STAFF SUMMARY OF FEDERAL LEGISLATION IN THE 114TH U.S. CONGRESS

A summary of recent Federal legislation is attached. This summary is intended as a general overview for discussion purposes. Full text of these bills, with background information and current status, can be found at the Library of Congress website (http://thomas.gov) or at http://govtrack.us. See the attached report for a summary of other bills in the current Congress.

Bills of Greatest Interest

HR 4576/S 1335: North Pacific Fisheries Convention Implementation Act

- HR 4576 introduced by Amata Radewagen (Del-Samoa) on Feb. 12, 2016.
- Status: Reported by Committee on July 13, 2016. (S 1335 has passed the House).

HR 4576 is the House version of a bill that would implement the North Pacific Fisheries Convention, or the Convention on the Conservation and Management of High Seas Fisheries Resources in the North Pacific Ocean.

The Council commented on the bill on July 7, 2016 (see Attachment 4). In its letter, the Council recommended, and the new version of the bill includes, Council representatives for the Pacific, North Pacific, and Western Pacific Councils as Commissioners, without rotation. There are five commissioners in total.

The Council also supported the formation of an advisory committee to advise the Commissioners on issues of importance to the Councils. This latest version of the bill does not include the advisory committee.

The bill retains the gear stowage language referred to in the Council's letter. It removes the terms "knowingly and willfully" in section 106.

The bill authorizes the Secretary of Commerce to collect fees of not more than 3 percent of the ex-vessel value of fisheries resources harvested by U.S. vessels in the Convention Area for cost recovery.

The bill also amends the High Seas Driftnet Fishing Moratorium Protection Act to clarify that any "vessel" rather than "vessels" of a nation that is engaging in illegal, unregulated and unreported (IUU) fishing would be included in the IUU list. (This is something that the Highly Migratory Species advisory bodies have supported in the past). The bill also amends the Act to include measures to discourage shark finning by foreign nations.

According to William Ball of the House Committee on Natural Resources, the House and Senate continue to work on settling differences between their versions of the bill, and the House plans to file a bill report soon, with the goal of passing the bill in the House in September.

HR 5797: California Seamounts and Ridges National Marine Conservation Area Designation and Management Act (NEW)

• Introduced by Sam Farr (D-CA) on July 14, 2016.

This bill is based in part on the unattributed monument designation proposal "The Case for Protecting California's Seamounts, Ridges and Banks," which has been circulating since before the June Council meeting. However, the bill (unlike the unattributed proposal) calls for consultation with the Pacific Council and does not propose closures for Cortes and Tanner Banks, other than for gas and mineral exploration and production.

Fisheries interests are extremely concerned about the possibility of an Executive Order designating a monument under the Antiquities Act. The Council has sent a letter to the President on this subject (Agenda Item G.1, Supplemental Attachment 8).

The Council received a request for comment on HR 5797 from Rep. Hunter (Agenda Item G.1, Attachment 2) and from Representative Farr (by telephone). A draft letter is attached (Agenda Item G.1, Attachment 7). The Hunter letter notes that "There appears to be some overlap in fishery management responsibility between the Council and the separate administrative plan outlined in H.R. 5797." The actual impacts of the legislation on fisheries management are somewhat vague. The bill specifically allows certain fisheries, but does not specifically *prohibit* any fisheries.

The bill calls for the creation of a "Conservation Area," to be administered by the Departments of Commerce and Interior, that includes a series of underwater volcanoes and other geological features in the EEZ. The areas to be protected include Gorda Ridge; the portion of Mendocino Ridge in the Conservation Area west of longitude 125° 40′ 4.8″ W; and Guide, Pioneer, Taney, Gumdrop, Rodriguez, San Juan, and Northeast seamounts. Cortes and Tanner Banks are not included in the Conservation Area. However, these areas would be closed to commercial leasing for production of oil and gas, mining minerals, energy, and cable laying. The bill does not include a detailed map of the areas.

The bill specifies that the Conservation Area may not be established without "direct and thorough communication with the Pacific Fishery Management Council, stakeholders from commercial and recreational fishing sectors, and other key fishery groups," including tribes.

Activities prohibited in the Conservation Area would include

- Gas and mineral exploration and production
- Use of poisons, electrical charges, or explosives in collection or harvest of any resource, living or nonliving
- Intentional introduction of introduced species
- Anchoring vessels on corals, living or dead
- Drilling or dredging on the Outer Continental Shelf
- "Other activities determined by the Secretary."

Recreational and charter fishing, and the commercial troll albacore fishery, are exempted from these prohibitions. In addition, there are exceptions for military activities, emergencies, and scientific exploration.

According to Mr. Dave Whaley, CCC legislative liaison and former staff of the U.S. House Committee on Natural Resources, it is extremely unlikely the House will take up this bill and it will probably not move forward unless the entire California delegation is on board. There is a very slight possibility it could be included in a future appropriations bill.

Other Bills Discussed in June

S 2943: National Defense Authorization Act

- Introduced by John McCain (R-AZ).
- Status: Passed House and Senate and goes to the President next. Administration has signaled a possible veto. ¹

This bill includes the Vessel Incidental Discharge Act, which allows more flexibility in terms of "discharges incidental to the normal operation of a vessel." It places the Coast Guard in charge of the ballast water issue, rather than the more restrictive Environmental Protection Agency and states. This and other appropriations bills will be combined in an omnibus package, and their outcome depends in large part on the presidential election.

California SB 1287: Whale Protection and Crab Gear Retrieval Act

- Introduced by Mike McGuire.
- Status: Continues to move through California legislative process.

This bill is aimed at reducing whale entanglement in commercial fishing gear. It was initiated by California Dungeness crab fishermen and would create a regulatory program with incentives for fishermen to retrieve Dungeness crab fishing gear that would otherwise be lost in the ocean.

Bills discussed in June that have not moved:

- HR 2168/S 1143: West Coast Dungeness Crab Management Act (Herrera Beutler/Cantwell). A hold was placed on this bill in order to pressure the House to pass a red snapper bill. The hold seems have been lifted, so the bill may move forward in the near future.
- **HR 5270: Efficient Marine Mammal Protection Act** (Russel, R-OK). Abolishes the Marine Mammal Commission and transfers is functions to the US Fish and Wildlife Service.
- HR 5303/S 2848: Water Resources Development Act of 2016. These bills support the Army Corps of Engineers' civil works programs and contain funds for habitat restoration on the West Coast.

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- HR 5393 and HR 2578 (both in House); Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act. Cuts funding for climate change and ocean acidification research. The Senate continues to debate this bill but has been sidetracked by gun control issues. It is unclear whether the bill will move forward. Section 118 also weakens ESA protections for salmon and delta smelt in California's Bay-Delta region by diverting funding to expand hatchery programs for the purposes of minimizing adverse effects on water pumping projects.
- S 2654/HR 4711: Crab Emergency Disaster Assistance Act (Boxer/Speier)
- S 2956: Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act (Moran). Includes a labeling mandate for genetically engineered salmon and recommendations for nutritional advice on seafood introduced by Lisa Murkowski.
- S 3038: Coastal Coordination Act (updates Coastal Zone Management Act). (Nelson).

Drought Bills

HR 5538: Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act (NEW)

- Introduced by Ken Calvert (R-CA) on June 21, 2016.
- Passed House on July 14, 2016.

This bill includes California drought provisions introduced by David Valadao and originating in HR 2898, the Western Water and American Food Security Act. "This vote marks the third appropriations bill that has included solutions to California's water crisis," Valadao said (cited in an article in Ag Alert², adding that he would "continue to pursue every single legislative avenue available until my constituents have the water they so desperately need." The provisions included in the bill pertain to pumping water, long-term water storage, protections for water rights holders, Federal water purchases, and promoting fish hatcheries for Delta smelt.

The bill provides \$32.1 billion for the Dept. of Interior, EPA and related agencies for 2017, a decrease of \$64 million and \$1 billion below the administration's request. The bill also contains provisions to limit the Clean Water Act and Endangered Species Act.

The current version of the bill includes an amendment (1360) that would prohibit funds from being used to designate a National Marine Monument in the EEZ via presidential proclamation.

The White House has indicated the president may veto the bill in its current form.

HR 4582: Save Our Salmon Act

- Introduced by Jeff Denham (R-CA).
- Status: Passed House on July 5.

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² http://www.agalert.com/story/?id=9983

Excludes striped bass from the fish doubling requirement and other provisions of the CVPIA.

S 2533/HR 5247: California Long-Term Provisions for Water Supply and Short-Term Provisions for Emergency Drought Relief Act

• S 2533 introduced by Feinstein; HR 5247 introduced by Garamendi (bills are essentially identical).

There has been no obvious movement on these two bills since June. The House has been focused on including text from the Valadao bill into any of several appropriations bills or other vehicles; these efforts have been strongly opposed by the Senate. It appears unlikely that any drought legislation will pass before the election.

Other New and Noteworthy Bills

HR 5281: Endangered Species Management Self-Determination Act (NEW)

• Introduced by Blaine Luetkemeyer (R-MO) on May 18, 2016.

This bill would require the consent of the Governor of any state in which an ESA-listed species is found to approve the listing of that species, and would require the Secretary of the Interior to submit the list of any endangered or threatened species to Congress for approval. The bill would sunset any list of endangered or threatened species every five years, requiring Congress to approve a subsequent list.

S 1448: Frank Moore Wild Steelhead Sanctuary Designation Act

- Introduced by Ron Wyden (D-OR) on May 21, 2015.
- Status: Reported by Committee on July 13, 2016.

Designates the approximately 104,000 acres of Forest Service land (the Steamboat Creek watershed on the N. Umpqua River, Oregon) as the Frank Moore Wild Steelhead Sanctuary.

S 3087/HR 5775: American Fisheries Advisory Committee Act (NEW)

- Introduced by Dan Sullivan (R-AK) on June 22 and Don Young (R-AK) on July 13.
- Status: Reported by committee on June 29.

Establishes the American Fisheries Advisory Committee to assist in the awarding of fisheries research and development grants.

S 3095/HR 5584: Shark Fin Trade Elimination Act (NEW)

• **Introduced by** Corey Booker (D-NJ) on June 23 and Gregorio Sablan (Del-CNMI) on June 24.

Prohibits the sale of shark fins, unless the shark fin is separated from the shark for a noncommercial purpose (such as for research or display in a museum). Does not apply to spiny dogfish, smooth dogfish, or species in the superorder "Batoidea" (skates and rays).

S. 3278: Invasive Fish and Wildlife Prevention Act

• Introduced by Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY) on July 14, 2016.

Establishes an improved regulatory process to prevent the introduction and establishment of invasive non-native species.

Fishery Bills in the 114th Congress (and Selected State Bills)

Tracked for their relevance to MSA reathorization, precedent-setting potential, or indirect impact on Council-managed fisheries.

Bill No	Title	Summary or Title	Introduced by	Chance*
Authorizati	on/Appropriations			
S 1611	Coast Guard Reauthorization Act of 2015 (see instead HR 4188)	Authorizes appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal years 2016 and 2017.	John Thune (R-SD)	36%
Introduced	6/18/2015		Last updated	Signed
Status	Companion bill signed into law.		Priority	A
HR 1987 (See HR 4188)	Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2015	Authorizes appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal years 2016 and 2017. Funds Newport helicopter. Incorporates HR 337 on maritime liens.	Duncan Hunter (R- CA)	22%
Introduced	4/23/2015		Last updated	See instead H
Status	See instead HR 4188.		Priority	С
HR 2578	Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act	At one point, made large cuts to climate change and ocean acidification research. Now stalled.	John Culberson (R- TX)	40%
Introduced	5/27/2016		Last updated	8/18/2016
Status	Moved, then stalled.		Priority	С
S 2943	National Defense Authorization Act	At one point included Valadao bill. Includes Vessel Incidental Discharge Act. Now in conference.	John McCain (R-AZ)	21%
Introduced	5/18/2016		Last updated	8/16/2016
Status	Currently active. In conference.		Priority	В
S 2956	Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act		Jerry Moran (R-KS)	
Introduced	5/19/2016		Last updated	8/18/2016
Status	Reported by committee		Priority	

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Bill No	Title	Summary or Title	Introduced by	Chance*
S 3038	Coastal Coordination Act	Reauthorizes the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972	Bill Nelson (D-FL)	48%
Introduced	6/8/2016		Last updated	8/18/2016
Status	Reported by committee 6/15/16		Priority	С
HR 4188	Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2016	Authorizes appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal years 2016 and 2017	Duncan Hunter (R- CA)	22%
Introduced	12/10/2015		Last updated	Signed
Status	Signed into law		Priority	С
HR 5054	Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017	Contains several fisheries-related provisions introduced by Murkowksi.	Robert Aderholt (R-AL)	40%
Introduced	4/26/2016		Last updated	See instead S
Status	Companion bill S 2956 reported by committee		Priority	С
HR 5393	Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act	May include cuts to climate change and OA research.	John Culberson	
HR 5393	Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations		John Culberson Last updated	8/18/2016
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Introduced	Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act 6/7/2016		Last updated	
Introduced Status	Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act 6/7/2016 Active Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies	Includes Valadao bill. Allows limits on ESA, Clean	Last updated Priority	

Climate Change

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Bill No	Title	Summary or Title	Introduced by	Chance*
HR 1276	Coastal State Climate Change Planning Act	Amends the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 to Commerce to establish a coastal climate change adaptation planning and response program.	Lois Capps (D-CA)	2%
Introduced	3/4/2015		Last updated	8/18/2016
Status	Has not passed committee.		Priority	С
HR 1277	Ocean Acidification Research Partnerships Act	Provides for ocean acidification collaborative research grant opportunities.	Lois Capps (D-CA)	6%
Introduced	3/4/2015		Last updated	8/18/2016
Status	Has not passed committee.		Priority	С
SB 1363	Ocean Protection Council: Ocean Acidification and Hypoxia Reduction Program	Would require the state to establish and administer the Ocean Acidification and Hypoxia Reduction Program for the purposes of achieving specified goals	Bill Monning	
Introduced	2/19/2016		Last updated	8/18/2016
Status	Moving through California process		Priority	D
HR 2553	Coastal Communities Ocean Acidification Act	Direct Commerce/NOAA to conduct coastal community vulnerability assessments related to ocean acidification.	Chellie Pingree (D- ME)	3%
Introduced	5/21/2015		Last updated	8/18/2016
Status	Has not passed committee.		Priority	D
HR 2717	Federal Ocean Acidification Research and Monitoring Act of 2015	Modifies the Federal Ocean Acidification Research and Monitoring Act of 2009.	Sam Farr (D-CA)	6%
Introduced	6/10/2015		Last updated	8/18/2016
Status	Has not passed committee.		Priority	С

Crab

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Bill No	Title	Summary or Title	Introduced by	Chance*
S 1143	West Coast Dungeness Crab Management Act (see also HR 2168, which has passed House)	Makes the authority of States of Washington, Oregon, and California to manage the Dungeness crab fishery permanent.	Maria Cantwell (D- WA)	48%
Introduced	4/30/2015		Last updated	8/18/2016
Status	Moved, then stalled.		Priority	Α
HR 2168 (see S 1143)	West Coast Dungeness Crab Management Act (see also S 1143)	Makes the current Dungeness crab fishery management regime permanent.	Jaime Herrera Beutler (D-WA)	71%
Introduced	4/30/2015		Last updated	See instead S
Status	See instead S 1143.		Priority	Α
S 2654	Crab Emergency Disaster Assistance Act of 2016	Makes funds available for Dungeness crab and rock crab emergency disaster assistance, and for other purposes.	Barbara Boxer (D- CA)	27%
Introduced	3/8/2016		Last updated	8/18/2016
Status	Has not passed committee.		Priority	С
HR 4711	Crab Emergency Disaster Assistance Act	Makes funds available for Dungeness crab and rock crab emergency disaster assistance.	Jackie Speier (D-CA)	
Introduced	3/3/2016		Last updated	8/18/2016
Status	Recently introduced. Not yet reported.		Priority	С
Energy				
HR 8	North American Energy Security and Infrastructure Act of 2015	To modernize energy infrastructure, build a 21st century energy and manufacturing workforce, bolster America's energy security and diplomacy, and promote energy efficiency and government accountability. Could create loopholes in dam relicensing laws.	Fred Upton (R-MI)	33%
Introduced	12/2/2015		Last updated	8/18/2016
Status	Passed House, then stalled.		Priority	В

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Bill No	Title	Summary or Title	Introduced by	Chance*
HR 4088	Promoting Offshore Wind Power Act	Amends the Internal Revenue Code to promote offshore wind.	Bill Pascrell Jr (D- NJ)	3%
Introduced	11/19/2015		Last updated	8/18/2016
Status	Has not passed committee.		Priority	С
GMOs				
HR 393	Untitled (Labeling of GMO fish)	Amends the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to require labeling of genetically engineered fish.	Don Young (R-AK)	2%
Introduced	1/14/2015		Last updated	8/18/2016
Status	Has not passed committee.		Priority	D
HR 394	Prevention of Escapement of Genetically Altered Salmon in the United States Act	Resubmittal of HR 1667, discussed in June 2013. Adds DeFazio as a co-sponsor.	Don Young (R-AK)	19%
Introduced	1/14/2015		Last updated	8/18/2016
Status	Has not passed committee.		Priority	С
S 738	Genetically Engineered Salmon Risk Reduction Act	To reduce the risks associated with genetically altered salmon in the United States	Lisa Murkowski (R- AK)	7%
Introduced	3/12/2015		Last updated	8/18/2016
Status	Stalled, but Murkowski trying to include it in other bills.		Priority	С
Habitat				
S 132	Oregon and California Land Grant Act	A bill to improve timber management on O&C grant land, and for other purposes. Increases some harvest, protects other forests.	Ron Wyden (D-OR)	24%
Introduced	1/8/2015		Last updated	8/18/2016
Status	Has not passed committee.		Priority	D

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Bill No	Title	Summary or Title	Introduced by	Chance*
HR 1140	San Francisco Bay Restoration Act	Amends the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to establish a grant program to support the restoration of San Francisco Bay.	Jackie Speier (D-CA)	1%
Introduced	2/26/2016		Last updated	8/18/2016
Status	Has not passed committee.		Priority	D
S 1448	Frank Moore Wild Steelhead Sanctuary Designation Act	Designates the Frank Moore Wild Steelhead Sanctuary near the Umpqua River in Oregon.	Ron Wyden (D-OR)	
Introduced	5/21/2015		Last updated	8/22/2016
Status	Reported by committee 7/13/16.		Priority	D
S 1780	Restoring America's Watersheds Act	Amends the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to promote watershed health.	Martin Heinrich (D- NM)	3%
Introduced	7/15/2015		Last updated	8/18/2016
Status	Has not passed committee.		Priority	С
HR 3630	Promoting United Government Efforts to Save Our Sound Act	Amends the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to provide assistance for programs and activities to protect the water quality of Puget Sound	Denny Heck (D-WA)	6%
Introduced	9/28/2015		Last updated	8/18/2016
Status	Has not passed committee.		Priority	С
HR 3927	West Coast Ocean Protection Act of 2015	Amends 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.	Jared Huffman (D-CA)	7%
Introduced	11/4/2015		Last updated	8/18/2016
Status	Has not passed committee.		Priority	В

International Law

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Bill No	Title	Summary or Title	Introduced by	Chance*
S 1335	North Pacific Fisheries Convention Implementation Act	Implements the Convention on the Conservation and Management of the High Seas Fishery Resources in the North Pacific Ocean.	Dan Sullivan (R-AK)	34%
Introduced	5/13/2015		Last updated	8/18/2016
Status	Passed Senate 5/17/16		Priority	Α
S 1336	South Pacific Fisheries Convention Implementation Act	Implements the Convention on the Conservation and Management of the High Seas Fishery Resources in the South Pacific Ocean.	Brian Schatz (D-HI)	48%
Introduced	5/13/2015		Last updated	8/18/2016
Status	Incorporated into other legislation (not yet passed)		Priority	В
HR 3269 (see S 1335)	North Pacific Fisheries Convention Implementation Act	Implements the Convention on the Conservation and Management of the High Seas Fisheries Resources in the North Pacific Ocean, as adopted at Tokyo on February 24, 2012	Don Young (R-AK)	12%
Introduced	7/28/2015		Last updated	See instead S
Status	Moving in other legislation		Priority	A
HR 4576	Ensuring Access to Pacific Fisheries Act	Implements the Convention on the Conservation and Management of High Seas Fisheries Resources in the North Pacific Ocean, to implement the Convention on the Conservation and Management of High Seas Fishery Resources in the South Pacific Ocean.	Aumua Amata (Am. Samoa)	7%
Introduced	2/12/2016		Last updated	8/18/2016
Status	Reported by committee 7/13/16		Priority	A
IUU Fisherie	es			
HR 774	Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing Enforcement Act of 2015 (see instead S 1334)	Enhances authority to regulate illegal fishing. Increases capacity for inspection, ID, and monitoring of illegal foreign vessels. Directs Commerce to enforce High Seas Driftnet Fishing Moratorium Protection Act. Implements Antigua Convention.	Madeleine Bordallo (D-Guam)	34%
Introduced	2/5/2015		Last updated	Signed
Status	Signed into law		Priority	Α

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Bill No	Title	Summary or Title	Introduced by	Chance*
S 1334 (Companion bill signed)	Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing Enforcement Act of 2015 (see also HR 774)	Strengthens enforcement mechanisms to stop illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing, and amends the Tuna Conventions Act of 1950 to implement the Antigua Convention. The Council has commented on this and similar legislation.	Lisa Murkowski (R- AK)	25%
Introduced	5/13/2015		Last updated	Signed
Status	Companion bill signed into law		Priority	A
Labeling				
AB 226	Pacific to Plate	Makes it easier for commercial fishermen to sell fish at farmers' markets. Allows fishermen's markets to operate as food facilities; allows fresh fish to be cleaned for direct sale; streamlines permitting process.	Toni Atkins (Cal Assembly)	
Introduced	2/3/2015		Last updated	Signed
Status	Signed into law		Priority	С
S 2095	Alaskan Pollock and Golden King Crab Labeling Act	Establishes certain labeling requirements with respect to pollock and golden king crab	Maria Cantwell (D- WA)	5%
Introduced	9/29/2015		Last updated	8/18/2016
Status	Has not passed committee.		Priority	D
HR 3282	Protecting Honest Fishermen Act	To strengthen Federal consumer protection and product traceability with respect to commercially marketed seafood.	Blake Farenthold (R-TX)	2%
Introduced	7/29/215		Last updated	8/18/2016
Status	Has not passed committee.		Priority	В
HR 3806	Alaskan Pollock and Golden King Crab Labeling Act	Establishes certain requirements with respect to pollock and golden king crab.	Jaime Herrera- Beutler (R-WA)	5%
Introduced	10/22/2015		Last updated	8/18/2016
Status	Has not passed committee.		Priority	С

Marine Mammals

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Bill No	Title	Summary or Title	Introduced by	Chance*
HR 564	Endangered Salmon and Fisheries Predation Prevention Act	Amends the MMPA to reduce predation on endangered Columbia River salmon and other nonlisted species, and for other purposes. Identical to Hastings bill submitted in 113th Congress.	Kurt Schraeder (D- OR) & Jaime Herrera-Beutler (R- WA)	10%
Introduced	1/27/2015		Last updated	8/18/2016
Status	Has not passed committee.		Priority	Α
S 3059	Marine Mammal Research and Response Act	Reauthorizes and amends the John H. Prescott Marine Mammal Rescue and Response Grant Program	Maria Cantwell (D- WA)	37%
Introduced	6/15/2016		Last updated	8/18/2016
Status	Reported by committee 6/29/16		Priority	D
HR 5270	Efficient Marine Mammal Protection Act	Abolishes the Marine Mammal Commission and transfers its functions to the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.	Steve Russell (R- OK)	5%
Introduced	5/17/2016		Last updated	8/18/2016
Status	Recently introduced. Not yet reported.		Priority	С
HR 5776	Marine Mammal Research and Response Act of 2016	Aims to strengthen the government's efforts to protect and preserve marine mammals such as orcas, seals, sea lions, and sea otters. Focuses on data and resources to address strandings, entanglements, etc.	Don Young (R-AK)	
Introduced	7/13/2016		Last updated	8/17/2016
Status	New		Priority	С
Monumen	ts			
S 228	National Monument Designation Transparency and Accountability Act (see also S 556, HR 900, S 437, HR 330)	Requires congressional and State approval of national monuments and restrictions on the use of national monuments.	Michael Crapo (R-ID)	15%
Introduced	1/21/2015		Last updated	8/18/2016
Status	Stalled. May revive next year.		Priority	С

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Bill No	Title	Summary or Title	Introduced by	Chance*
HR 330	Marine Access and State Transparency (see also HR 900, S 437, S 228)	Requires congressional approval of national monuments and restrictions on the use of national monuments, to establish requirements for declaration of marine national monuments.	Don Young (R-AK)	7%
Introduced	1/13/2015		Last updated	8/18/2016
Status	Stalled. May revive next year.		Priority	С
S 437	Improved National Monument Designation Process Act (see also HR 900, S 228, HR 330)	Requires congressional approval of national monuments and restrictions on the use of national monuments, and establishes requirements for the declaration of marine national monuments.	Lisa Murkowski (R- AK)	11%
Introduced	2/10/2015		Last updated	8/18/2016
Status	Stalled. May revive next year.		Priority	С
HR 900	National Monument Designation	Requires congressional and State approval of national monuments and restrictions on the use of	Raul Labrador (R- ID)	15%
	Transparency and Accountability Act (see also HR 330, S 228, S 437)	national monuments.		
Introduced	Accountability Act (see also HR 330, S 228, S	national monuments.	Last updated	8/18/2016
Introduced Status	Accountability Act (see also HR 330, S 228, S 437)	national monuments.	Last updated Priority	8/18/2016 C
	Accountability Act (see also HR 330, S 228, S 437) 2/11/2015 Stalled. May revive next	Creates a series of "Conservation Areas" in Federal waters off the California coast.		
Status	Accountability Act (see also HR 330, S 228, S 437) 2/11/2015 Stalled. May revive next year. California Seamounts and Ridges National Marine Conservation Area Designation and	Creates a series of "Conservation Areas" in Federal	Priority	
Status HR 5797	Accountability Act (see also HR 330, S 228, S 437) 2/11/2015 Stalled. May revive next year. California Seamounts and Ridges National Marine Conservation Area Designation and Management Act	Creates a series of "Conservation Areas" in Federal	Priority Sam Farr (D-CA)	С

MSA Reauthorization

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Bill No	Title	Summary or Title	Introduced by	Chance*
HR 1335	Strengthening Fishing Communities and Increasing Flexibility in Fisheries Management	Amends the MSA with the purpose of providing flexibility for fishery managers and stability for fishermen.	Don Young (R-AK)	11%
Introduced	Act 3/4/2015		Last updated	8/18/2016
Status	Moved, then stalled.			A
Status	woved, then stalled.		Priority	Α
S 1403	Florida Fisheries Improvement Act (amended)	Amends the MSA to promote sustainable conservation and management for the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic fisheries and the communities that rely on them.	Marco Rubio (R-FL)	37%
Introduced	5/20/2015		Last updated	8/18/2016
Status	Reported by committee, then stalled.		Priority	Α
Other				
Other				
S 190	Imported Seafood Safety Standards Act	Prohibits imports of seafood from a foreign country unless certified compliant with U.S. standards. Yearly inspection of foreign export facilities and 20% of all imported seafood. Foreign seafood could only be imported at ports with trained personnel.	David Vitter (R-LA)	11%
Introduced	1/20/2015		Last updated	8/18/2016
Status	Has not passed committee.		Priority	В
SB 1114	(Would phase out California drift gillnet fishery)	Would phase out California drift gillnet fishery	Ben Allen	0%
Introduced	2/17/2016		Last updated	
	Died in committee.		Priority	Α
Status SB 1287	Died in committee. Whale Protection and Crab Gear Retrieval Act	Promoted by crab fishermen to reduce whale entanglement.	Priority Mike McGuire	A
Status	Whale Protection and		•	8/18/2016

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Bill No	Title	Summary or Title	Introduced by	Chance*
HR 1321	Microbead-Free Waters Act of 2015	Prohibits the sale or distribution of cosmetics containing synthetic plastic microbeads.	Frank Pallone (D- NJ)	40%
Introduced	3/4/2015		Last updated	Signed
Status	Signed into law		Priority	С
S 1623	Maritime Washington National Heritage Area Act	Establishes the Maritime Washington National Heritage Area in the state of Washington.	Maria Cantwell (D- WA)	
Introduced	6/18/2015		Last updated	8/17/2016
Status	Reported by committee 7/13/16.		Priority	D
HR 1869	Environmental Compliance Cost Transparency Act	Provides for transparency and reporting related to costs incurred by the Bonneville Power Administration and other power authorities related to compliance with Federal environmental laws impacting the conservation of fish and wildlife.	Paul Gosar (R-AZ)	3%
Introduced	4/16/2015		Last updated	8/18/2016
Status	Has not passed committee.		Priority	D
HR 2040	Striped Bass American Heritage Act	Designates the Atlantic striped bass as the National Fish of the United States.	Tom MacArthur (R- NJ)	3%
Introduced	4/28/2015		Last updated	8/18/2016
Status	Has not passed committee.		Priority	D
S 2886	A bill to reauthorize the Fisheries Restoration and Irrigation Mitigation Act of 2000	Reauthorizes the Fisheries Restoration and Irrigation Mitigation Act of 2000	Ron Wyden (D-OR)	8%
Introduced	4/28/2016		Last updated	8/16/2016
Status	Recently introduced. Not yet reported.		Priority	
S 3087	American Fisheries Advisory Committee Act	Establishes the American Fisheries Advisory Committee to assist in the awarding of fisheries research and development grants	Dan Sullivan (R-AK)	42%
Introduced	6/22/2016		Last updated	8/18/2016
Status	Reported by committee 6/29/16		Priority	С

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Bill No	Title	Summary or Title	Introduced by	Chance*
S 3095	Shark Fin Trade Elimination Act	A bill to prohibit sale of shark fins and for other purposes.	Cory Booker (D-NJ)	4%
Introduced	6/23/2016		Last updated	8/18/2016
Status	Recently introduced. Not yet reported.		Priority	D
S 3222	Columbia River In-Lieu and Treaty Fishing Access Sites Improvement Act	Authorizes Secretary of the Interior to assess sanitation & safety conditions at Bureau of Indian Affairs facilities that were constructed to provide treaty tribes access to traditional fishing grounds and expend funds on construction of facilities and s	Ron Wyden (D-OR)	
Introduced	7/14/2016		Last updated	8/17/2016
Status	Recently introduced. Not yet reported.		Priority	С
S 3278	Invasive Fish and Wildlife Prevention Act	A bill to establish an improved regulatory process to prevent the introduction and establishment in the United States of injurious wildlife.	Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY)	
Introduced	7/14/2016		Last updated	8/22/2016
Status	New		Priority	D
HR 4480	Albatross and Petrel Conservation Act	Implements the Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels.	Alan Lowenthal (D-CA)	7%
Introduced	2/4/2016		Last updated	8/18/2016
Status	Recently introduced. Not yet reported.		Priority	С
HR 4617	Untitled	Amends the National School Lunch Act to require that the Buy American purchase requirement for the school lunch program include fish harvested within United States waters, and for other purposes.	Suzan DelBene (D- WA)	1%
Introduced	2/25/2016		Last updated	8/18/2016
Status	Recently introduced. Not yet reported.		Priority	С

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Bill No	Title	Summary or Title	Introduced by	Chance*
HR 5281	Endangered Species Management Self- Determination Act	Allows states control over ESA designations.	Blaine Luetkemeyer (R- MO)	
Introduced	3/18/2016		Last updated	8/18/2016
Status	New		Priority	С
HR 5584	Shark Fin Trade Elimination Act	To prohibit the sale of shark fins, and for other purposes.	Gregorio Sablan (Del-CNMI)	
Introduced	6/24/2016		Last updated	8/22/2016
Status	New		Priority	С
Other Cou	ncils			
HR 981	Red Snapper Regulatory Reform Act	Amends the MSA in regard to Gulf of Mexico Red Snapper management.	Bradley Byrne (R- AK)	6%
Introduced	2/13/2015		Last updated	8/18/2016
Status	Has not passed committee.		Priority	F
S 1414	Rhode Island Fishermen's Fairness Act (see also HR 2541)	Amends the MSA to add Rhode Island to the Mid- Atlantic Fishery Management Council.	Jack Reed (D-RI)	3%
Introduced	5/21/2015		Last updated	8/18/2016
Status	Has not passed committee.		Priority	D
HR 2541	Rhode Island Fishermen's Fairness Act (see also S 1414)	Amends the MSA to add Rhode Island to the Mid- Atlantic Fishery Management Council.	Jim Langevin (D-RI)	3%
Introduced	5/21/2015		Last updated	8/18/2016
Status	Has not passed committee.		Priority	D
HR 3094	Gulf States Red Snapper Management Authority Act	Amends the MSA to transfer to States the authority to manage red snapper fisheries in the Gulf of Mexico	Garrett Graves (R- LA)	7%
Introduced	7/16/2015		Last updated	8/18/2016
Status	Reported by committee 6/15/16		Priority	D

Rec Hunting/Fishing

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Bill No	Title	Summary or Title	Introduced by	Chance*
S 225	Hunting, Fishing, and Recreational Shooting Protection Act (see also S 405)	Amends the Toxic Substances Control Act to clarify the jurisdiction of the EPA with respect to lead bullets and fishing tackle. Exempts those articles from a definition under that Act.	John Thune (R-SD)	1%
Introduced	1/21/2015		Last updated	8/18/2016
Status	Has not passed committee.		Priority	D
S 405 (see S 659)	Bipartisan Sportsmen's Act of 2015 (see instead S 659, HR 556)	A bill to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting, and for other purposes.	Lisa Murkowski (R- AK)	43%
Introduced	2/5/2015		Last updated	See instead S
Status	See instead S 659.		Priority	D
HR 528	Recreational Fishing and Hunting Heritage and Opportunities Act	Directs Federal public land management officials to exercise their authority under existing law to facilitate use of and access to Federal public lands for fishing, sport hunting, and recreational shooting.	Dan Benishek (R- MI)	8%
Introduced	1/26/2015		Last updated	8/18/2016
Status	Has not passed committee.		Priority	D
S 556	Bipartisan Sportsmen's Act of 2015 (see also HR 225, S 405)	A bill to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting, and for other purposes	Lisa Murkowski (R- AK)	37%
Introduced	2/25/2015		Last updated	8/18/2016
Status	Reported by committee, then stalled.		Priority	D
S 659	Bipartisan Sportsmen's Act of 2015	A bill to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting, and for other purposes	Dan Sullivan (R-AK)	21%
Introduced	3/4/2015		Last updated	8/18/2016
Status	Reported by committee, then stalled.		Priority	D
S 3099	Access for Sportfishing Act of 2016	To preserve and enhance saltwater fishing opportunities for recreational anglers	Bill Nelson (D-FL)	48%
Introduced	6/23/2016		Last updated	8/18/2016
Status	Reported by committee 6/29/16		Priority	С

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Bill No	Title	Summary or Title	Introduced by	Chance*
Science				
HR 1207	Healthy Fisheries Through Better Science Act (see S 1403)	Amends the MSA to require Commerce to develop a plan to conduct stock assessments for all stocks of fish for which a fishery management plan is in effect.	Robert Wittman (R- VA)	3%
Introduced	3/2/2015		Last updated	8/18/2016
Status	Has not passed committee.		Priority	В
S 1886	Coordinated Ocean Monitoring and Research Act	Reauthorizes the Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System Act of 2009	Roger Wicker (R- MS)	25%
Introduced	7/29/2015		Last updated	8/18/2016
Status	Reported by committee, then stalled.		Priority	С
S 5775	American Fisheries Advisory Committee Act	To establish the American Fisheries Advisory Committee to assist in the awarding of fisheries research and development grants	Don Young	
Introduced	7/13/2016		Last updated	8/22/2016
Status	New		Priority	С
Vessel Fina	ance/Operations			
HR 337	Maritime Lien Reform Act	Limits maritime liens on fishing permits.	Don Young (R-AK)	1%
Introduced	1/13/2015		Last updated	8/18/2016
Status	Has not passed committee.		Priority	A
S 373	Vessel Incidental Discharge Act (see also HR 980)	Establishes nationally uniform and environmentally sound standards governing discharges incidental to the normal operation of a vessel. (Makes current NPDES exemption permanent).	Marco Rubio (R-FL)	36%
Introduced	2/4/2015		Last updated	8/18/2016
Status	Incorporated into other legislation (not yet passed)		Priority	A

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Bill No	Title	Summary or Title	Introduced by	Chance*
HR 980 (see S 373)	Vessel Incidental Discharge Act (see instead S 373)	Makes vessel discharge exception permanent. See S 373 instead.	Duncan Hunter (R-CA)	5%
Introduced	2/13/2015		Last updated	See instead S
Status	Incorporated into other legislation (not yet passed)		Priority	Α
HR 1826	Fishing Economy Improvement Act	Reauthorizes the MSA.	Gregorio Sablan (Guam - Ind)	13%
Introduced	4/15/2015		Last updated	8/18/2016
Status	Superceded.		Priority	Α
HR 2106	Fisheries Investment and Regulatory Relief Act of 2015	Provides funding to support fisheries and the communities that rely upon them, to clear unnecessary regulatory burdens and streamline Federal fisheries management. Amends S-K Act.	Frank Guinta (R- NH)	5%
Introduced	4/29/2015		Last updated	8/18/2016
Status	Has not passed committee.		Priority	Α
HR 5531	Miscellaneous Maritime Transportation Amendments Act	Amends United States Code title 46 to improve maritime transportation. Changes deadline for alternate fishing safety compliance program.	Duncan Hunter (R-CA)	3%
Introduced	6/20/2016		Last updated	8/18/2016
Status	New		Priority	D
Water/Dro	ught			
S 133	Klamath Basin Water Recovery and Economic Restoration Act	A bill to approve and implement the Klamath Basin agreements, to improve natural resource management, support economic development, and sustain agricultural production in the Klamath River Basin, etc. Discussed by LC in June 2014.	Ron Wyden (D-OR)	24%
Introduced	1/8/2015		Last updated	8/18/2016
Status	Has not passed committee.		Priority	В

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Bill No	Title	Summary or Title	Introduced by	Chance*
S 176	Water in the 21st Century Act (W21) (see also HR 291)	A bill to advance integrated water management and development through innovation, resiliency, conservation, and efficiency in the 21st century.	Barbara Boxer (D-CA)	1%
Introduced	1/13/2015		Last updated	8/18/2016
Status	Has not passed committee.		Priority	С
HR 291	Water in the 21st Century Act (W21) (see also S 176)	Sets up \$1.95 billion in loans and grants over 5 years for water recycling, storm water capture and treatment, ground water management and water infrastructure projects. Sets aside \$6 million to study the feasibility of desalination.	Grace Napolitano (D-CA)	2%
Introduced	1/13/2015		Last updated	8/18/2016
Status	Has not passed committee.		Priority	С
HR 1060	Sacramento Valley Water Storage and Restoration Act of 2015	Directs Interior to support non-Federal investments in water infrastructure improvements in the Sacramento Valley, specifically the Sites Reservoir.	Doug LaMalfa (R-CA)	2%
Introduced	2/25/2015		Last updated	8/18/2016
Status	Has not passed committee.		Priority	С
S 1140	Federal Water Quality Protection Act	Revises the definition of the term "waters of the United States." Halts an ongoing COE/EPA rulemaking to clarify and restore Clean Water Act protections for certain water bodies.	John Barrasso (R- WY)	15%
Introduced	4/30/2015		Last updated	8/18/2016
Status	Failed cloture.		Priority	С
S 1236	Hydropower Improvement Act of 2015	Amends the Federal Power Act to modify certain requirements relating to license applications before FERC. Aimed at streamlining process for small projects.	Lisa Murkowski (R- AK)	23%
Introduced	5/6/2015		Last updated	8/18/2016
Status	Has not passed committee.		Priority	В

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Bill No	Title	Summary or Title	Introduced by	Chance*
S 1338	Small Hydro Act of 2015	Amends the Federal Power Act to provide licensing procedures for certain types of hydro projects under 5 megawatts.	Angus King (Ind- ME)	8%
Introduced	4/14/2015		Last updated	8/18/2016
Status	Has not passed committee.		Priority	С
HR 1668	Save Our Water Act	Amends the Endangered Species Act to provide for suspension of application of the Act to water releases by Federal and State agencies in river basins that are affected by drought, and for other purposes.	Tom McClintock (R-CA)	7%
Introduced	3/26/2015		Last updated	8/18/2016
Status	Has not passed committee.		Priority	Α
S 1837	Drought Recovery and Resilience Act	A bill to provide drought assistance and improved water supply reliability to the State of California, other western States, and the Nation.	Barbara Boxer (D-CA)	1%
Introduced	7/22/2015		Last updated	8/18/2016
Status	Has not passed committee.		Priority	Α
S 1894	California Emergency Drought Relief Act	A bill to provide short-term water supplies to drought-stricken California.	Dianne Feinstein (D-CA)	3%
Introduced	7/29/2015		Last updated	8/18/2016
Status	Has not passed committee.		Priority	Α
HR 2220	Marine and Hydrokinetic Renewable Energy Act	Promotes research, development, and demonstration of marine and hydrokinetic renewable energy technologies	Theodore Deutch (D-FL)	2%
Introduced	5/1/2015		Last updated	8/18/2016
Status	Has not passed committee.		Priority	С

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Bill No	Title	Summary or Title	Introduced by	Chance*
S 2533	California Long-Term Provisions for Water Supply and Short-Term Provisions for Emergency Drought Relief Act	The Council commented on this bill.	Diane Feinstein (D-CA)	
Introduced	2/10/2016		Last updated	8/18/2016
Status	Recently introduced. Not yet reported.		Priority	A
S 2848	Water Resources Development Act of 2016	Provides for the conservation and development of water and related resources, authorizes the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States	James Inhofe (R- OK)	31%
Introduced	4/25/2016		Last updated	See instead H
Status	See instead HR 5303.		Priority	
HR 2898	Western Water and American Food Security Act of 2015	To provide drought relief in the State of California. Negative impacts on salmon.	David Valadeo (R- CA)	15%
Introduced	6/25/2015		Last updated	8/18/2016
Status	House trying to include in other legislation.		Priority	A
HR 2983	Drought Recovery and Resilience Act of 2015	To provide drought assistance and improved water supply reliability to the State of California, other western States, and the Nation	Jared Huffman (D- CA)	1%
Introduced	7/8/2015		Last updated	8/18/2016
Status	Has not passed committee.		Priority	A
HR 4582	Save our Salmon Act	Excludes striped bass from the anadromous fish doubling requirement in section 3406(b)(1) of the Central Valley Project Improvement Act, and for other purposes	Jeff Denham (R-CA)	6%
Introduced	2/23/2016		Last updated	8/18/2016
Status	Passed House 7/5/16		Priority	Α

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Bill No	Title	Summary or Title	Introduced by	Chance*
HR 5247	California Long-Term Provisions for Water Supply and Short-Term Provisions for Emergency Drought Relief Act	To provide short-term water supplies to drought- stricken California and provide for long-term investments in drought resiliency throughout the Western United States.	John Garamendi (D-CA)	2%
Introduced	5/16/2016		Last updated	8/18/2016
Status	Recently introduced. Not yet reported.		Priority	A
HR 5303	Water Resources Development Act of 2016	Relates to Corps of Engineers projects such as dredging, flood control, etc. Includes some ecosystem restoration project funds for Washington's Skokomish River (6.8 million in Federal funds), Oregon's Willamette River (\$19.1 million), San Francisco Bay (\$	Bill Shuster (R-PA)	22%
Introduced	5/23/2016		Last updated	8/18/2016
Status	Reported by committee 5/25/16		Priority	С