

FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE-MARCH, 2010

BILL NUMBER/ SPONSOR	TITLE	DESCRIPTION	STATUS Latest Major Action:
<i>H. Con. Res. 2/Rep. Christensen [VI]</i>	<i>Congressional Resolution 2</i>	<i>Expresses the sense of Congress that the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service should incorporate consideration of global warming and sea-level rise into comprehensive conservation plans for coastal national wildlife refuges</i>	<i>2/4/2009-Referred to the subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife</i>
<i>H. Res. 518/Rep. Ros-Lehtinen[FL-18]</i>	<i>House Resolution 518</i>	<i>Honoring the Life of Jacques-Yves Cousteau, explorer, researcher, and pioneer in the field of marine conservation</i>	<i>6/10/ 2009-Referred to House subcommittee on Insular Affairs , Oceans and Wildlife</i>
<i>H.R. 14/ Rep. Baird [WA-3]</i>	<i>Ocean Acidification Research</i>	<i>To provide for ocean acidification research and monitoring</i>	<i>1/6/2009-Referred to the House Committee on Science and Technology</i>
<i>H.R. 21/Rep. Farr [CA-17]</i>	<i>National Ocean policy</i>	<i>To establish a national policy for our oceans, to strengthen NOAA, to establish a national and regional ocean governance structure</i>	<i>6/18/2009-House Committee on Natural Resources; Hearings held by Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife</i>
<i>H.R. 81/Bordallo [GU]</i>	<i>High Seas Driftnet Fishing Moratorium protection Act</i>	<i>To amend the High Seas Driftnet Fishing Moratorium Protection Act and the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to improve the conservation of sharks</i>	<i>3/3/2009-Passed House; Received in Senate, read twice and referred to Senate Commerce Science & Transportation Committee</i>

H.R. 300/Rep Ehlers[MI-3]	NOAA	<i>To provide for NOAA, programs and procedures, etc.</i>	<i>2/4/2009-to provide for NOAA and other purposes. Referred to House Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife</i>
H.R. 327/Rep. Hastings[FL-23] S. 1485/Sen. Martinez	National Hurricane Research Initiative	<i>To establish the National Hurricane Research Initiative to improve hurricane preparedness, etc.</i>	<i>1/8/2009 House Science & Technology Committee, referred to Subcommittee on Research and Science Education 7/28/2009 Senate Committee on Commerce, Science & Transportation</i>
H.R. 365/Rep. Bordello [GU] S.174	Ocean and Coastal mapping	<i>To direct the President to establish a program to develop a coordinated and comprehensive Federal ocean and coastal mapping plan for the Great Lakes and coastal waters, the territorial sea, the EEZ and continental shelf of the United States</i>	<i>2/4/2009-House Science & Technology Committee, referred to Subcommittee on Research and Science Education, referred to Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans, & Wildlife</i>
H.R. 366/Rep. Farr [CA-17]	National ocean exploration program	<i>To establish the national ocean exploration program and the national undersea research program within NOAA</i>	<i>2/4/2009- House Science & Technology Committee, referred to Subcommittee on Research and Science Education</i>
H.R. 367/Rep. Capps [CA-23] S. 172/Sen. Snowe [ME]	National IOOS	<i>To establish a national integrated system of ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes Observing systems, etc.</i>	<i>2/4/2009- House Science & Technology Committee, referred to Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans, & Wildlife</i>
H.R. 368/Rep. Capps[CA-23]	Coastal land acquisition	<i>To authorize the acquisition of land and interests in land from willing sellers to improve the conservation of, and to enhance the ecological values and functions of, coastal and estuarine areas to benefit both the environment and economies of coastal communities, etc.</i>	<i>2/4/2009-Referred to House Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans, and Wildlife</i>

H.R. 790/Rep. Markey [MA-7]	Oil and natural Gas leases	To prevent the issuance of any lease or other authorization by the Federal Government that authorizes exploration, development, or production of oil or natural gas in any marine national monument or national marine sanctuary or in the fishing grounds known as Georges Bank in the waters of the U.S.	2/4/2009-House natural resources; Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources
H.R. 843/Rep. Young[AK]	Marine mammal protection act amendment	To amend the MMPA of 1972 by repealing the long term goal for reducing to zero the incidental mortality and serious injury of marine mammals in commercial fishing operations, and to modify the goal of take reduction plans for reducing such takings	2/9/2009-House Natural Resources; Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, oceans and wildlife
H.R. 1080/Rep Bordallo [GU]	Strengthens enforcement actions	To strengthen enforcement mechanisms to stop illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing and for other purposes	6/10/2009 – House Natural Resources Ordered to be Reported (amended) by Unanimous consent
H.R. 1108/[LA-1]	Enhanced state authority for coastal and ocean resources	To provide for State enhanced authority for coastal and ocean resources; expansion of America’s supply of natural gas and oil, and for other purposes	3/17/2009-House Energy and Commerce committee; referred to committee on readiness
H.R. 1379/Rep Pallone[NJ-6]	Atlantic Striped Bass	To prohibit the commercial harvesting of Atlantic striped bass in the coastal waters and the EEZ	3/11/2009- House Natural Resources; referred to Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, oceans, and wildlife
H.R. 1584/Rep. Pallone [NJ-6]	To amend the Magnuson-Stevens Act	To amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to extend the authorized time period for rebuilding of certain overfished species and for other purposes	3/23/2009- House Natural Resources; referred to Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, oceans, and wildlife
H.R. 1690/ Rep Capps, Lois [CA-23]	Coastal state surveys	To amend the CZMA of 1972 to establish a new grant program for surveys of coastal state waters and adjacent federal waters to identify areas suitable for renewable energy projects	3/30/2009-House Natural Resources Committee; referred to subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans, and Wildlife
H.R. 1696/Rep. Pallone[NJ-6] and S.783/Sen. Menendez [NJ]	Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act amendment	To amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to permanently prohibit the conduct of offshore drilling in the Mid-Atlantic and North Atlantic Planning areas	3/30/2009-House Natural Resources; Subcommittee on Energy & Mineral Resources; 4/2/209-read twice; referred to Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee

<i>H.R. 1905/Rep. Capps[CA-23]</i>	<i>Climate Change Adaptation Planning</i>	<i>To amend the CZMA of 1972 to require the Secretary of Commerce to establish a coastal climate change adaptation planning and response program</i>	<i>4/13/2009- House Natural Resources Committee; referred to subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans, and Wildlife</i>
<i>H.R. 2029/Rep. Abercrombie [HI-1]</i>	<i>Marine Mammal commission</i>	<i>To authorize the Marine Mammal Commission to establish a national research program to fund basic and applied research on marine mammals</i>	<i>4/27/2009- House Natural Resources Committee; referred to subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans, and Wildlife</i>
<i>H.R. 3294/Rep. Bilirakis[FL-9]</i>	<i>Ocean for Life program</i>	<i>To amend title 10, USC to authorize the Department of Defense to support the ocean for Life Program of the National Marine Sanctuaries, including covering the cost of participants in the Ocean for Life Program</i>	<i>7/22/2009-House Committee on Armed Services</i>
<i>S.171/Sen. Snowe</i>	<i>IOOS</i>	<i>A bill to develop and maintain and integrated system of coastal and ocean observations</i>	<i>1/8/2009-Read twice and referred to Committee on Commerce, Science & Transportation</i>
<i>S.173/Sen. Lautenberg[NJ]</i>	<i>Ocean Acidification</i>	<i>A bill to establish an interagency committee to develop and ocean acidification research and monitoring plan and to establish an ocean acidification program within NOAA</i>	<i>1/8/2009-Senate Commerce, Science & Transportation Committee</i>
<i>S. 810/Sen. Whitehouse [RI]</i>	<i>Climate Change institutes</i>	<i>A bill to establish 4 regional institutes as centers of excellence for research planning, and related efforts to assess and prepare for the impacts of climate change on ocean and coastal areas</i>	<i>4/2/2009- Senate Commerce, Science & Transportation Committee</i>
<i>S.1252/Sen. Rockefeller [WV]</i>	<i>Ocean and Human health</i>	<i>A bill to promote ocean and human health</i>	<i>6/11/2009- Senate Commerce, Science & Transportation Committee</i>