017</li></ul>	Whitehouse (D-RI) [Cardin (D-MD), Lieberman (I-CT), Vitter (R-LA), Brown (R-MA), Kerry (D-MA)] <b>Environment and Public Works</b> 06/30/11: Introduced and referred to Committee 07/13/11: Committee reported favorably with amendment 07/28/11: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar

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>, Aviation; Highways and Transit  <b>Ways and Means</b>  09/12/11: Introduced and 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 and 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 and referred to Committee  11/02/11: Reported favorably by Committee  01/30/12: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar</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>, Energy and Mineral Resources</p> <p>10/14/11: Introduced and referred to Committee</p> <p>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) [27 co-sponsors]</p> <p><b>Transportation and Infrastructure</b> <b>Ways and Means</b> <b>Budget</b></p> <p>10/26/11: Introduced and referred to Committees</p> <p>10/27/11: Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure SC</p> <p>DeMint (R-SC) [Lee (R-UT)]</p> <p><b>Finance</b></p> <p>06/09/11: Introduced and 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</p> <p>11/03/11: Measure rejected (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) [18 co-sponsors]</p> <p><b>Transportation and Infrastructure</b>, Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, Water Resources and Environment</p> <p>11/04/11: Introduced and referred to Committee</p> <p>11/07/11: Referred to SCs</p>

H.R. 3882	<p>Mid-Atlantic Energy and Jobs Act  <a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.3882:">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.3882:</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requires Lease Sale 220 off the coast of Virginia and other Mid-Atlantic lease sales to occur within one year of enactment</li> <li>• Requires inclusion of the Mid-Atlantic waters in future lease planning</li> <li>• Requires revenue-sharing of lease revenues with the coastal states</li> </ul>	<p>Rigell (R-VA) [Goodlatte (R-VA), Griffith (R-VA), Hurt (R-VA), Wittman (R-VA)]  <b>Energy and Commerce</b>, Energy and Mineral Resources  02/02/12: Introduced and referred to Committee  02/17/12: Referred to SC</p>
H.R. 4301	<p>Energy Exploration and Production to Achieve National Demand (EXPAND) Act  <a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.4302:">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.4302:</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requires Lease Sale 220 off the coast of Virginia and other Mid-Atlantic lease sales to occur beginning FY2012 [Note: date already passed]</li> <li>• Requires revenue-sharing of lease revenues with the coastal states</li> </ul>	<p>Duncan (R-SC) [20 co-sponsors]  <b>Natural Resources</b>, Energy and Mineral Resources; Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs; National Parks, Forests and Public Lands  <b>Energy and Commerce</b>  <b>Transportation and Infrastructure</b>  <b>Judiciary</b>, Courts, Commercial and Administrative Law  <b>Rules</b>  <b>Ways and Means</b>  <b>Agriculture</b>  <b>Armed Services</b>  <b>Oversight and Government Reform</b>  03/29/12: Introduced and referred to Committees  04/16/12: Referred to Natural Resources SCs and Judiciary SC</p>
H.R. 4314	<p>Coastal State Climate Change Planning Act  <a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.4302:">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.4302:</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Authorizes funding for Climate Change Adaptation Planning Grants to coastal states</li> <li>• Authorizes funding for Coastal Adaptation Project Grants to coastal states</li> <li>• No additional authorization levels included</li> </ul>	<p>Capps (D-CA) [11 co-sponsors]  <b>Natural Resources</b>, Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs  03/29/12: Introduced and referred to Committee  04/16/12: Referred to SC</p>
S. 1813 H.R. 14	<p>Moving Ahead for Progress (MAP)-21  <a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:S.1813:">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:S.1813:</a>  <a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.14:">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.14:</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transportation Bill – extends Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund authorization through 2013</li> <li>• Senate Amendment 1822 – Includes provisions for the National Endowment for the Oceans, NEO, (S. 1400- RESTORE Act), which will provide funds for coastal states from interest earned on Clean Water Act penalties paid by responsible parties of the</li> </ul>	<p>Boxer (D-CA) [Baucus (D-MT), Inhofe (R-OK), Vitter (R-LA)]  <b>Environment and Public Works</b>  11/07/11: Introduced and referred to Committee  02/06/12: Reported to Senate by Committee  03/08/12: Amendment agreed to 76-22  03/14/12: Passed Senate with amendments (74-22)    <b>Bishop (D-NY) [121 co-sponsors]</b></p>

	<p>BP Oil Spill in 2010, along with funding for Gulf of Mexico restoration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Formula allocates 50% of interest earned on the Gulf Coast Restoration Trust Fund to NEO for grants to coastal states, Indian tribes, regional ocean and coastal planning bodies, and a National Grant Program for Oceans and Coastal Waters</li> <li>• Amdt sponsors: Nelson (D-FL), Brown (R-MA), Landrieu (D-LA), Shelby (R-AL)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Transportation and Infrastructure</b>  <b>Ways and Means</b>  <b>Natural Resources</b>  <b>Energy and Commerce</b>  <b>Agriculture</b>  <b>Science, Space and Technology</b>  <b>Budget, Oversight and Government Reform</b>  <b>Financial Services</b>  <b>Education and the Workforce</b>  <b>Foreign Affairs</b>          03/21/12: Introduced and referred to Committees</p>
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**Interjurisdictional Fisheries**

<p>S. 1980</p>	<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) [7 co-sponsors]  <b>Commerce, Science, and Transportation</b>          12/12/11: Introduced and referred to Committee</p>
<p>H.R. 4100          S. 52</p>	<p>Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing Enforcement Act  <a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.4100">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.4100:</a>  <a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:S.52">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:S.52:</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strengthens enforcement of high seas fishing and promotes international cooperation and assistance to other nations.</li> </ul>	<p>Bordallo (D-GU) [5 co-sponsors]  <b>Natural Resources</b>, Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs          02/28/12: Introduced and referred to Committee          03/01/12: Referred to SC</p> <p>Inouye (D-HI) [8 co-sponsors]  <b>Commerce, Science, and Transportation</b>          01/25/11: Introduced and referred to Committee          05/05/11: Reported favorably by Committee          01/26/1: Placed on Senate Calendar</p>

## Federal Fisheries

<p>H.R. 2834 S. 2066</p>	<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> <a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:S.2066">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:S.2066:</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>Similar aspects to H.R. 4089, Sportsmen’s Heritage Act, introduced 02/27/12 by Miller (R-FL) and favorably reported, as amended (27-16), by Natural Resources Committee 02/29/12 <a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.4089">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.4089:</a></p>	<p>Benishek (R -MIJ) [57 co-sponsors] <b>Natural Resources</b>, Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs, National Parks, Forests and Public Lands <b>Agriculture</b>, Conservation, Energy and Forestry 09/02/11: Introduced and referred to Committees 09/09/11: Natural Resources SC hearings held 09/13/11: Referred to Agriculture SC 11/17/11: Natural Resources Committee consideration and reported, as amended (vote 29-14)</p> <p>Murkowski (R-AK) [Barasso (R-WY), Manchin (D-WV), Risch (R-ID)] <b>Energy and Natural Resources</b> 02/02/12: Introduced and referred to Committee</p>
<p>H.R. 3181</p>	<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>, Regulatory Affairs, Stimulus Oversight and Government Spending <b>Judiciary</b>, Courts, Commercial and Administrative Law 10/13/11: Introduced and referred to Committees 10/24/11: Referred to Judiciary SC 11/02/11: Referred to Oversight and Government Reform SC</p>

## Appropriations

<p>H.R. 1473</p>	<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</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>
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	<p>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</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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>	
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)  11/18/11: Signed by President, PL 112-055</p>



## PRIORITY II BILLS

## Chesapeake Bay

<p>H.R. 258 S. 760</p>	<p>Chesapeake Bay Accountability and Recovery Act of 2011  <a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.258">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.258:</a>  <a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:S.760">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:S.760:</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requires Director of OMB in consultation with chief executives of Chesapeake state and others to submit a report to Congress detailing progress of funded projects</li> <li>• Requires EPA Administrator to develop and update every three years an adaptive management plan for the Chesapeake Bay Program</li> <li>• Requires EPA Administrator to appoint an Independent Evaluator who shall review the Chesapeake Bay Program every 3 years and submit findings in a report to Congress</li> <li>• No authorization level included</li> </ul>	<p>Wittman (R - VA) [7 co-sponsors]  <b>Natural Resources</b>, Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs  <b>Transportation and Infrastructure</b>, Water Resources and Environment  01/01/11: Introduced and referred to Committees  01/10/11: Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure SC  01/26/11: Referred to Natural Resources SC  4/7/11: Natural Resources SC hearing held  07/20/11: Natural Resources Committee markup and ordered reported by Unanimous Consent  10/14/11: Reported, as amended, by Natural Resources Committee; Transportation and Infrastructure Committee discharged  10/14/11: Placed on Union Calendar</p> <p>Warner (D-VA) [Webb (D-VA)]  <b>Environment and Public Works</b>  04/07/11: Introduced and referred to Committee</p>
<p>H.R. 1650</p>	<p>Chesapeake Bay Science, Education, and Ecosystem Enhancement Act  <a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.1650">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.1650:</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Focuses NOAA efforts on Chesapeake Bay monitoring and restoration</li> <li>• Gives greater authority and control to the Chesapeake Executive Council</li> <li>• Encourages continued collaboration to establish a buoy observing system within the Chesapeake Bay as well as the BWET program</li> <li>• Activities encouraged for the Director include: native oyster restoration, fish and shellfish aquaculture, protection and restoration of critical habitats, coordination of an observing system, and transfer of applied research to field and fishery use</li> </ul>	<p>Sarbanes (D-MD)  <b>Natural Resources</b>, Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs  04/15/11: Introduced and referred to Committee  04/27/11: Referred to SC</p>
<p>H.R. 1651</p>	<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</li> </ul>	<p>Sarbanes (D-MD) [Cummings (D-MD)]  <b>Transportation and Infrastructure</b>, Water Resources and Environment  04/15/11: Introduced and referred to Committee  04/18/11: Referred to SC</p>

	<p>perform to reduce the nutrient and sediment runoff into the bay and thus qualify them as participants in the program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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>	
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, Water Resources and Environment</b>  04/15/11: Introduced and 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 and referred to Committee  12/08/11: Committee reported out favorably  01/26/12: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar</p>
S. 2294	<p>Chesapeake Bay Watershed Fairness Act  <a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:S.2294">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:S.2294:</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to provide technical and financial assistance to a Chesapeake Bay state (DE, MD, NY, PA, VA, WV) for developing and achieving water quality goals</li> <li>• Requires formation of a cross-agency budget analysis of Chesapeake Bay funding as well as establishment of a public-friendly website</li> </ul>	<p>Casey (D-PA) [Cardin (D-MD), Mikulski (D-MD), Warner (D-VA), Webb (D-VA)]  <b>Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry</b>  04/18/12: Introduced and referred to Committee</p>
H.R. 4337	<p>Chesapeake Bay State and Local Backstop Limitation Act  <a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.4337">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.4337:</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Limits the EPA Administrator's ability to lower allowed discharge levels of nitrogen, phosphorus, or sediment for existing, new, or renewed permits</li> </ul>	<p>Reed (R-NY) [Hochul (D-NY)]  <b>Transportation and Infrastructure Agriculture</b>  03/29/12: Introduced and referred to Committees</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prohibits the EPA Administrator from revising the 2010 Chesapeake Bay TMDL water quality goals prior to those goals being met</li> <li>• Prohibits the EPA Administrator from withholding a state's grant for not meeting the 2010 Chesapeake Bay TMDL water quality goals unless the Administrator has offered technical assistance and sufficient time to benefit from that assistance</li> </ul>	
H.R. 4153	<p>Chesapeake Bay Program Reauthorization and Improvement Act  <a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.4153">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.4153:</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increases total authorization amount from \$40 million to \$90 million</li> <li>• Reserves state rights to implement TMDLs on nutrients or sediments</li> <li>• Establishes independent Chesapeake Bay Nutrient and Sediment Trading Commission to facilitate a market for trading water quality credits among the states</li> <li>• Establishes ability for states to form a partnership with the federal agency</li> <li>• Chesapeake Bay States: DE, MD, NY, PA, VA, WV, and DC</li> </ul>	<p>Goodlatte (R-VA) [Gibbs (R-OH), Holden (D-PA), Thompson (R-PA), Dent (R-PA), Bartlett (R-MD)]  <b>Transportation and Infrastructure</b>  <b>Agriculture</b>  <b>Energy and Commerce</b>  03/07/12: Introduced and referred to Committees</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>, Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs  <b>Science, Space and Technology</b>, Energy and Environment  02/09/11: Introduced and 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>
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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 (max 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>, Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs  10/05/11: Introduced and referred to Committee  10/17/11: Referred to SC</p>
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## 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</b>, Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs  02/09/11: Introduced and 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) [14 co-sponsors]  <b>Agriculture</b>, Nutrition and Horticulture  03/17/11: Introduced and referred to Committee  03/29/11: Referred to SC</p>
H.R. 521 S. 230	<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</b>, Health  02/08/11: Introduced and referred to Committee  02/15/11: Referred to SC</p> <p>Begich (D-AK) [Murkowski (R-AK), Murray (D-WA), Mikulski (D-MD), Feinstein (D-CA)]  <b>Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions</b>  01/31/11: Introduced and referred to Committee</p>

<p>H.R. 520 S. 229</p>	<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, Health</b>  02/08/11: Introduced and referred to Committee  02/15/11: Referred to SC</p> <p>Begich (D-AK), [Feinstein (D-CA), Murkowski (R-AK), Murray (D-WA), Wyden (D-OR), Mikulski (D-MD), Boxer (D-CA)]  <b>Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions</b>  01/31/11: Introduced and referred to Committee</p>
<p>H.R. 2373</p>	<p>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></p> <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>	<p>Capps (D-CA)  <b>Natural Resources, Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs</b>  06/24/11: Introduced and referred to Committee  07/06/11: Referred to SC</p>
<p>S. 1717</p>	<p>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></p> <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>	<p>Begich (D-AK) [Murkowski (R-AK), Merkley (D-OR)]  <b>Commerce, Science, and Transportation, Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Wildlife</b>  10/17/11: Introduced and referred to Committee</p>

## NOAA

<p>S. 1116</p>	<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 and referred to Committee</p>
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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 and 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 and 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 regions after a five-year period</li> </ul>	<p>Frank (D-MA) [12 co-sponsors]  <b>Natural Resources</b>  07/21/11: Introduced and referred to Committee  12/01/11: Committee hearing held</p>
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</li> </ul>	<p>Farr (D - CA), [32 co-sponsors]  <b>Natural Resources, Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs</b>  <b>Transportation and Infrastructure, Water Resources and Environment</b>  03/17/11: Introduced and referred to Committees  03/18/11: Referred to Transportation and</p>

	<p>Council's 2008 report "Tackling Marine Debris in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century".</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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>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) [9 co-sponsors] <b>Commerce, Science, and Transportation</b> 05/26/11: Introduced and 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 Science, Space, and Technology</b>, Energy and Environment <b>Natural Resources</b>, Energy and Mineral Resources; Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs 12/20/11: Introduced and referred to Committees 01/03/12: Referred to Natural Resources SCs 01/12/12: Referred to Science, Space and Tech SC</p>
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> </ul>	<p>Capps (D-CA) [Keating (D-MA), Pingree (D-ME), Woolsey (D-CA), Slaughter (D-NY)] <b>Science, Space, and Technology</b>, Energy and Environment <b>Energy and Commerce</b>, Health 12/06/11: Introduced and referred to Committees 12/09/11: Referred to Energy and Commerce SC</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Decreases authorization from \$60 million to \$6 million for FY2011-15</li> </ul>	12/13/11: Referred to Science, Space, and Tech SC
H.R. 4311	<p>To correct the boundaries of the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System Unit L06, Topsail, North Carolina  <a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.4311">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.4311:</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Modifies the reference map for Unit L06 of the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System off Topsail, NC</li> </ul>	<p>Jones (R-NC)  <b>Natural Resources, Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs</b>  03/29/12: Introduced and referred to Committee  04/16/12: Referred to SC</p>
S. 2184 H.R. 4208	<p>S-K Act  <a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:S.2184">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:S.2184:</a>  <a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.4208">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.4208:</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Directs 70% of S-K funds (increase from 60%) to go towards research priorities, as determined by the 8 Fishery Councils' planning committees</li> <li>Funds divided among the Councils equally (50%) and by economic value (50%)</li> <li>Directs up to 4% of S-K funds to go towards the 3 interstate commissions, with the distribution determined by the Secretary of Commerce</li> </ul>	<p>Kerry (D-MA) [Snowe (R-ME), Rockefeller (D-WV), Brown (R-MA), Whitehouse (D-RI)]  <b>Commerce, Science, and Transportation</b>  03/12/12: Introduced and referred to Committee</p> <p>Frank (D-MA) [9 co-sponsors]  <b>Natural Resources, Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs</b>  03/19/12: Introduced and referred to Committee  03/29/12: Referred to 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) [164 Co-Sponsors]  <b>Energy and Commerce, Environment and the Economy</b>  04/14/11: Introduced and 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 and referred to Committee</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> </ul>	<p>Broun (R-GA) [13 co-sponsors]  <b>Natural Resources, Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs; National Parks, Forests and Public Lands</b>  <b>Energy and Commerce</b>  <b>Agriculture, Conservation, Energy, and Forestry</b>  04/08/11: Introduced and referred to Committees  04/14/11: Referred to Natural Resources SCs</p>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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>	05/11/11: Referred to Agriculture SC
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>Guinta (R-NH)  <b>Transportation and Infrastructure</b>, Water Resources and Environment  04/12/11: Introduced and 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 and 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>, Water Resources and Environment  <b>Budget</b>  06/03/11: Introduced and referred to Committees  06/06/11: Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure SC</p>

<p>H.R. 2325  S. 1266</p>	<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>   <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></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) [12 co-sponsors]  <b>Natural Resources</b>, Fisheries Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs  <b>Transportation and Infrastructure</b>, Water Resources and Environment            06/23/11: Introduced and referred to Committees            06/24/11: Referred to Transportation and Infrastructure SC            07/11/11: Referred to Natural Resources SC</p> <p>Carper (D-DE) [6 co-sponsors]  <b>Environment and Public Works</b>            06/23/11: Introduced and referred to Committee            12/08/11: Committee reported favorably with substitute amendment</p>
<p>H.R. 2484</p>	<p>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></p> <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>	<p>Harris (D-MD) [9 co-sponsors]  <b>Science, Space, and Technology</b>, Energy and Environment  <b>Natural Resources</b>, Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs            07/11/11: Introduced and 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            02/09/12: Natural Resources discharged and placed on Union Calendar</p>

S. 1701	<p>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></p> <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>	<p>Snowe (R-ME) [11 co-sponsors]  <b>Commerce, Science, and Transportation</b>,  10/13/11: Introduced and referred to Committee  11/02/11: Committee reported favorably with substitute amendment</p>
S. 2018 H.R. 3717	<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), Blumnthal (D-CT), Lieberman (I-CT)]  <b>Environment and Public Works</b>  12/16/11: Introduced and referred to Committee</p> <p>Israel (D-NY) [13 co-sponsors]  <b>Transportation and Infrastructure</b>  <b>Natural Resources, Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs</b>  12/16/11: Introduced and referred to Committees  01/03/12: Referred to Natural Resources SC</p>
H.R. 662	<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)]  <b>Transportation and Infrastructure</b>  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</li> </ul>	<p>Whitehouse (D-RI), [9 co-sponsors]  <b>Commerce, Science and Transportation</b>, Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard  05/12/11: Introduced and referred to Committee</p>
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S. 1400	<p>support grants to coastal states, affected tribes, regional planning bodies, and a national grant program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Distribution of funds to coastal states based on even distribution (50%), shoreline (25%), and coastal population (25%)</li> </ul> <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 and 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 and 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), [12 co-sponsors]  <b>Natural Resources, Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs</b>  09/22/11: Introduced and 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>