

## Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission

### 2014 Action Plan Progress

*Note: Detailed below is information on tasks that are not on schedule and the reason; as well as accomplishments achieved that were not planned for in the 2014 Action Plan.*

| <b>Task #</b> | <b>Description</b>  | <b>Reason</b>  |
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| 1.1.6         | Develop an addendum to adjust the fishery effort to the size of the resource in Lobster Conservation Management Areas 4, 5, and 6.            | In August the Board tasked the LCMTs to provide recommendations to the Board on this issue                     |
| 1.1.11        | Complete the 2014 lobster benchmark stock assessment and consider management response to the assessment findings.                             | Assessment will be presented in 2015 due to data delay issues.   |
| 1.1.30        | Complete the 2014 bluefish benchmark stock assessment and consider management response to the assessment findings.                            | Assessment was pushed to 2015 by the NRCC  |
| 1.1.73        | Complete the 2014 scup assessment update  | Scup had a data update (rumble strip analysis) instead of an assessment update                                 |
| 1.1.27        | Continue development of the 2015 benchmark stock assessment, including discussions/analysis on genetics and bycatch                           | Assessment was pushed to 2017  |
| 2.1.13        | Develop a Commission policy regarding risk and uncertainty, and provide to the ISFMP Policy Board for consideration.                          | Committee focused on climate-fisheries allocation project in 2014; intend to work on a risk policy in 2015     |
| 2.5.1         | Conduct intermediate and advanced stock assessment methods training workshops. Conduct a stock assessment training workshop for Commissioners | Assessment Scientists working full time on stock assessments; no time available to work on assessment training |

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| 5.1.7        | East Coast Aquaria  | Lack of time; will be addressed as action item at next meeting Atlantic Coast Fisheries Communications Group (ACFCG) in early 2015  |
| 5.1.10/2.3.2 | Fisheries Science 101   | Lack of time; other tasks took priority   |
| 5.3.3        | Annual meeting of ACFCG   | Members participated instead in SAFMC's Communicating Science with Graphics   |
| 7.4.1        | Work with Executive Committee to determine the appropriate transition and orientation program for new Commissioners.                    | If time permits, the issue will be discussed by Executive Committee at the Annual Meeting under Other Business.   |
| 7.5.2        | Work with Commission attorney to develop a potential information request policy for consideration by full Commission (FOIA equivalent). | Staff has continued to provide requested material in response to FOIA requests, with the exception of providing confidential data. Staff has been in ongoing discussion with Commission attorney. |

## **Accomplishments Achieved that were not included in 2014 Action Plan**

### EXECUTIVE DIRECTORATE

- Developed new Commission brochure and display for use at tradeshow

### SCIENCE

- Initiated data gathering and analytical discussions for new black sea bass stock assessment
- Contributed to SEDAR Shrimp Data and Bycatch Workshop
- Contributed to MRIP Calibration Work Group/Workshop
- Contributed to GSMFC Fish Ageing Workshop

### F&A

- Conducted thorough review of MMS Database; developed list of enhancements and began work on these enhancements.
- Developed detailed SOPPs for Finance & Accounting responsibilities.
- Improved efficiency of registration process for Annual Meeting.



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### MEMORANDUM

October 21, 2014

**To: ASMFC Commissioners and Proxies**  
**From: Robert Beal**  
**Re: Federal Legislative Tracking Sheet: 113<sup>th</sup> Congress, 2nd Session**

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

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

## Federal Legislative Update

### 2015 Appropriations

Since the beginning of Fiscal Year 2015, which began on October 1, the federal government has been operating under a continuing appropriations resolution (CR) at 2014 levels. The current CR is in effect until December 11, 2014. Congress is expected to address further appropriations in the lame duck session after the fall mid-term elections. However, it is unlikely appropriations bills will be acted on individually. The most likely result is another short-term CR, an omnibus appropriations bill, or some combination of the two. Following is a brief overview of where the Commission's budget priorities stand for 2015.

The Fiscal Year 2015 Commerce, Justice, Science Appropriations (CJS) bill, which provides a majority of the Commission's federal funding, has been approved by the House of Representatives and the Senate Appropriations Committee. The Senate Appropriations Committee unanimously approved its CJS bill on June 6. Senate funding for Operations, Research, and Facilities for NOAA Fisheries is up \$23.6 million, or about 3 percent, to \$836.2 million from Fiscal Year 2014. The *Regional Councils and Fisheries Commissions* and *Interjurisdictional Fisheries Act Grants* budget lines both received slight increases.

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

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

### Magnuson-Stevens Act Update

On May 29, the House Natural Resources Committee approved its Magnuson-Stevens draft reauthorization bill on a roll call vote of 24 to 17 along partisan lines. The Senate Commerce Committee released a second discussion draft on July 18, but has not taken further action. It is increasingly likely that no further action will be taken to reauthorize the Magnuson-Stevens Act this year. In 2015, under a new Congress, the process will start again with the House and Senate introducing new draft bills.

### Florida Fisheries Improvement Act

On September 16, Senator Mark Rubio (R-FL) introduced the Florida Fisheries Improvement Act. The bill is essentially a Magnuson-Stevens reauthorization focused on Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic issues. The regionally focused bill contains a number of similarities between the House and Senate draft bills, such as increased rebuilding flexibility. Sen Rubio is the highest ranking Republican on the Senate Fisheries Subcommittee and would likely assume the Chairmanship should Senate Republicans win a majority of that chamber's seats in November.

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

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| S. 267  | <p>Pirate Fishing Elimination Act<br/> <a href="http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113s267">http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113s267</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Codifies the Port States Measures Agreement into U.S. law, an international treaty aimed at prohibiting vessels that have engaged in illegal fishing from entering ports around the world</li> </ul>   | <p>Rockefeller (D-WV) [11 cosponsors]<br/>           Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation<br/>           2/11/2013 Introduced<br/>           1/8/2014 Reported out of Senate Committee</p>   |
| S. 269  | <p>International Fisheries Stewardship and Enforcement Act (IFSEA)<br/> <a href="http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113s269">http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113s269</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amends several existing laws to increase enforcement of fishing regulations by giving the Secretary of Commerce and the Coast Guard authority to enforce fishing-related policies.</li> <li>• Creates an International Fisheries Enforcement Program within NOAA</li> </ul> | <p>Rockefeller (D-WV) [12 cosponsors]<br/>           Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation<br/>           2/11/2013 Introduced<br/>           12/17/2013 Reported out of Senate Committee</p> |
| S. 839  | <p>Coral Reef Conservation Amendments Act of 2013<br/> <a href="http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113s839">http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113s839</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comprehensive reauthorization of the Coral Reef Conservation Act of 2000</li> </ul>  | <p>Nelson (D-FL) [3 cosponsors]<br/>           Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation<br/>           4/25/2013 Introduced<br/>           5/5/2014 Reported out of Senate Committee</p>         |
| S. 2028 | <p>Sport Fish Restoration and Recreational Boating Safety Act of 2014<br/> <a href="http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113s2028">http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113s2028</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reauthorizes the Federal Aid in Fish Restoration Act through 2021</li> </ul>   | <p>Sen Rockefeller (D-WV) [1 cosponsor]<br/>           Senate Commerce Committee<br/>           2/12/2014 Introduced<br/>           7/7/2014 Reported out of Senate Committee</p>                                 |

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| H.R. 69   | <p>Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing Enforcement Act of 2013<br/> <a href="http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr69">http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr69</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Amends several existing laws to increase enforcement of fishing regulations by giving the Secretary of Commerce and the Coast Guard authority to enforce fishing-related policies</li> <li>Authorizes additional enforcement measures relating to search or inspection of facilities, records inspection, shipment detention, arrest, search and seizure, and service of civil or criminal process</li> </ul> | <p>Bordallo (D-GU) [16 Cosponsors]<br/> House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs<br/> 1/3/2013 Introduced<br/> 1/31/2013 Referred to House Subcommittee<br/> 9/18/2014 Reported out of Subcommittee</p> |
| S. 2094   | <p>Vessel Incidental Discharge Act<br/> <a href="http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113s2094">http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113s2094</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Create national, uniform standards on ballast water discharges</li> <li>Currently ballast water is regulated by both the Coast Guard and EPA</li> </ul>  | <p>Sen Begich (D-AK) [26 cosponsors]<br/> Senate Commerce Committee<br/> 3/6/2014 Introduced<br/> 3/6/2014 Referred to Senate Committee<br/> Text incorporated in Coast Guard Reauthorization bill</p>  |
| H.R. 5609 | <p>The Vessel Incidental Discharge Act<br/> <a href="http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr5609">http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr5609</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Companion bill to S.2094</li> </ul>  | <p>Hunter (R-CA) [10 cosponsors]<br/> House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure<br/> 9/19/2014 Introduced</p>  |
| S. 2824   | <p>Florida Fisheries Improvement Act<br/> <a href="http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113s2824">http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113s2824</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regionally focused Magnuson-Stevens Reauthorization</li> </ul>   | <p>Sen Rubio (R-FL) [none]<br/> Senate Commerce Committee<br/> 9/16/2014 Introduced<br/> 9/16/2014 Referred to Senate Committee</p>   |
| S.1757    | <p>Fluke Fairness Act of 2013<br/> <a href="http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113s1757">http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113s1757</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Requires MAFMC to submit a new summer flounder FMP within one year and prohibits allocation of summer flounder catch quotas on a state by state basis using historical landings data</li> </ul>   | <p>Schumer (D-NY) [1 Cosponsor]<br/> Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation<br/> 11/21/2013 Introduced<br/> 11/21/2013 Referred to Senate Committee</p>  |

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| H.R. 71  | <p>Coral Reef Conservation Act Reauthorization and Enhancement Amendments of 2013<br/> <a href="http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr71">http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr71</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comprehensive reauthorization of the Coral Reef Conservation Act of 2000</li> </ul>  | <p>Bordallo (D-GU) [10 cosponsors]<br/> House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs<br/> 1/3/2013 Introduced<br/> 1/31/2013 Referred to House Subcommittee</p>  |
| H.R. 996 | <p>Invasive Fish and Wildlife Prevention Act<br/> <a href="http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr996">http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr996</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strengthens the Fish and Wildlife Service's ability to designate animals as "injurious," meaning these animals could not be imported or shipped between states without a permit</li> <li>• Allows the USFWS to update screening procedures using rapid assessment technology and to designate temporary emergency "injurious" listings</li> <li>• Allows governors to petition for immediate listing actions</li> <li>• Allows listing of non-crustacean and non-mollusk invertebrates</li> </ul> | <p>Slaughter (D-NY) [32 cosponsors]<br/> House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs<br/> House Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, And Investigations<br/> 3/6/2013 Introduced<br/> 4/8/2013 Referred to House Subcommittee</p> |
| S. 1153  | <p>Invasive Fish and Wildlife Prevention Act<br/> <a href="http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113s1153">http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113s1153</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Senate counterpart to H.R. 996</li> </ul>   | <p>Gillibrand (D-NY) [3 cosponsors]<br/> Senate committee on Environment and Public Works<br/> 6/12/2013 Introduced<br/> 6/12/2013 Referred to Senate Committee</p>  |
| S. 221   | <p>Saving Fishing Jobs Act of 2013<br/> <a href="http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113s221">http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113s221</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requires the Secretary of Commerce to terminate new and existing catch share programs that result in a 15 percent or more reduction in the total number of fishermen in the program, and develop a new management plan within one year</li> </ul>   | <p>Ayotte (R-NH) [none]<br/> Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation<br/> 2/4/2013 Introduced<br/> 2/4/2013 Referred to Senate Committee</p>   |

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| <p>H.R. 263</p>  | <p>National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Reauthorization Act of 2013<br/> <a href="http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr263">http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr263</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Authorizes \$25 million for the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation for FY 2014 to 2019</li> <li>• The bill would require a new 28-member board of directors including experts in freshwater, saltwater, coastal and land creatures, and would allow the foundation to accept gifts and bequests. The foundation could turn gifts over to federal agencies</li> <li>• The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation was created by Congress in 1984 to protect and restore fish and wildlife and their habitats. It directs public dollars to critical environmental needs and matches those investments with private contributions</li> </ul> | <p>Grimm (R-NY) [1 cosponsor]<br/> House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs<br/> 1/15/2013 Introduced<br/> 1/31/2013 Referred to House Subcommittee</p>  |
| <p>S. 520</p>    | <p>Safety And Fraud Enforcement for Seafood (SAFE) Act<br/> <a href="http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113s520">http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113s520</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requires that detailed information accompany seafood through the supply chain to the point of sale, including scientific name, geographic catch area, date of catch, and catch method</li> <li>• Improves the FDA list of standardized names for seafood</li> <li>• Authorizes refusal of suspected or known violators of seafood mislabeling</li> </ul>   | <p>Begich (R-AK) [5 cosponsors]<br/> Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation<br/> 3/11/2013 Introduced<br/> 3/11/2013 Referred to Senate Committee</p>                                 |
| <p>H.R. 1012</p> | <p>Safety And Fraud Enforcement for Seafood (SAFE) Act<br/> <a href="http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr1012">http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr1012</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• House companion bill to S. 520, Safety And Fraud Enforcement for Seafood (SAFE) Act</li> </ul>   | <p>Markey (D-MA) [28 cosponsors]<br/> House Committees on Energy and Commerce; Agriculture; Natural Resources; Ways and Means<br/> 3/6/2013 Introduced<br/> 4/2/2013 Referred to House Subcommittees</p> |



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| S. 646    | <p>National Endowment for the Oceans Act<br/> <a href="http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113s646">http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113s646</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establishes a National Endowment for the Oceans to fund activities intended to protect, conserve, restore, and understand the Nation's oceans, coasts, and Great Lakes through a competitive grant process</li> </ul>  | <p>Whitehouse (R-RI) [6 cosponsors]<br/> Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation<br/> 3/21/2013 Introduced<br/> 3/21/2013 Referred to Senate Committee</p>                             |
| H.R. 764  | <p>Coastal State Climate Change Planning Act<br/> <a href="http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr764">http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr764</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Directs the Secretary of Commerce to establish a coastal climate change adaptation planning and response program to provide assistance to coastal states to develop climate change adaptation plans and provide financial and technical assistance to implement such plans</li> <li>Requires the Secretary of Commerce to promote the use of National Estuarine Research Reserves as sites for pilot projects</li> </ul> | <p>Capps (D-CA) [28 cosponsors]<br/> House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs<br/> 2/15/2013 Introduced<br/> 3/1/2013 Referred to House Subcommittee</p> |
| H.R. 3063 | <p>Healthy Fisheries through Better Science Act<br/> <a href="http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr3063">http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr3063</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Would require the Department of Commerce to develop a plan to conduct stock assessments for all stocks of fish for which a fishery management plan is in effect under the Magnuson-Stevens Act</li> </ul>   | <p>Wittman (R-VA) [none]<br/> House Committee on Natural Resources<br/> 8/2/2013 Introduced<br/> 8/2/2013 Referred to House Committee</p>  |
| S. 713    | <p>Rhode Island Fishermen's Fairness Act<br/> <a href="http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113s713">http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113s713</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Would give Rhode Island a seat on the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC)</li> </ul>   | <p>Reed (D-RI) [1 cosponsor]<br/> Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation<br/> 4/11/2013 Introduced<br/> 4/11/2013 Referred to Senate Committee</p>   |
| H.R. 1504 | <p>Rhode Island Fishermen's Fairness Act<br/> <a href="http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr1504">http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr1504</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>House companion bill to S. 713, Rhode Island Fishermen's Fairness Act</li> </ul>   | <p>Rep Langevin (D-RI) [1 cosponsor]<br/> House Committee on Natural Resources<br/> 4/11/2013 Introduced<br/> 4/11/2013 Referred to House Committee</p>  |

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| S. 2030 | National Sea Grant College Program Amendments Act of 2014<br><a href="http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113s2030">http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113s2030</a><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Reauthorizes the National Sea Grant College Program Act through 2020</li></ul> | Sen Schatz (D-HI) [1 cosponsor]<br>Senate Commerce Committee<br>2/12/2014 Introduced<br>2/12/2014 Referred to Senate Committee |
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### Fiscal Year 2015 Appropriations

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| H.R. 4660   | Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2015<br><a href="http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr4660">http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr4660</a> | Rep Wolf (R-VA) [none]<br>House Appropriations Committee<br>5/15/2014 Introduced<br>5/30/2014 Passed House                 |
| S. 2437     | Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2015<br><a href="http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113s2437">http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113s2437</a>   | Sen Mikulski (D-MD) [none]<br>Senate Appropriations Committee<br>6/5/2014 Introduced<br>6/5/2014 Reported out of Committee |
| H.J.Res 124 | Continuing Appropriations Resolution, 2015<br><a href="http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hjres124">http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hjres124</a>                            | Rep Rodgers (R-KY) [none]<br>9/9/2014 Introduced<br>9/19/2014 Became Public Law  |

### Priority II

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| S. 1254 | Harmful Algal Bloom and Hypoxia Research and Control Amendments Act of 2014<br><a href="http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113s1254">http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113s1254</a><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Reauthorizes the <i>Harmful Algal Bloom and Hypoxia Research and Control Act of 1998</i></li><li>Establishes a national HAB and Hypoxia Program at NOAA</li></ul> | Sen Nelson (D-FL) [18 cosponsors]<br>Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation<br>6/27/2013 Introduced<br>6/30/2014 Became Public Law |
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| <p><b>H.R. 3464</b></p> | <p>Commercial Vessel Discharges Reform Act of 2013<br/> <a href="http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr3464">http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr3464</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Extends permanently, a moratorium from EPA, state regulations and fines governing incidental discharges from commercial fishing vessels and all other commercial vessels less than 79 feet</li> <li>• H.R. 3464 was incorporated into H.R. 4005, the Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act of 2014. H.R. 4005 has passed the House and is awaiting action in the Senate</li> </ul>  | <p>LoBiondo (R-NJ) [10 cosponsors]<br/> House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure<br/> 11/14/2013 Introduced<br/> 11/14/2013 Referred to House Subcommittee</p>                    |
| <p><b>H.R. 2413</b></p> | <p>Weather Forecasting Improvement Act<br/> <a href="http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr2413">http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr2413</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Directs NOAA's research and satellite offices and National Weather Service offices to develop a prioritized weather research plan with the aim of restoring U.S. world leadership in weather modeling, prediction, and forecasting</li> <li>• An earlier version of this bill limited NOAA's ability to study climate change</li> </ul>   | <p>Rep Bridenstine (R-OK) [20 cosponsors]<br/> House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology<br/> 6/18/2013 Introduced<br/> 4/1/2014 Approved by the House</p>                            |
| <p><b>S. 1996</b></p>   | <p>Bipartisan Sportsmen's Act of 2014<br/> <a href="http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113s1996">http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113s1996</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Would expand the reach of shooting ranges on federal lands, exempt lead bullets and fishing tackle from federal regulations, expedite duck hunting permits, reauthorize conservation programs and require federal officials to consider how land management affects the activities of hunting, fishing and shooting</li> <li>• S. 1996 was cleared for a vote on the Senate floor in mid-July, but leadership could not agree on an amendment process</li> </ul> | <p>Sen Hagen (D-NC) [27 cosponsors]<br/> No Committee<br/> 2/4/2014 Introduced<br/> 2/6/2014 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar</p>  |
| <p><b>H.R. 4315</b></p> | <p>21<sup>st</sup> Century Endangered Species Transparency Act<br/> <a href="http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr4315">http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr4315</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requires data used by federal agencies for ESA listing decisions be made publicly available and accessible through the Internet</li> </ul>  | <p>Rep Hastings (R-WA) [28 cosponsors]<br/> House Natural Resources Committee<br/> 3/27/2014 Introduced<br/> 4/30/2014 Reported out of Committee<br/> 7/29/2014 Passed/agreed to in House</p> |

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| H.R. 4316 | <p>Endangered Species Recovery Transparency Act<br/> <a href="http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr4316">http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr4316</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Requires the Administration to track and make available online the amount of taxpayer dollars being spent on ESA-related litigation to give the American people clear information about the time and resources currently used to address ESA-related lawsuits</li> </ul>  | <p>Rep Lummis (R-WY) [26 cosponsors]<br/> House Natural Resources Committee<br/> 3/27/2014 Introduced<br/> 4/30/2014 Reported out of Committee<br/> 7/17/2014 Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Natural Resources</p>   |
| H.R. 4318 | <p>Endangered Species Litigation Reasonableness Act<br/> <a href="http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr4318">http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr4318</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reduces taxpayer-financed attorney fees to help ensure that resources for species protection are focused more on species than on lucrative legal fees. It puts in place the same reasonable hourly caps on attorney fees used in another federal law, the Equal Access to Justice Act</li> </ul>  | <p>Rep Huizenga (R-MI) [28 cosponsors]<br/> House Natural Resources Committee<br/> 3/27/2014 Introduced<br/> 4/30/2014 Reported out of Committee<br/> 7/17/2014 Reported by the Committee on Natural Resources</p>   |
| H.R. 4317 | <p>State, Tribal, and Local Species Transparency and Recovery Act<br/> <a href="http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr4317">http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr4317</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enhances state, local, and tribal involvement in ESA decisions</li> </ul>   | <p>Rep Neugebauer (R-TX) [29 cosponsors]<br/> House Natural Resources Committee<br/> 3/27/2014 Introduced<br/> 7/17/2014 Reported by the Committee on Natural Resources</p>  |
| S. 327    | <p>Good Neighbor Forestry Act<br/> <a href="http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113s327">http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113s327</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Authorizes the Secretaries of Agriculture and Interior to enter into cooperative agreements and contracts with state foresters to provide forest, rangeland, and watershed restoration and protection services that include activities to treat insect infected trees, reduce hazardous fuels, and any other activities to restore or improve forest, rangeland, and watershed health, including fish and wildlife habitat</li> </ul> | <p>Barasso (R-WY) [10 cosponsors]<br/> Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources<br/> 2/14/2013 Introduced<br/> 2/14/2013 Referred to Senate Committee<br/> 6/18/2013 Mark-up held, reported out of Committee<br/> 9/10/2013 Reported out of Senate Committee</p> |

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| <p><b>H.R. 2401</b></p> | <p>Good Neighbor Forestry Act<br/> <a href="http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr2401">http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr2401</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• House companion bill to S. 327, Good Neighbor Forestry Act</li> </ul>   | <p>Cotton (R-AR) [1 cosponsor]<br/> House Committee on Natural Resources<br/> Subcommittee on Public Lands and<br/> Environmental Regulation;<br/> House Committee on Agriculture<br/> 6/17/2013 Introduced<br/> 8/13/2013 Referred to House<br/> Subcommittees</p>  |
| <p><b>S. 982</b></p>    | <p>Freedom to Fish Act<br/> <a href="http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113s982">http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113s982</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prohibits the Army Corps of Engineers from taking any action to establish a restricted area prohibiting public access to waters downstream of a dam within the Cumberland River Basin</li> </ul>                               | <p>Alexander (R-TN) [3 cosponsors]<br/> Senate Committee on Environment and<br/> Public Works<br/> 2/28/2013 Introduced<br/> 5/16/2013 Passed in Senate<br/> 5/21/2013 Passed in House<br/> 6/3/2013 Became Public Law</p>   |
| <p><b>H.R. 638</b></p>  | <p>National Wildlife Refuge Review Act of 2013<br/> <a href="http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr638">http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr638</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Blocks the Fish and Wildlife Service from declaring any new refuges unless Congress passed legislation specifically allowing it</li> <li>• The bill would not affect any existing refuges</li> </ul> | <p>Fleming (R-LA) [13 cosponsors]<br/> House Natural Resources Subcommittee<br/> on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular<br/> Affairs<br/> 2/13/2013 Introduced<br/> 2/21/2013 Referred to House<br/> Subcommittee<br/> 4/25/2013 Legislative hearing held<br/> 9/20/2013 Reported out of House<br/> Committee</p> |

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| <p><b>H.R. 910</b></p>  | <p>Sikes Act Reauthorization Act of 2013<br/> <a href="http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr910">http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr910</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reauthorizes the Sikes Act from 2015 through 2019</li> <li>• The Sikes Act requires the Department of Defense to develop and implement Integrated Natural Resources Management Plans for military installations across the United States</li> </ul>  | <p>Fleming (R-LA) [none]<br/> House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs<br/> House Armed Services Subcommittee on Readiness<br/> 2/28/2013 Introduced<br/> 3/21/2013 House Natural Resources Subcommittee hearing held<br/> 6/24/2013 Reported out of House Committee</p>   |
| <p><b>H.R. 1080</b></p> | <p>To amend the Sikes Act to promote the use of cooperative agreements under such Act for land management related to Department of Defense readiness activities and to facilitate interagency cooperation in conservation programs to reduce adverse impacts on military readiness activities.<br/> <a href="http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr1080">http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr1080</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Permits the Department of Defense to extend a program reducing restrictions on training by finding and restoring habitat off base</li> </ul> | <p>Bordallo (D-GU) [none]<br/> House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs; House Armed Services Subcommittee on Readiness<br/> 3/12/2013 Introduced<br/> 3/21/2013 House Natural Resources Subcommittee hearing held<br/> 3/26/2013 Referred to the House Subcommittee on Readiness<br/> 5/15/2013 Natural Resources Committee mark-up held<br/> 6/17/2013 Reported favorably out of the Natural Resources Committee</p> |

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| <p><b>H.R. 1300</b></p> | <p>To amend the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 to reauthorize the volunteer programs and community partnerships for the benefit of national wildlife refuges, and for other purposes.<br/> <a href="http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr1300">http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr1300</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reauthorizes the National Wildlife Refuge System Volunteer, Community Partnership, and Education Programs for 2014 through 2018</li> </ul>   | <p>Runyon (R-NJ) [1 cosponsor]<br/> House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs.<br/> 3/20/2013 Introduced<br/> 3/28/2013 Referred to House Subcommittee<br/> 6/17/2013 Reported favorably out of the Natural Resources Committee<br/> 7/30/2013 Passed in House</p>   |
| <p><b>H.R. 1425</b></p> | <p>Marine Debris Emergency Act of 2013<br/> <a href="http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr1425">http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr1425</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Makes improvements to the Marine Debris Research, Prevention, and Reduction Act (2006) by establishing a program within NOAA that complements the Environmental Protection Agency’s marine debris program</li> <li>• Requires NOAA to give preference to projects that address severe marine debris events especially in the event of potential threat of marine invasive species</li> <li>• Requires speedier approval of applications and grant funding</li> </ul> | <p>Bonamici (D-OR) [22 cosponsors]<br/> House<br/> 4/9/2013 Introduced<br/> 4/9/2013 Referred to the House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs;<br/> House Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation<br/> 6/13/2013 Subcommittee hearing held in the Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs Subcommittee<br/> 4/2/2014 Reported out of House Natural Resources Committee</p> |
| <p><b>H.R. 1825</b></p> | <p>Recreational Fishing and Hunting Heritage and Opportunities Act<br/> <a href="http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr1825">http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr1825</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Creates an “open until closed” policy for sportsmen’s use of federal land</li> <li>• Would direct U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management to facilitate use and access for hunting, fishing, and recreational shooting activities on federal lands</li> </ul>  | <p>Benishek (R-MI) [108 cosponsors]<br/> House Agriculture Committee, House Natural Resources Committee<br/> 6/12/2013 Reported out of the Natural Resources Committee by a vote of 28-15<br/> 1/31/2014 Discharged by the House Agriculture Committee</p>  |

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| <p><b>H.R. 2219</b></p> | <p>To reauthorize the Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System (ICOOS) Act of 2009<br/> <a href="http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr2219">http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr2219</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reauthorizes the ICCOS Act of 2009, which expires in 2013</li> <li>• The 2009 law established a national integrated system of ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes observing systems to promote better public awareness and scientific communication concerning ocean, coastal, and lake conservation</li> </ul> | <p>Young (R-AK) [none]<br/> House Natural Resources Committee,<br/> House Science, Space, and Technology Committee<br/> 6/3/2013 introduced<br/> 6/4/2013 Referred to House Subcommittee<br/> 6/13/2013 Subcommittee hearing held</p>  |
| <p><b>H.R. 3105</b></p> | <p>Aquaculture Risk Reduction Act<br/> <a href="http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr3105">http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr3105</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provides exemption from the Lacey Act for animals unintentionally included in shipments of fish produced in commercial aquaculture</li> </ul>   | <p>Crawford (R-AR) [5 cosponsors]<br/> House Natural Resources Committee<br/> 9/20/2013 Referred to House Subcommittee<br/> 2/27/2014 Subcommittee Hearing held</p>  |
| <p><b>H.R. 596</b></p>  | <p>Public Lands Renewable Energy Development Act of 2013<br/> <a href="http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr596">http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr596</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Streamlines permitting for renewable energy projects on public lands and waters</li> </ul>   | <p>Gosar (R-AZ) [61 cosponsors]<br/> House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs<br/> House Agriculture Subcommittee on Conservation, Energy, and Forestry.<br/> 2/8/2013 Introduced<br/> 2/25/2013 Referred to Subcommittees<br/> 7/29/2014 House Natural Resources hearing held</p> |
| <p><b>S. 1202</b></p>   | <p>SAFE Act<br/> <a href="http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113s1202">http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113s1202</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requires federal agencies that manage natural resources to adopt climate change adaptation plans</li> </ul>   | <p>Whitehouse (D-RI) [1 cosponsor]<br/> Environment and Public Works Committee<br/> 6/20/2013 Introduced<br/> 6/20/2013 Referred to Senate Committee<br/> 7/16/2014 Subcommittee hearing held</p>  |



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| S.2485    | <p>Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Convention Amendments Act<br/> <a href="http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113s2485">http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113s2485</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A bill to implement the Amendment to the Convention on Future Multilateral Cooperation in the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries, as adopted at Lisbon on September 28, 2007</li> </ul>  | <p>Sen Markey (D-MA) [none]<br/>         Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation<br/>         6/17/2014 Introduced<br/>         6/17/2014 Referred to Senate Committee<br/>         9/17/2014 Reported out of Committee</p>                                 |
| H.R. 5026 | <p>Fish Hatchery Protection Act<br/> <a href="http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr5026">http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr5026</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prohibits the Department of the Interior from closing any fish hatchery within the National Fish Hatchery System unless expressly authorized by an Act of Congress</li> </ul>  | <p>Rep Gosar (R-AZ) [13 cosponsors]<br/>         House Natural Resources Committee<br/>         7/8/2014 Introduced<br/>         7/10/2014 Referred to House Subcommittee<br/>         7/23/2014 Committee Hearing held<br/>         7/30/2014 Passed by Committee</p> |
| S. 1419   | <p>Marine and Hydrokinetic Renewable Energy Act of 2013<br/> <a href="http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113s1419">http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113s1419</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reauthorizes the Department of Energy’s marine hydrokinetic (MHK) research, development and demonstration programs through 2017</li> <li>• Encourages private investment in MHK power technologies by streamlining the regulatory process for pilot projects that generate energy from oceans, lakes and rivers</li> </ul> | <p>Wyden (D-OR) [4 cosponsors]<br/>         Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committees<br/>         8/1/2013 Introduced<br/>         2/27/2014 Subcommittee hearing held</p>   |
| H.R. 4025 | <p>Fishing Safety Training and Research Act<br/> <a href="http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr4025">http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr4025</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reauthorizes the Fishing Safety Training and Fishing Safety Research grant programs through 2015</li> </ul>  | <p>Rep Keating (D-MA) [1 cosponsor]<br/>         2/10/2014 Introduced<br/>         2/11/2013 Referred to House Subcommittee</p>  |
| H.R.4988  | <p>To amend the Act popularly known as the Antiquities Act of 1906 to provide for congressional approval of national monuments and restrictions on the use of national monuments, to establish requirements for declaration of marine national monuments, and for other purposes<br/> <a href="http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr4988">http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr4988</a></p>  | <p>Rep Southerland (R-FL) [16 cosponsors]<br/>         House Natural Resources Committee<br/>         6/26/2014 Introduced<br/>         7/7/2014 Referred to Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs</p>                                      |

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| H.Con.Res. 13 | Expressing the sense of the Congress that the Fish and Wildlife Service should incorporate consideration of global warming and sea-level rise into the comprehensive conservation plans for coastal national wildlife refuges<br><a href="http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hconres13">http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hconres13</a>   | Christensen (D-VI) [none]<br>House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs<br>2/13/2013 Introduced<br>2/13/2013 Referred to Senate Subcommittee   |
| S.1505        | Hunting, Fishing, and Recreational Shooting Protection Act<br><a href="http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113s1505">http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113s1505</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Amends the Toxic Substances Control Act to exclude from the definition of chemical substance any sport fishing equipment, firearm, or cartridge subject to a federal excise tax</li> </ul>  | Thune (R-SD) [8 cosponsors]<br>Senate Environment and Public Works Committee<br>9/17/2013 Introduced<br>9/17/2013 Referred to Senate Committee   |
| H.R. 262      | Multinational Species Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp Reauthorization Act<br><a href="http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr262">http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr262</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Extends the availability of the Save Vanishing Species stamp for four years</li> <li>The Postal Service gives the proceeds from stamp sales to the Fish and Wildlife Service to fund projects for endangered wildlife species including African and Asian elephants, rhinos, tigers, great apes, and marine sea turtles</li> </ul> | Grimm (R-NY) [57 cosponsors]<br>House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs<br>1/15/2013 Introduced<br>1/31/2013 Referred to House Subcommittee |
| S. 542        | Maritime Lien Reform Act of 2013<br><a href="http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113s542">http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113s542</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prohibits maritime liens from being imposed on Alaskan limited entry commercial fishing permits</li> </ul>  | Murkowski (R-AK) [2 cosponsors]<br>Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation<br>3/13/2013 Introduced<br>3/13/2013 Referred to Senate Committee                               |
| S. 681        | Offshore Fairness Act<br><a href="http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113s681">http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113s681</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Extends the offshore jurisdictions of Gulf of Mexico states to three marine leagues from their respective coastlines</li> <li>States would control the rights to energy resources and gain exclusive fishery management authority over reef fish within the new boundary</li> </ul>  | Vitter (R-LA) [none]<br>Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources<br>4/9/2013 Introduced<br>4/9/2013 Referred to Senate Committee   |

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| H.R. 1430 | <p>Offshore Fairness Act<br/> <a href="http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr1430">http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr1430</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>House companion bill to S. 681, the Offshore Fairness Act</li> </ul>  | <p>Cassidy (R-LA) [1 cosponsor]<br/> House Judiciary Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial And Antitrust Law; House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources<br/> 4/30/2013 Referred to House Subcommittees</p> |
| S. 747    | <p>A bill to grant exclusive fishery management authority over the red snapper fish in the Gulf of Mexico to certain States.<br/> <a href="http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113s747">http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113s747</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grants Gulf states exclusive fishery management authority over red snapper fish in the Gulf of Mexico in the area located between the coast line of each such state and the point that is 200 miles seaward of the coast line</li> </ul>  | <p>Vitter (R-AL) [none]<br/> Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.<br/> 4/17/2013 Introduced<br/> 4/17/2013 Referred to Senate Committee</p>  |
| H.R. 753  | <p>Prohibiting commercial finfish aquaculture operations in the Exclusive Economic Zone.<br/> <a href="http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr753">http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr753</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prohibits the Secretary of Interior and the Secretary of Commerce from authorizing commercial finfish aquaculture operations in the federal Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) unless specifically authorized by Congress</li> <li>Congress has never authorized open ocean aquaculture or provided a legislative framework for managing finfish farms in the EEZ</li> </ul> | <p>Young (R-AK) [none]<br/> House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs<br/> 2/15/2013 Introduced<br/> 3/1/2013 Referred to House Subcommittee</p>   |
| H.R. 1021 | <p>Land Acquisition to Cut National Debt Act<br/> <a href="http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr1021">http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr1021</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Suspends net federal land acquisitions under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management, the National Park Service, the Fish and Wildlife Service, or the Forest Service unless the Federal budget is balanced for the year in which the land would be purchased</li> </ul>  | <p>Stivers (R-OH) [none]<br/> House Natural Resources Committee; House Agriculture Committee<br/> 3/6/2013 Introduced<br/> 3/12/2013 Referred to House Committees<br/> 4/2/2013 Referred to House Subcommittees</p>                           |

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| S. 1022   | <p>A bill to amend title 46, United States Code, to extend the exemption from the fire-retardant materials construction requirement for vessels operating within the Boundary Line.</p> <p><a href="http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113s1022">http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113s1022</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Amends federal shipping law to extend through October 31, 2028, the exemption of certain vessels from the requirement that U.S. passenger vessels having berth or stateroom accommodations for at least 50 passengers be constructed of fire-retardant materials in order to be granted a certificate of inspection</li> <li>Continues to apply this exemption only to vessels in operation before January 1, 1968, which operate only within the Boundary Line (the dividing point between inland waters and high seas)</li> </ul> | <p>Brown (D-OH) [7 cosponsors]<br/>Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation<br/>5/22/2013 Introduced<br/>5/22/2013 Referred to Senate Committee</p>   |
| S. 1079   | <p>Artificial Reef Promotion Act of 2013</p> <p><a href="http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113s1079">http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113s1079</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expedites the application review to remove an offshore oil or gas platform in the Gulf of Mexico for use as an artificial reef by requiring that a decision be made within 150 days</li> </ul>   | <p>Vitter (R-LA) [2 cosponsors]<br/>Senate<br/>5/23/2013 Introduced<br/>5/23/2013 Referred to Senate Committee</p>   |
| S. 1161   | <p>Gulf of Mexico Red Snapper Conservation Act of 2013</p> <p><a href="http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113s1161">http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113s1161</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Transfers management responsibility of Gulf of Mexico red snapper to the Gulf states</li> </ul>  | <p>Landrieu (D-LA) [1 cosponsor]<br/>Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation<br/>6/13/2013 Introduced<br/>6/13/2013 Referred to Senate Committee</p> |
| H.R. 1219 | <p>Gulf Fisheries Fairness Act</p> <p><a href="http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr1219">http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr1219</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Resets the state water boundaries for the purposes of reef fish management for all five Gulf states to an average depth of 20 fathoms (120 feet) or nine nautical miles, whichever is farthest</li> <li>Currently, Alabama, Louisiana and Mississippi have three mile boundaries, while Florida and Texas are set at nine miles</li> </ul>   | <p>Bonner (R-AL) [12 cosponsors]<br/>House Committee on Natural Resources<br/>3/15/2013 Introduced<br/>3/15/2013 Referred to House Committee</p>                       |

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| H.R. 1313 | <p>To amend the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act to repeal a duplicative program relating to inspection and grading of catfish.<br/> <a href="http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr1313">http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr1313</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Terminates the USDA catfish inspection program</li> <li>• Currently the FDA and NFMS also have catfish inspection programs in place, and the Government Accountability Office singled out USDA's catfish inspection program as duplicative in a February 2013 report on government waste</li> <li>• Three other bills (H.R. 1999, S. 632, and the House Farm Bill) also end USDA's catfish inspection program</li> </ul> | <p>Hartzler (R-MO) [64 cosponsors]<br/> House Agriculture Subcommittee on Livestock, Rural Development, and Credit<br/> 3/21/2013 Introduced<br/> 4/2/2013 Referred to Senate Subcommittee</p> |
| S. 1435   | <p>Clean Ports Act of 2013<br/> <a href="http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113s1435">http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113s1435</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Encourages ports to adopt and enforce requirements to reduce pollution, mitigate traffic congestion, improve highway safety, and enhance efficient utilization of port facilities</li> </ul>  | <p>Gillibrand (D-NY) [1 cosponsor]<br/> Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee<br/> 8/1/2013 Introduced<br/> 8/1/2013 Referred to Senate Committee</p>                         |
| H.R. 2261 | <p>National Mitigation Fisheries Coordination Act<br/> <a href="http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr2261">http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr2261</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Directs agencies with fishery mitigation activities on mandated federal water projects to reimburse the Fish and Wildlife Service for the cost of operating the hatcheries used in mitigation</li> </ul>   | <p>Crawford (R-AR) [6 cosponsors]<br/> Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment<br/> 6/5/2013 Introduced<br/> 6/10/2013 Referred to House Subcommittees</p>                             |
| H.R. 3099 | <p>Gulf of Mexico Red Snapper Conservation Act of 2013<br/> <a href="http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr3099">http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr3099</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transfers management authority over the red snapper fishery to the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission</li> <li>• Contains a three year prohibition on any reduction in quotas</li> </ul>   | <p>Miller (R-FL) [20 cosponsors]<br/> House Natural Resources<br/> 9/12/2013 Introduced<br/> 9/12/2013 Referred to House Committee</p>   |
| H.R. 4988 | <p>Marine Access and State Transparency (MAST) Act<br/> <a href="http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr4988">http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr4988</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requires the President to obtain approval from affected state Governors before designating any area of the EEZ to be a national monument</li> </ul>   | <p>Rep Southerland (R-FL) [16 cosponsors]<br/> House Natural Resources Committee<br/> 6/26/2014 Introduced<br/> 7/7/2014 Referred to House Subcommittee</p>                                    |

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

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

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| S. 1520  | <p>York River Wild and Scenic River Study Act of 2013<br/> <a href="http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113s1520">http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113s1520</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Would amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the York River and associated tributaries for study for potential inclusion in the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System</li> </ul>  | <p>Kind (I-ME) [none]<br/>         Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee<br/>         9/18/2013 Introduced<br/>         9/18/2013 Referred to Senate Committee<br/>         7/23/2014 Subcommittee Hearing held</p>        |
| H.R. 175 | <p>To authorize a project for hurricane and storm damage reduction, West Onslow Beach and New River Inlet (Topsail Beach), North Carolina<br/> <a href="http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr157">http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr157</a></p>  | <p>Rep McIntyre, Mike (D-NC) [none]<br/>         Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment<br/>         1/4/2013 introduced<br/>         1/7/2013 Referred to House Subcommittee</p>   |
| H.R. 644 | <p>Delaware River Basin Conservation Act of 2013<br/> <a href="http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr644">http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr644</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Requires the Secretary of the Interior to establish the Delaware River Basin Restoration Program within the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service</li> <li>Requires the Secretary to institute a new partnership to work in consultation with existing management structures to identify, prioritize, and implement restoration and protection activities in the entire basin and adopt a basin-wide investment strategy for implementation of the program</li> </ul> | <p>Carney (D-DE) [21 cosponsors]<br/>         House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs<br/>         2/13/2013 Introduced<br/>         2/22/2013 Referred to House Subcommittee</p> |

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| H.R. 2174 | <p>Long Island Sound Restoration and Stewardship Act<br/> <a href="http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr2174">http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr2174</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Streamlines the federal authorization process for the Long Island Sound Restoration Act (passed in 2000 &amp; 2005) and the Long Island Sound Stewardship Act (passed in 2006)</li> <li>• Improves coordination among federal, state and local agencies and requires reporting on the use of the funds</li> </ul> | <p>Israel (D-NY) [16 cosponsors]<br/> Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs<br/> 5/23/2013 introduced<br/> 6/3/2013 Referred to Senate Subcommittee</p> |
| H.R. 3139 | <p>To amend the Chesapeake Bay Initiative Act of 1998 to provide for the reauthorization of the Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network<br/> <a href="http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr3139">http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113hr3139</a></p>   | <p>Sarbanes (D-MD) [10 cosponsors]<br/> House Natural Resources Committee<br/> 9/19/2013 Introduced<br/> 9/27/2013 Referred to House Subcommittee</p>                              |