

Congressional Activities Report for the Council Coordination Committee

Submitted to the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council

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UPCOMING HEARINGS, MARKUPS, ETC.

- On Wednesday, May 1, 2019, at 10:00 a.m., the House Natural Resources Committee will hold a markup on a number of bills (*legislation of possible interest is in **bold***):
 - H.R. 255 (Rep. Cook), a bill to provide for an exchange of lands with San Bernardino County, California, to enhance management of lands within the San Bernardino National Forest, and for other purposes;
 - H.R. 278 (Rep. Newhouse), a bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain facilities, easements, and rights-of-way to the Kennewick Irrigation District, and for other purposes;
 - H.R. 312 (Rep. Keating), Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Reservation Reaffirmation Act;
 - H.R. 315 (Rep. LaHood), a bill to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to authorize partnerships between States and nongovernmental entities for the purpose of reclaiming and restoring land and water resources adversely affected by coal mining activities before August 3, 1977, and for other purposes;
 - H.R. 375 (Rep. Cole), a bill to amend the Act of June 18, 1934, to reaffirm the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to take land into trust for Indian Tribes, and for other purposes;
 - H.R. 434 (Rep. Jackson-Lee), a bill to designate the Emancipation National Historic Trail, and for other purposes;
 - H.R. 537 (Rep. Lamborn), a bill to amend the Reclamation Project Act of 1939 to authorize pumped storage hydropower development utilizing multiple Bureau of Reclamation reservoirs. (Bureau of Reclamation Pumped Storage Hydropower Development Act);
 - **H.R. 1014 (Rep. González-Colón), a bill to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to apply to territories of the United States, to establish offshore wind lease sale requirements, to provide dedicated funding for coral reef conservation, and for other purposes;**
 - H.R. 1146 (Rep. Huffman), a bill to amend Public Law 115-97 (commonly known as the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act) to repeal the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge oil and gas program, and for other purposes;
 - H.R. 1261 (Rep. DelBene), a bill to establish a national program to identify and reduce losses from landslide hazards, to establish a national 3D Elevation Program, and for other purposes;
 - **H.R. 1568 (Rep. Moulton), a bill to assist in the conservation of the North Atlantic right whale by supporting and providing financial resources for North Atlantic right whale**

conservation programs and projects of persons with expertise required for the conservation of North Atlantic right whales, and for other purposes;

- **H.R. 1809 (Rep. Sablan), a bill to amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act and the Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act, to provide parity for United States territories and the District of Columbia, to make technical corrections to such Acts and related laws, and for other purposes;**
- H.R. 2156 (Rep. Cartwright), Revitalizing the Economy of Coal Communities by Leveraging Local Activities and Investing More Act Of 2019 (RECLAIM).

The markup can be viewed at:

<https://naturalresources.house.gov/hearings/full-committee-markup2>

- On Wednesday, May 1, 2019 at 2:00 p.m., the House Natural Resources Committee's Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife will hold an oversight hearing on "The State of Fisheries."

Witnesses:

Panel I: Illegal, Unregulated, and Unreported Fishing

- Ms. Judy Gearhart, Executive Director, International Labor Rights Forum, Washington, D.C.;
- Ms. Kitty Simonds, Executive Director, Western Pacific Fishery Management Council, Honolulu, HI;
- Ms. Beth Lowell, Deputy Vice President, U.S. Campaigns, Oceana, Washington, D.C.;
- Ms. Jennifer Dianto Kemmerly, Director of Global Fisheries and Aquaculture, Monterey Bay Aquarium, Monterey, CA;

Panel II: The State of U.S. Fisheries

- Mr. Bob Dooley, Associate Member, Seafood Harvesters of America, Half Moon Bay, CA;
- Captain John McMurray, President, American Saltwater Guides Association, Oceanside, NY;
- Mr. Nick Cicero, Board of Directors, Recreational Fishing Alliance, Oceanside, NJ;
- Dr. Rebecca Selden, Postdoctoral Associate, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ.

The hearing can be viewed at:

<https://naturalresources.house.gov/hearings/the-state-of-fisheries>

PREVIOUS HEARINGS, MARKUPS, EXECUTIVE SESSIONS, AND MEETINGS

- On Tuesday, April 30, 2019, the House Science, Space, and Technology Committee's Subcommittee on Environment held a hearing titled "A Review of the NOAA Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Request". (*Note: while the House Science Committee has jurisdiction over only the "dry" portions of NOAA, Committee Members may ask questions on a variety of NOAA-related issues.*)

Witness:

Dr. Neil Jacobs, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Environmental Observation and Prediction, performing the duties of Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

The hearing can be viewed at:

<https://science.house.gov/hearings/a-review-of-the-noaa-fiscal-year-2020-budget-request>

- On Wednesday, April 3, 2019, the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee held an Executive Session to consider a number of bills and nominations. Bills and nominations of interest include (*Note: Bills without bill numbers had not yet been introduced at the time of the markup or had been recently introduced and had not yet been assigned a number.*):

S. 494, American Fisheries Advisory Committee Act, Sponsors: Sens. Dan Sullivan (R-Alaska);

S. ____, Fluke Fairness Act of 2018, Sponsors: Sens. Chuck Schumer (D-N.Y.);

S. ____, Driftnet Modernization and Bycatch Reduction Act, Sponsors: Sens. Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.);

S. ____, Shark Fin Trade Elimination Act of 2017, Sponsors: Sens. Cory Booker (D-N.J.);

S. ____, Coordinated Ocean Observations and Research Act, Sponsors: Sens. Roger Wicker (R-Miss.);

S. ____, National Sea Grant College Program Amendments Act, Sponsors: Sens. Roger Wicker (R-Miss.); and

The nomination of Barry Lee Myers, of Pennsylvania, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere.

The Executive Session can be viewed at:

<https://www.commerce.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/hearings?ID=2089132A-3A1C-45EB-93C0-E0AE3392C174>

- On Tuesday, April 2, the House Natural Resources Committee’s Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a legislative hearing titled, “Protecting Coastal Communities from Offshore Drilling”. The hearing will focus on the following bills (*Note: Bills without bill numbers had not yet been introduced at the time of the markup or had been recently introduced and had not yet been assigned a number.*):

H.R. ____ (Rep. Cunningham): To amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to prohibit the Secretary of the Interior including in any leasing program certain planning areas, and for other purposes. “Coastal and Marine Economies Protection Act”

H.R. 205 (Rep. Rooney): To amend the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006 to permanently extend the moratorium on leasing in certain areas of the Gulf of Mexico. “Protecting and Securing Florida’s Coastline Act”

H.R. 1149 (Rep. Van Drew): To prohibit the Department of the Interior from issuing certain geological and geophysical exploration permits under the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act, and for other purposes. “Atlantic Coastal Economies Protection Act”

Witnesses Included:

Panel I

- Representative Joe Cunningham, South Carolina, 1st District;
- Representative Jeff Van Drew, New Jersey, 2nd District;
- Representative Francis Rooney, Florida, 19th District;

Panel II

- Mr. Jimmy Carroll, Mayor, Isle of Palms, SC;
- Mr. Vipe Desai, Founding Member, Business Alliance for Protecting the Pacific Coast, Owner, HDX Mix, Huntington Beach, CA;
- Mr. David Yates, Executive Director & CEO, Clearwater Marine Aquarium, Clearwater, FL;
- Ms. Sharon Hewitt, Senator, Louisiana State Senate, District – 1, Baton Rouge, LA.

The hearing can be viewed at:

<https://naturalresources.house.gov/hearings/emr-legislative-hearing>

- On Thursday, March 28, 2019, the House Natural Resources Committee’s Water, Oceans, and Wildlife Subcommittee held an oversight hearing titled “The Colorado River Drought Contingency Plan.”

Witnesses included:

- Brenda Burman, Commissioner, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation;
- Tom Buschatzke, Director, Arizona Department of Water Resources;
- John D’Antonio, New Mexico State Engineer;
- James Eklund, Colorado Commissioner, Upper Colorado River Commission;
- John Entsminger, General Manager, Southern Nevada Water Authority;
- Eric Millis, Director, Utah Division of Water Resources;
- Peter Nelson, Chairman, Colorado River Board of California; and
- Pat Tyrrell, Wyoming State Engineer

The hearing can be viewed at:

<https://naturalresources.house.gov/hearings/the-colorado-river-drought-contingency-plan>

- On Wednesday, March 27, 2019, the House Natural Resources Committee held an oversight hearing titled “Examining the Department of the Interior’s Spending Priorities and the President’s Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Proposal.”

Witnesses included:

- Scott Cameron, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Policy, Management, and Budget;
- Denise Flanagan, Director, Office of Budget, U.S. Department of the Interior

The hearing can be viewed at:

<https://naturalresources.house.gov/hearings/examining-the-department-of-the-interiors-spending-priorities-and-the-presidents-fiscal-year-2020-budget-proposal>

- On Wednesday, March 27, 2019, the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee held an oversight hearing titled, “Our Blue Economy: Successes and Opportunities”. According to the Committee, the hearing “will examine stakeholder perspectives on marine economic development and the need for federal investments in ocean technologies and fisheries.”

Witnesses included:

- The Honorable Phil Bryant, Governor, State of Mississippi;
- Mr. Michael Conathan, Executive Director, Aspen Institute, Aspen High Seas Initiative;
- Mr. Scott Deal, President and Chief Executive Officer, Maverick Boats

The hearing can be viewed at:

<https://www.commerce.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/hearings?ID=E8BE0833-8219-47E0-8891-DC96FE2F9AF2>

- On Wednesday, March 27, 2019, the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee's Subcommittee on Water and Power held an oversight hearing to examine the Colorado River Drought Contingency Plan.

Witnesses included:

- The Honorable Brenda Burman, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, U.S. Department of the Interior;
- Mr. Tom Buschatzke, Director, Arizona Department of Water Resources;
- Mr. John Entsminger, General Manager, Southern Nevada Water Authority;
- Mr. Patrick Tyrrell, State Engineer, State of Wyoming

The hearing can be viewed at:

<https://www.energy.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/2019/3/subcommittee-on>

- On Tuesday, March 26, 2019, the House Natural Resources Committee's Water, Oceans, and Wildlife Subcommittee held a legislative hearing on the following bills (bills of potential interest to Councils are in **bold**):

H.R. 1326 (Rep. Mike Thompson), a bill to provide for the preservation of America's outdoor heritage and enhance recreation opportunities on Federal land, and for other purposes. "ACCESS Act."

H.R. 877 (Rep. Austin Scott), a bill to amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act to modernize the funding of wildlife conservation, and for other purposes. "Modernizing the Pittman-Robertson Fund for Tomorrow's Needs Act."

H.R. 1809 (Rep. Gregorio Sablan), a bill to amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act and the Dingell-Johnson Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Act, to provide parity for United States territories and the District of Columbia, to make technical corrections to such Acts and related laws, and for other purposes.

H.R. 737 (Rep. Gregorio Sablan), a bill to prohibit the sale of shark fins, and for other purposes. "Shark Fin Sales Elimination Act of 2019."

H.R. 1305 (Rep. Alan Lowenthal), a bill to implement the Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels, and for other purposes. "Albatross and Petrel Conservation Act."

H.R. 1380 (Rep. Mike Quigley), a bill to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to clarify provisions enacted by the Captive Wildlife Safety Act, to further the conservation of certain wildlife species, and for other purposes. “Big Cat Public Safety Act.”

H.R. 1568 (Rep. Seth Moulton), a bill to assist in the conservation of the North Atlantic right whale by supporting and providing financial resources for North Atlantic right conservation programs and projects of person with expertise required for the conservation of North Atlantic right whales, and for other purposes. “SAVE Right Whales Act.”

Witnesses included:

Panel I - Congressional Panel

Representative Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan, Northern Mariana Islands (testifying on H.R. 1809 and H.R. 737);

Representative Mike Thompson, California, 5th District (testifying on H.R. 1326); and

Representative Austin Scott, Georgia, 8th District (testifying on H.R. 877).

Panel II

Mr. Nick Pinizzotto, President and Chief Executive Officer, National Deer Alliance, Indiana, PA (testifying on H.R. 1326, H.R. 877, and H.R. 1809)

Mrs. Linda Mays McCaul, Board of Directors, EarthEcho International, Washington, DC (testifying on H.R. 737)

Mr. Ed Melvin, Marine Fisheries Senior Scientist, University of Washington, Seattle, WA (testifying on H.R.1305)

Ms. Carson Barylak, Campaigns Manager, International Fund for Animal Welfare, Washington, DC (testifying on H.R. 1380 and H.R. 1568);

Mr. Grover Norquist, President, Americans for Tax Reform, Washington, DC (testifying on H.R. 1326); and

Mr. Shaun Gehan, Lawyer, Sustainable Shark Alliance, Washington, DC (testifying on H.R. 737).

The hearing can be viewed at:

<https://naturalresources.house.gov/hearings/wow-legislative-hearing>

- On Thursday, March 7, 2019, the House Natural Resources Committee’s Water, Oceans, and Wildlife Subcommittee held an oversight hearing titled “Examining the Threats to the North Atlantic Right Whale.”

Witnesses included:

- Mr. Chris Oliver, Assistant Administrator, NOAA Fisheries, Silver Spring, MD;
- Dr. Scott Kraus, Vice President and Senior Science Advisor, Chief Scientist, Marine Mammal Conservation, Anderson Cabot Center for Ocean Life at the New England Aquarium, Boston, MA;
- Dr. Chris Clark, Senior Scientist, Research Professor, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY;
- Dr. H. Sterling Burnett, Senior Fellow and Managing Editor, Environment & Climate News, The Heartland Institute, Rowlett, TX.

The hearing can be viewed at:

<https://naturalresources.house.gov/hearings/examining-the-threats-to-the-north-atlantic-right-whale>

- On Wednesday, March 6, 2019, the House Natural Resources Committee’s Energy and Mineral Resources Subcommittee held an oversight hearing titled “Examining the Policies and Priorities of the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement, and the U.S. Geological Survey”.

Witnesses included: Dr. Walter Cruickshank, Acting Director, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Washington, DC; Mr. Doug Morris, Chief, Office of Offshore Regulatory Programs, Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement, Washington, DC; The Honorable James Reilly, Director, United States Geological Survey, Reston, VA.

The hearing can be viewed at:

<https://naturalresources.house.gov/hearings/examining-the-policies-and-priorities-of-the-bureau-of-ocean-energy-management-the-bureau-of-safety-and-environmental-enforcement-and-the-us-geological-survey>

- On Wednesday, February 27, 2019, the House Science, Space, and Technology Committee’s Environment Subcommittee held a hearing titled “Sea Change: Impacts of Climate Change on Our Oceans and Coasts.”

Witnesses included: Dr. Sarah Cooley, Director, Ocean Acidification Program, Ocean Conservancy; Dr. Radley Horton, Lamont Associate Research Professor, Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory, Columbia University Earth Institute; Dr. Thomas K. Frazer, Professor and Director,

School of Natural Resources and Environment, University of Florida; Ms. Margaret A. Pilaro, Executive Director, Pacific Coast Shellfish Growers Association.

The hearing can be viewed at:

<https://science.house.gov/legislation/hearings/sea-change-impacts-climate-change-our-oceans-and-coasts>

- On Thursday, February 7, 2019, the House Natural Resources Committee’s Water, Oceans, and Wildlife Subcommittee held a hearing titled “Healthy Oceans and Healthy Economies: The State of Our Oceans In the 21st Century.”

Witnesses included: Dr. Deborah Bronk, President and CEO, Bigelow Laboratory for Ocean Sciences, East Boothbay, Maine; Carol Browner, Former Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, Washington, D.C.; Beth Casoni, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Lobstermen’s Association, Scituate, Massachusetts; Angela Chalk, Executive Director of Healthy Community Services, New Orleans, Louisiana; Queen Quet Marquette L. Goodwine, Chieftess and Head-of-State of the Gullah/Geechee Nation, St. Helena Island, South Carolina; Dr. David R. Legates, Professor of Climatology, University of Delaware, Newark, Delaware; Dr. Kevin Dayaratna, Senior Statistician and Research Programmer, Institute for Economic Freedom, The Heritage Foundation, Washington, D.C.

The hearing can be viewed at:

<https://naturalresources.house.gov/hearings/healthy-oceans-and-healthy-economies-the-state-of-our-oceans-in-the-21st-century>

- On Wednesday, February 6, 2019, the House Natural Resources Committee held a hearing titled: “Climate Change: Impacts and the Need to Act”.

Witnesses included: The Honorable Roy Cooper, Governor of North Carolina; The Honorable Charlie Baker, Governor of Massachusetts; Dr. Kim Cobb, Professor, School of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences, Georgia Institute of Technology; Ms. Nadia Nazar, Co-Founder, Associate Director, and Art Director, Zero Hour Movement, Co-organizer of the Youth Climate March; Ms. Elizabeth Yeampierre, Executive Director, UPROSE, Steering Committee Co-Chair of the Climate Justice Alliance; Rev. Lennox Yearwood, Jr., President, Hip Hop Caucus, Member of the Advisory Board of The Climate Mobilization; Ms. Paula DiPerna, Special Advisor, CDP North America.

The hearing can be viewed at:

<https://naturalresources.house.gov/hearings/climate-change-impacts-and-the-need-to-act>

- On Wednesday, January 16, 2019, the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee held an Executive Session to consider and approve the rules for the committee and to ratify Subcommittees and Subcommittee assignments for the 116th Congress.

The video of the Executive Session can be viewed at:

<https://www.commerce.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/hearings?ID=E66EECAF-8BE5-4FB6-9B54-88E46231805C>

- On Wednesday, January 30, 2019, the House Natural Resources Committee held their organizational meeting to approve the rules for the committee and to approve the hiring of staff for the committee.

The archive of this meeting is not available.

APPROPRIATIONS:

Fiscal Year 2020

- On Wednesday, March 27, 2019, the House Appropriations Committee's Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Subcommittee held a hearing on the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Budget Request for Fiscal Year 2020.

Witnesses:

Dr. Neil Jacobs, Acting Administrator, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

The video of the hearing and testimony can be found at:

<https://appropriations.house.gov/legislation/hearings/the-national-oceanic-and-atmospheric-administration-s-budget-request-for-fiscal>

- On Tuesday, Apr 02, 2019, the Senate Appropriations Committee's Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a hearing to examine the proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2020 for the Department of Commerce.

Witnesses included:

- The Honorable Steven Dillingham, Director, U.S. Census Bureau;
- The Honorable David J. Redl, Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information,

- Administrator, National Telecommunications and Information Administration;
- The Honorable Neil Jacobs, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Environmental Observation and Prediction, Performing the Duties of Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere;
 - The Honorable John Fleming, M.D., Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development;
 - Mr. Henry Childs, National Director, Minority Business Development Administration;
 - The Honorable Gil Kaplan, Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade;
 - Mr. Matthew Borman, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Export Administration;
 - The Honorable Andrei Iancu, Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property, Director, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office;
 - The Honorable Walter Copan, Under Secretary of Commerce for Standards and Technology, Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology; and
 - The Honorable Mike Platt, Assistant Secretary for Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs.

A link to the hearing can be found at:

<https://www.appropriations.senate.gov/>

Fiscal Year 2019

On February 15, 2019, the President signed H.J.RES. 31, a bill to fund seven departments of the federal government (including the Department of Commerce) through September 30, 2019. Below are the provisions that relate to fisheries management. (*Note: a more comprehensive review of provisions within the appropriations bill and reports was sent out earlier.*)

The Conference Report document is the statutory language and includes a number of provisions relevant to the management of fisheries and marine mammals. The Conference Report can be found at:

https://docs.house.gov/billsthisweek/20190211/CRPT-116hrpt9_u2-.pdf

(Note: the NOAA section begins on page 209.)

The Joint Explanatory Text document explains the intent of the statutory language in the Conference Report. (*Note: the Explanatory Text document acts as report language for the Conference Report. This document does not carry the weight of law, but indicates how Congress intends the agencies to use the funds provided by the appropriation bills.*) The Explanatory Text can be found at:

<https://docs.house.gov/billsthisweek/20190211/116hrpt9-JointExplanatoryStatement.pdf>

(Note: The Department of Commerce section begins on page 162 and the NOAA section begins on page 169.)

The Conference Report noted that “Report language included in House Report 115-704 (“the House report”) or Senate Report 115-275 (“the Senate report”) that is not changed by this explanatory statement or the Act is approved. The explanatory statement, while repeating some language for emphasis, is not intended to negate the language referred to above unless expressly provided herein. In cases where both the House report and the Senate report address a particular issue not specifically addressed in the explanatory statement, the House report and the Senate report should be read as consistent and are to be interpreted accordingly. In cases where the House report or the Senate report directs the submission of a report, such report is to be submitted to both the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations (“the Committees”).”

The House Report can be found at:

<https://www.congress.gov/115/crpt/hrpt704/CRPT-115hrpt704.pdf>

The Senate Report can be found at:

<https://www.congress.gov/115/crpt/srpt275/CRPT-115srpt275.pdf>

LEGISLATION:

(Note: Legislation introduced since the last Congressional Report is highlighted in red. Any action on legislation is also highlighted in red.)

House - Fisheries Related Legislation:

H.R. 417 (Rep. Soto, R-Florida), a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to establish measures to combat invasive lionfish, and for other purposes. Introduced on January 9, 2019, and referred to the House Judiciary Committee, and in addition to the House Natural Resources Committee, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

H.R. 548 (Rep. Calvert, R-California), a bill to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to vest in the Secretary of the Interior functions under that Act with respect to species of fish that spawn in fresh or estuarine waters and migrate to ocean waters, and species of fish that spawn in ocean waters and migrate to fresh waters. Introduced on January 15, 2019, and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee.

H.R. 614 (Rep. Leiu, D-California), a bill to prohibit the sale of shark parts, and for other purposes. Introduced on January 16, 2019, and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee.

H.R. 632 (Rep. Young, R-Alaska), a bill to direct the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating to issue a certificate of documentation with a coastwise endorsement for the vessel Safari Voyager. Introduced on January 16, 2019 and referred to the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.

H.R. 633 (Rep. Young, R-Alaska), a bill to direct the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating to issue a certificate of documentation with a coastwise endorsement for the vessel Pacific Provider. Introduced on January 16, 2019 and referred to the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.

H.R. 737 (Re. Sablan, D-CNMI), a bill to prohibit the sale of shark fins, and for other purposes. Introduced on January 23, 2019, and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee. **On March 26, 2019, the House Natural Resources Committee's Water, Oceans, and Wildlife Subcommittee held a hearing on the legislation.**

H.R. 788 (Rep. Webster, R-Florida), a bill to amend and enhance the High Seas Driftnet Fishing Moratorium Protection Act to improve the conservation of sharks. Introduced on January 24, 2019, and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee and the House Ways and Means Committee.

H.R. 992, the "Southwestern Oregon Watershed and Salmon Protection Act", (Rep. DeFazio, D-Oregon), a bill to withdraw certain land located in Curry County and Josephine County, Oregon, from all forms of entry, appropriation, or disposal under the public land laws, location, entry, and patent under the mining laws, and operation under the mineral leasing and geothermal leasing laws, and for other purposes. Introduced on February 6, 2019 and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee.

H.R. 993, the "Frank Moore Wild Steelhead Special Management Area Designation Act", (Rep. DeFazio, D-Oregon), a bill to designate the Frank Moore Wild Steelhead Sanctuary in the State of Oregon. Introduced on February 6, 2019 and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee.

H.R. 1056, the "Frank and Jeanne Moore Wild Steelhead Special Management Area Designation Act", (Rep. DeFazio, D-Oregon), a bill to designate the Frank and Jeanne Moore Wild Steelhead Special Management Area in the State of Oregon. Introduced on February 7, 2019 and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee.

H.R. 1023, the "Great Lakes Fishery Research Authorization Act of 2019", (Rep. Quigley, D-Illinois), a bill to authorize the Director of the United States Geological Survey to conduct monitoring, assessment, science, and research, in support of the binational fisheries within the Great Lakes Basin, and for other purposes. Introduced on February 6, 2019 and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee.

H.R. 1103, the "Genetically Engineered Salmon Labeling Act", (Rep. Young, R-Alaska), a bill to amend the market name of genetically altered salmon in the United States, and for other purposes. Introduced on February 7, 2019 and referred to the House Energy and Commerce Committee.

H.R. 1104, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to require labeling of genetically engineered fish (Rep. Young, R-Alaska). Introduced on February 7, 2019 and referred to the House Energy and Commerce Committee.

H.R. 1105, a bill to prevent the escapement of genetically altered salmon in the United States, and for other purposes (Rep. Young, R-Alaska). Introduced on February 7, 2019 and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee.

H.R. 1218, the "American Fisheries Advisory Committee Act" (Rep. Young, R-Alaska), a bill to establish the American Fisheries Advisory Committee to assist in the awarding of fisheries research and

development grants, and for other purposes. Introduced on February 13, 2019 and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee.

H.R. 1240, the “Young Fishermen’s Development Act of 2019”, (Rep. Young, R-Alaska), a bill to preserve United States fishing heritage through a national program dedicated to training and assisting the next generation of commercial fishermen. Introduced on February 14, 2019 and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee.

H.R. 1747, the “National Fish Habitat Conservation Through Partnerships Act”, (Rep. Wittman, R-Virginia), a bill to encourage partnerships among public agencies and other interested persons to promote fish conservation. Introduced on March 13, 2019 and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee.

H.R. 1809, (Rep. Sablan, D- CNMI), a bill to amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act and the Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act, to provide parity for United States territories and the District of Columbia, to make technical corrections to such Acts and related laws, and for other purposes. Introduced on March 18, 2019 and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee. On March 26, 2019, the House Natural Resources Committee’s Water, Oceans, and Wildlife Subcommittee held a hearing on the legislation.

H.R. 1979, the “Driftnet Modernization and Bycatch Reduction Act”, (Rep. Lieu, D- California), a bill to improve the management of driftnet fishing. Introduced on March 28, 2019 and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee.

H.R. 2236, the “Forage Fish Conservation Act”, (Rep. Dingell, D-Michigan), a bill to improve the management of forage fish. Introduced on April 10, 2019 and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee.

Senate - Fisheries Related Legislation:

S. 82, the “Frank and Jeanne Moore Wild Steelhead Special Management Area Designation Act”, (Sen. Wyden, D-Oregon), a bill to designate the Frank and Jeanne Moore Wild Steelhead Special Management Area in the State of Oregon. Introduced on January 10, 2019 and referred to the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee.

S. 282, the “Genetically Engineered Salmon Labeling Act”, (Sen. Murkowski, R-Alaska), a bill to amend the market name of genetically altered salmon in the United States, and for other purposes. Introduced on January 30, 2019, and referred to the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee.

S. 446, the “Great Lakes Fishery Research Authorization Act”, (Sen. Peters, D-Michigan), a bill to authorize the Director of the United States Geological Survey to conduct monitoring, assessment, science, and research, in support of the binational fisheries within the Great Lakes Basin. Introduced on February 12, 2019 and referred to the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee.

S. 494, the “American Fisheries Advisory Committee Act”, (Sen. Sullivan, R-Alaska), a bill to establish the American Fisheries Advisory Committee to assist in the awarding of fisheries research and

development grants, and for other purposes. Introduced on February 14, 2019 and referred to the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee. **On April 3, 2019, the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee ordered the legislation to be reported without amendment.**

S. 496, the “Young Fishermen’s Development Act”, a bill to preserve United States fishing heritage through a national program dedicated to training and assisting the next generation of commercial fishermen, and for other purposes. Introduced on February 14, 2019 and referred to the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee.

S. 754, the “National Fish Habitat Conservation Act of 2019”, (Sen. Crapo, R-Idaho), a bill to encourage partnerships among public agencies and other interested parties to promote fish conservation, and for other purposes. Introduced on March 12, 2019 and referred to the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee.

S. 877, the “Shark Fin Sales Elimination Act of 2019”, (Sen. Booker, D-New Jersey), a bill to prohibit sale of shark fins, and for other purposes. Introduced on March 26, 2019, and referred to the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee. **On April 3, 2019, the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee ordered the legislation to be reported without amendment.**

S. 906, the “Driftnet Modernization and Bycatch Reduction Act”, (Sen. Feinstein, D-California), a bill to improve the management of driftnet fishing. Introduced on March 27, 2019, and referred to the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee. **On April 3, 2019, the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee ordered the legislation (amended) to be reported.**

S. 908, the “Fluke Fairness Act of 2019”, (Sen. Schumer, D-New York), a bill to provide for an equitable management of summer flounder based on geographic, scientific, and economic data and for other purposes. Introduced on March 27, 2019, and referred to the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee. **On April 3, 2019, the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee ordered the legislation to be reported without amendment.**

S. 1008, the “Sustainable Shark Fisheries and Trade Act of 2019”, (Sen. Rubio, R-Florida), a bill to amend and enhance the High Seas Driftnet Fishing Moratorium Protection Act to improve the conservation of sharks, and for other purposes. Introduced on April 3, 2019 and referred to the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee.

House - Other Legislation of Possible Interest:

H.R. 30, the “Saving America’s Endangered Species Act” or the “SAVES Act” (Rep. Gohmert, R-Texas), a bill to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to provide that nonnative species in the United States shall not be treated as endangered species or threatened species for purposes of that Act. Introduced on January 3, 2019, and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee.

H.R. 91, the “Columbia River In-Lieu and Treaty Fishing Access Sites Improvement Act”, (Rep. Blumenauer, D-Oregon), a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to assess sanitation and safety conditions at Bureau of Indian Affairs facilities that were constructed to provide affected Columbia River Treaty tribes access to traditional fishing grounds and expend funds on construction of facilities and

structures to improve those conditions, and for other purposes. Introduced on January 3, 2019, and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee.

H.R. 183, (Rep. Keating, D-Massachusetts), a bill to clarify the United States interest in certain submerged lands in the area of the Monomoy National Wildlife Refuge, and for other purposes. Introduced on January 3, 2019, and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee.

H.R. 205, the “Protecting and Securing Florida’s Coastline Act of 2019”, (Rep. Rooney, R-Florida), a bill to amend the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006 to permanently extend the moratorium on leasing in certain areas of the Gulf of Mexico. Introduced on January 3, 2019, and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee. **On April 2, 2019, the House Natural Resources Committee’s Energy and Mineral Resources Subcommittee held a hearing on the legislation.**

H.R. 279, the “California Clean Coast Act of 2019”, (Rep. Carbajal, D-California), a bill to permanently prohibit oil and gas leasing off the coast of the State of California, and for other purposes. Introduced on January 8, 2019, and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee.

H.R. 286, the “Florida Coastal Protection Act”, (Rep. Castor, D- Florida), a bill to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to prohibit oil and gas preleasing, leasing, and related activities in certain areas of the Outer Continental Shelf off the coast of Florida, and for other purposes. Introduced on January 8, 2019, and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee.

H.R. 287, the “New England Coastal Protection Act”, (Rep. Cicilline, D-Rhode Island), a bill to prohibit oil and gas leasing on the outer Continental Shelf off the coast of New England. Introduced on January 8, 2019, and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee.

H.R. 291, the “Coastal Economies Protection Act” (Rep. Cunningham, D-South Carolina), a bill to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to place a ten-year moratorium on oil and gas preleasing, leasing, and related activities on the Outer Continental Shelf in the North Atlantic, Mid-Atlantic, South Atlantic, and Straits of Florida planning areas and in the Eastern Gulf of Mexico. Introduced on January 8, 2019, and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee.

H.R. 309, the “Stop Arctic Ocean Drilling Act of 2019”, (Rep. Huffman, D-California), a bill to prohibit drilling in the Arctic Ocean. Introduced on January 8, 2019, and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee.

H.R. 310, the “West Coast Ocean Protection Act of 2019”, (Rep. Huffman, D-California), a bill to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to permanently prohibit the conduct of offshore drilling on the outer Continental Shelf off the coast of California, Oregon, and Washington. Introduced on January 8, 2019, and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee.

H.R. 335, the “South Florida Clean Coastal Waters Act of 2019”, (Rep. Mast, R-Florida) a bill to require the Inter-Agency Task Force on Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia to develop a plan for reducing, mitigating, and controlling harmful algal blooms and hypoxia in South Florida, and for other purposes. Introduced on January 8, 2019, and referred to the House Science, Space, and Technology Committee, and in addition to the House Natural Resources Committee, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

H.R. 337, the “Defend our Coast Act”, (Rep. McEachin, D-Virginia), a bill to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to withdraw the outer Continental Shelf in the Mid-Atlantic planning area from disposition, and for other purposes. Introduced on January 8, 2019, and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee.

H.R. 341, the “Clean Ocean and Safe Tourism Anti-Drilling Act” or the “COAST Anti-Drilling Act”, (Rep. Pallone, D-New Jersey), a bill to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to permanently prohibit the conduct of offshore drilling on the outer Continental Shelf in the Mid-Atlantic, South Atlantic, North Atlantic, Straits of Florida, and Eastern Gulf of Mexico planning areas. Introduced on January 8, 2019, and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee.

H.R. 358, the “California New River Restoration Act of 2019”, (Rep. Vargas, D-California), a bill to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a California New River restoration program to build on, and help coordinate funding for, restoration and protection efforts relating to the New River, and for other purposes. Introduced on January 9, 2019, and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee, and in addition to the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

H.R. 363, the “Reducing Environmental Barriers to Unified Infrastructure and Land Development Act of 2019” or the “REBUILD Act”, (Rep. Calvert, R-California), a bill to amend the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 to authorize assignment to States of Federal agency environmental review responsibilities, and for other purposes. Introduced on January 9, 2019 and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee.

H.R. 414, the “Protecting Local Communities from Harmful Algal Blooms Act” (Rep. Rooney, R-Florida) a bill to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to include algal blooms in the definition of a major disaster, and for other purposes. Introduced on January 9, 2019, and referred to the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.

H.R. 477 (Rep. Pallone, D-New Jersey), a bill to amend section 7 of Public Law 100-515 (16 U.S.C. 1244 note) to promote continued use of the James J. Howard Marine Sciences Laboratory at Gateway National Recreation Area by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Introduced on January 10, 2019, and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee.

H.R. 579 (Rep. Tipton, R-Colorado), a bill to prohibit the conditioning of any permit, lease, or other use agreement on the transfer of any water right to the United States by the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture, and for other purposes. Introduced on January 15, 2019, and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee, and in addition to the House Agriculture Committee, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

H.R. 729 (Rep. Kilmer, D-Washington), a bill to amend the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 to authorize grants to Indian Tribes to further achievement of Tribal coastal zone objectives, and for other purposes. Introduced on January 23, 2019, and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee.

H.R. 864 (Rep. Garamendi, D-California), a bill to support wildlife conservation, improve anti-trafficking enforcement, provide dedicated funding at no expense to taxpayers, and for other purposes. Introduced on January 30, 2019, and referred to the House Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

H.R. 872 (Rep. Lowenthal, D-California), a bill to reauthorize the Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program and certain wildlife conservation funds, to establish prize competitions relating to the prevention of wildlife poaching and trafficking, wildlife conservation, the management of invasive species, and the protection of endangered species, to amend the Marine Turtle Conservation Act of 2004 to modify the protections provided by that Act, and for other purposes. Introduced on January 30, 2019, and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee, and in addition to the Committees on Science, Space, and Technology, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

H.R. 988, the “National Estuaries and Acidification Research Act of 2019” or the “NEAR Act of 2019”, Rep. Posey (R-Florida), a bill to provide for a study by the Ocean Studies Board of the National Academies of Science examining the impact of ocean acidification and other stressors in estuarine environments. Introduced on February 6, 2019 and referred to the House Science, Space, and Technology Committee, and in addition to the House Natural Resources Committee, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned. **On April 9, 2019, the House Science, Space, and Technology’s Environment Subcommittee marked up the legislation and ordered it to be forwarded to the full committee by voice vote.**

H.R. 1146, the “Arctic Cultural and Coastal Plain Protection Act”, (Rep. Huffman, D-California), a bill to amend Public Law 115–97 (commonly known as the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act) to repeal the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge oil and gas program, and for other purposes. Introduced on February 11, 2019 and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee. **On March 26, 2019, the House Natural Resources Committee’s Energy and Mineral Resources Subcommittee held a hearing on the legislation.**

H.R. 1148, the “2018 Natural Disasters Tax Relief Act”, (Rep. Rice, R-South Carolina), a bill to provide for disaster tax relief. Introduced on February 11, 2019 and referred to the House Ways and Means Committee.

H.R. 1149, “Atlantic Coastal Economies Protection Act”, (Rep. Van Drew, D-New Jersey), a bill to prohibit the Department of the Interior from issuing certain geological and geophysical exploration permits under the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act, and for other purposes. Introduced on February 11, 2019 and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee. **On April 2, 2019, the House Natural Resources Committee’s Energy and Mineral Resources Subcommittee held a hearing on the legislation.**

H.R. 1214, the “Protecting Disaster Relief Funds Act of 2019”, (Rep. Velazquez, D-New York), a bill to prohibit certain funds from being transferred or reprogrammed to plan, develop, or construct a new physical barrier along the Southwest border, and for other purposes. Introduced on February 13, 2019 and referred to the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, and in addition to the

House Financial Services Committee, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

H.R. 1237, the “Coastal and Ocean Acidification Stressors and Threats Research Act of 2019” or the “COAST Research Act of 2019”, (Rep. Bonamici, D-Oregon), a bill to amend the Federal Ocean Acidification Research and Monitoring Act of 2009 to establish an Ocean Acidification Advisory Board, to expand and improve the research on Ocean Acidification and Coastal Acidification, to establish and maintain a data archive system for Ocean Acidification data and Coastal Acidification data, and for other purposes. Introduced on February 14, 2019 and referred to the House Science, Space, and Technology Committee.

H.R. 1305, the “Albatross and Petrel Conservation Act”, (Rep. Lowenthal, D-California), a bill to implement the Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels, and for other purposes. Introduced on February 15, 2019 and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee, and in addition to the House Foreign Affairs Committee, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned. **On March 26, 2019, the House Natural Resources Committee’s Water, Oceans, and Wildlife Subcommittee held a hearing on the legislation.**

H.R. 1314, the “Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System Act Amendments of 2019”, (Rep. Young, R-Alaska), a bill to reauthorize the Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System Act of 2009, and for other purposes. Introduced on February 19, 2019 and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee, and in addition to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

H.R. 1317, “Coastal Communities Adaptation Act”, (Rep. Rouda, D-California), a bill to improve the resilience of the built and natural environment to natural disasters and climate change using, among other measures, natural and nature-based features, and for other purposes. Introduced on February 22, 2019 and referred to the House Science, Space, and Technology Committee, and in addition to the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, the House Oversight and Reform Committee, the House Financial Services Committee, and the House Natural Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

H.R. 1326, the “Authorizing Critical Conservation and Enabling Sportsmen and Sportswomen Act” or the “ACCESS Act”, (Rep. Thompson, D-California), a bill to provide for the preservation of America’s outdoor heritage and enhance recreation opportunities on Federal land, and for other purposes. Introduced on February 22, 2019 and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee, and in addition to the House Judiciary Committee, the House Agriculture Committee, the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, and the House Appropriations Committee, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned. **On March 26, 2019, the House Natural Resources Committee’s Water, Oceans, and Wildlife Subcommittee held a hearing on the legislation.**

H.R. 1568, the “Scientific Assistance for Very Endangered North Atlantic Right Whales Act of 2019” or the “SAVE Right Whales Act”, (Rep. Moulton, D-Massachusetts), a bill to assist in the

conservation of the North Atlantic right whale by supporting and providing financial resources for North Atlantic right whale conservation programs and projects of persons with expertise required for the conservation of North Atlantic right whales, and for other purposes. Introduced on March 6, 2019, and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee, and in addition to the House Budget Committee, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned. **On March 26, 2019, the House Natural Resources Committee's Water, Oceans, and Wildlife Subcommittee held a hearing on the legislation.**

H.R. 1606, the "Atlantic Seismic Airgun Protection Act", (Rep. Beyer, D-Virginia), a bill to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to prohibit oil-, gas-, and methane hydrate-related seismic activities in the North Atlantic, Mid-Atlantic, South Atlantic, and Straits of Florida planning areas of the outer Continental Shelf, and for other purposes. Introduced on March 7, 2019 and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee.

H.R. 1664, the "National Monument Creation And Protection Act" or the "National Monument CAP Act", (Rep. Bishop, R-Utah), a bill to amend title 54, United States Code, to reform the Antiquities Act of 1906, and for other purposes. Introduced on March 11, 2019 and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee.

H.R. 1709, the "Scientific Integrity Act", (Rep. Tonko, D-New York), a bill to amend the America COMPETES Act to establish certain scientific integrity policies for Federal agencies that fund, conduct, or oversee scientific research, and for other purposes. Introduced on March 13, 2019 and referred to the House Science, Space, and Technology Committee.

H.R. 1716, the "Coastal Communities Ocean Acidification Act of 2019", (Rep. Pingree, D-Maine), a bill to direct the Secretary of Commerce, acting through the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, to conduct coastal community vulnerability assessments related to ocean acidification, and for other purposes. Introduced on March 13, 2019 and referred to the House Science, Space, and Technology Committee.

H.R. 1834, the "Defending Our National Marine Sanctuaries from Damaging Chemicals Act of 2019", (Rep. Rooney, R- Florida), a bill to direct the Secretary of Commerce to issue regulations prohibiting the use of sunscreen containing oxybenzone or octinoxate in a National Marine Sanctuary in which coral is present, and for other purposes. Introduced on March 18, 2019 and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee.

H.R. 1921, the "Ocean Acidification Innovation Act of 2019", (Rep. Kilmer, D-Washington), a bill to authorize Federal agencies to establish prize competitions for innovation or adaptation management development relating to ocean acidification. Introduced on March 27, 2019 and referred to the House Science, Space, and Technology Committee.

H.R. 1941, the "Coastal and Marine Economies Protection Act", (Rep. Cunningham, D- South Carolina), a bill to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to prohibit the Secretary of the Interior including in any leasing program certain planning areas, and for other purposes. Introduced on March 28, 2019 and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee.

H.R. 2189, the “Digital Coast Act”, (Rep. Roppersberger, D-Maryland), a bill to require the Secretary of Commerce, acting through the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, to establish a constituent-driven program to provide a digital information platform capable of efficiently integrating coastal data with decision-support tools, training, and best practices and to support collection of priority coastal geospatial data to inform and improve local, State, regional, and Federal capacities to manage the coastal region, and for other purposes. Introduced on April 9, 2019 and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee.

H.R. 2349, the “Climate Change Education Act”, (Rep. Dingell, D- Michigan), a bill to authorize the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to establish a Climate Change Education Program, and for other purposes. Introduced on April 22, 2019 and referred to the House Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the House Education and Labor Committee, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

H.R. 2352, the “Marine Oil Spill Prevention Act”, (Rep. Wasserman Schultz, D-Florida), a bill to improve the ability of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the Coast Guard, and coastal States to sustain healthy ocean and coastal ecosystems by maintaining and sustaining their capabilities relating to oil spill preparedness, prevention, and response, and for other purposes. Introduced on April 22, 2019 and referred to the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, and in addition to the House Natural Resources Committee, and the House Science, Space, and Technology Committee, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

Senate - Other Legislation of Possible Interest:

S. 10, the “South Florida Clean Coastal Waters Act of 2019”, (Sen. Rubio, R-Florida), a bill to require the Inter-Agency Task Force on Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia to develop a plan for reducing, mitigating, and controlling harmful algal blooms and hypoxia in South Florida, and for other purposes. Introduced on January 3, 2019 and referred to the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee.

S. 13, the “Florida Shores Protection and Fairness Act”, (Sen. Rubio, R-Florida), a bill to include the State of Florida in the Gulf of Mexico outer Continental Shelf revenue sharing program, to extend the moratorium on oil and gas leasing in certain areas of the Gulf of Mexico, and for other purposes. Introduced on January 3, 2019 and referred to the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee.

S. 38, the “Endangered Fish Recovery Programs Extension Act of 2019”, (Sen. Gardner, R-Colorado), a bill to maintain annual base funding for the Upper Colorado and San Juan fish recovery programs through fiscal year 2023, to require a report on the implementation of those programs, and for other purposes. Introduced on January 8, 2019, and referred to the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee.

S. 47, the “Natural Resources Management Act”, (Sen. Murkowski, R-Alaska), a bill to provide for the management of the natural resources of the United States, and for other purposes. Introduced on January 8, 2019 and placed on the Senate Legislative Calendar. On February 12, 2019, passed the

Senate and Sent to the House of Representatives. On February 26, 2019, the House of Representatives passed the bill.

S. 268, the “Wildlife Innovation and Longevity Driver Act” or the “WILD Act”, (Sen. Barrasso, R-Wyoming), a bill to reauthorize the Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program and certain wildlife conservation funds, to establish prize competitions relating to the prevention of wildlife poaching and trafficking, wildlife conservation, the management of invasive species, and the protection of endangered species, to amend the Marine Turtle Conservation Act of 2004 to modify the protections provided by that Act, and for other purposes. Introduced on January 29, 2019 and referred to the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee. On February 5, 2019, the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee ordered the bill to be reported and without a report the bill was placed on Senate Legislative Calendar.

S. 395, the “Providing Accountability Through Transparency Act of 2019”, (Sen. Lankford, R-Oklahoma), a bill to require each agency, in providing notice of a rule making, to include a link to a 100 word plain language summary of the proposed rule. Introduced on February 7, 2019 and referred to the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. **On February 13, 2019, the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs ordered the bill to be reported without amendment favorably. On March 25, 2019, the report to accompany the bill was filed and the bill was placed on the Senate Legislative Calendar.**

S. 499, the “Offshore Wind for Territories Act”, (Sen. Cassidy, R-Louisiana), a bill to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to apply to territories of the United States, to establish offshore wind lease sale requirements, to provide dedicated funding for coral reef conservation, and for other purposes. Introduced on February 14, 2019, and referred to the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee.

S. 502, the “State, Tribal, and Local Species Transparency and Recovery Act”, (Sen. Enzi, R-Wyoming), a bill to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to require disclosure to States of the basis of determinations under such Act, to ensure use of information provided by State, Tribal, and county governments in decision-making under such Act, and for other purposes. Introduced on February 14, 2019 and referred to the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee.

S. 775, the “Scientific Integrity Act”, (Sen. Schatz, D-Hawaii), a bill to amend the America COMPETES Act to require certain agencies to develop scientific integrity policies, and for other purposes. Introduced on March 13, 2019 and referred to the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee.

S. 778, the “Coastal Communities Ocean Acidification Act of 2019”, (Sen. Murkowski, R-Alaska), a bill to direct the Secretary of Commerce, acting through the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, to conduct coastal community vulnerability assessments related to ocean acidification, and for other purposes. Introduced on March 13, 2019 and referred to the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee.

S. 810, the “COASTAL Implementation Act of 2019”, (Sen. Wicker, R-Mississippi), a bill to clarify the authority of the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration with respect

to post-storm assessments, and for other purposes. Introduced on March 14, 2019, and referred to the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee.

S. 828, the “Atlantic Seismic Airgun Protection Act”, (Sen. Booker, D-New Jersey), a bill to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to prohibit oil-, gas-, and methane hydrate-related seismic activities in the North Atlantic, Mid-Atlantic, South Atlantic, and Straits of Florida planning areas of the outer Continental Shelf, and for other purposes. Introduced on March 14, 2019, and referred to the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee.

S. 910, the “National Sea Grant College Program Amendments Act of 2019”, (Sen. Wicker, R-Mississippi), a bill to reauthorize and amend the National Sea Grant College Program Act, and for other purposes. Introduced on March 27, 2019, and referred to the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee. On April 3, 2019, the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee ordered the legislation (amended) to be reported.

S. 914, the “Coordinated Ocean Observations and Research Act of 2019”, (Sen. Wicker, R-Mississippi), a bill to reauthorize the Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System Act of 2009, to clarify the authority of the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration with respect to post-storm assessments, and to require the establishment of a National Water Center, and for other purposes. Introduced on March 27, 2019, and referred to the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee. On April 3, 2019, the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee ordered the legislation to be reported without amendment.

S. 1069, the “Digital Coast Act”, (Sen. Baldwin, D-Wisconsin), a bill to require the Secretary of Commerce, acting through the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, to establish a constituent-driven program to provide a digital information platform capable of efficiently integrating coastal data with decision-support tools, training, and best practices and to support collection of priority coastal geospatial data to inform and improve local, State, regional, and Federal capacities to manage the coastal region, and for other purposes. Introduced on April 9, 2019 and referred to the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee.

S. 1139, the “National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Reauthorization Act of 2019”, (Sen. Cardin, D-Maryland), a bill to reauthorize and amend the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act. Introduced on April 10, 2019 and referred to the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee.