

## STAFF SUMMARY OF FEDERAL LEGISLATION IN THE 114<sup>TH</sup> 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>. These summaries are primarily from the GovTrack.us website, further summarized by Council staff. See the attached report for a summary of other bills in the current Congress.

### Progress of Bills Discussed in September

Of the bills discussed in September, the **West Coast Dungeness Crab Management Act** (HR 2168) passed the House on October 6, and California's **Pacific to Plate Act** has been signed into law.

There has been no major movement on the other bills discussed in September.

### MSA Reauthorization

There has been no movement on the current suite of MSA reauthorization bills.

### Drought Bills

On October 8, a hearing was held in the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee on two of the drought bills introduced in the September staff summary of federal legislation – S 1894 (**California Emergency Drought Relief Act**, Feinstein and Boxer) and HR 2898 (**Western Water and American Food Security Act**, Valadao). Barbara Boxer, Diane Feinstein and David Valadao testified. The Huffman drought bill (HR 2983, **Drought Recovery and Resilience Act**) was not included in the hearing.

Murkowski has emphasized the need to develop a bill that could gain bipartisan support. Some believe that water storage, recycling and desalination will be the foundation of a compromise bill.

Apart from the hearing, none of the other drought bills have moved forward.

### Other New and Noteworthy Bills

No other noteworthy fisheries bills have been introduced since September.

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

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

Bill No	Title	Summary or Title	Introduced by	Chance*
<b>S 2095</b>	<b>Alaskan Pollock and Golden King Crab Labeling Act</b>	Establishes certain labeling requirements with respect to pollock and golden king crab	Maria Cantwell (D-WA)	5%
Introduced	9/29/2015		Last updated	10/15/2015
Status	Introduced		Priority	<b>D</b>
<b>California state bill</b>				
<b>AB 226</b>	<b>Pacific to Plate</b>	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	10/15/2015
Status	Signed into law		Priority	<b>C</b>
<b>House</b>				
<b>HR 291</b>	<b>Water in the 21st Century Act (W21) (see also S 176)</b>	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	10/15/2015
Status	Reintroduced		Priority	<b>C</b>
<b>HR 330</b>	<b>Marine Access and State Transparency (see also HR 900, S 437, S 228)</b>	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	10/15/2015
Status	Referred to House Natural Resources Committee		Priority	<b>C</b>

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Bill No	Title	Summary or Title	Introduced by	Chance*
<b>HR 337</b>	<b>Maritime Lien Reform Act (included in HR 1987)</b>	Limits maritime liens on fishing permits. (Included in Coast Guard Reauthorization Act).	Don Young (R-AK)	1%
Introduced	1/13/2015		Last updated	10/15/2015
Status	Reintroduced (HR 1147, 113th)		Priority	<b>A</b>
<b>HR 393</b>	<b>Untitled (Labeling of GMO fish)</b>	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	10/15/2015
Status	Reintroduced		Priority	<b>D</b>
<b>HR 394</b>	<b>Prevention of Escapement of Genetically Altered Salmon in the United States Act</b>	Resubmittal of HR 1667, discussed in June 2013. Adds DeFazio as a co-sponsor.	Don Young (R-AK)	9%
Introduced	1/14/2015		Last updated	10/15/2015
Status	Reintroduced		Priority	<b>C</b>
<b>HR 528</b>	<b>Recreational Fishing and Hunting Heritage and Opportunities Act</b>	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	10/15/2015
Status	Reintroduced		Priority	<b>D</b>
<b>HR 564</b>	<b>Endangered Salmon and Fisheries Predation Prevention Act</b>	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	10/15/2015
Status	Reintroduced (formerly HR 1308, Hastings)		Priority	<b>A</b>

Bill No	Title	Summary or Title	Introduced by	Chance*
<b>HR 774</b>	<b>Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing Enforcement Act of 2015 (see instead S 1334)</b>	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	10/15/2015
Status	Passed House 7/27/15		Priority	<b>A</b>
<b>HR 900</b>	<b>National Monument Designation Transparency and Accountability Act (see also HR 330, S 228, S 437)</b>	Requires congressional and State approval of national monuments and restrictions on the use of national monuments.	Raul Labrador (R-ID)	15%
Introduced	2/11/2015		Last updated	10/15/2015
Status	Referred to House Natural Resources Committee		Priority	<b>C</b>
<b>HR 980</b>	<b>Vessel Incidental Discharge Act (see instead S 373)</b>	Makes vessel discharge exception permanent. See S 373 instead.	Duncan Hunter (R-CA)	5%
Introduced	2/13/2015		Last updated	10/15/2015
Status	Reported by committee 2/26/15.		Priority	<b>A</b>
<b>HR 981</b>	<b>Red Snapper Regulatory Reform Act</b>	Amends the MSA in regard to Gulf of Mexico Red Snapper management.	Bradley Byrne (R-AK)	9%
Introduced	2/13/2015		Last updated	10/15/2015
Status	Introduced		Priority	<b>F</b>
<b>HR 1060</b>	<b>Sacramento Valley Water Storage and Restoration Act of 2015</b>	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	10/15/2015
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<b>HR 1140</b>	<b>San Francisco Bay Restoration Act</b>	To amend 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	10/15/2015
Status	Introduced		Priority	<b>D</b>
<b>HR 1207</b>	<b>Healthy Fisheries Through Better Science Act (see S 1403)</b>	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	10/15/2015
Status	New		Priority	<b>B</b>
<b>HR 1276</b>	<b>Coastal State Climate Change Planning Act</b>	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)	1%
Introduced	3/4/2015		Last updated	10/15/2015
Status	Introduced		Priority	<b>C</b>
<b>HR 1277</b>	<b>Ocean Acidification Research Partnerships Act</b>	Provides for ocean acidification collaborative research grant opportunities.	Lois Capps (D-CA)	2%
Introduced	3/4/2015		Last updated	10/15/2015
Status	Introduced		Priority	<b>C</b>
<b>HR 1335</b>	<b>Strengthening Fishing Communities and Increasing Flexibility in Fisheries Management Act</b>	Amends the MSA with the purpose of providing flexibility for fishery managers and stability for fishermen.	Don Young (R-AK)	11%
Introduced	3/4/2015		Last updated	10/15/2015
Status	Passed House on 6/1/2015		Priority	<b>A</b>

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<b>HR 1668</b>	<b>Save Our Water Act</b>	To amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 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	10/15/2015
Status	Introduced		Priority	<b>A</b>
<b>HR 1826</b>	<b>Fishing Economy Improvement Act</b>	Reauthorizes the MSA.	Gregorio Sablan (Guam - Ind)	6%
Introduced	4/15/2015		Last updated	10/15/2015
Status	Introduced; superceded; "dead"		Priority	<b>A</b>
<b>HR 1869</b>	<b>Environmental Compliance Cost Transparency Act</b>	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	10/15/2015
Status	Introduced		Priority	<b>D</b>
<b>HR 1987</b>	<b>Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2015</b>	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	10/15/2015
Status	Passed House 5/18/2015		Priority	<b>C</b>
<b>HR 2040</b>	<b>Striped Bass American Heritage Act</b>	Designates the Atlantic striped bass as the National Fish of the United States.	Tom MacArthur (R-NJ)	3%
Introduced	4/28/2015		Last updated	10/15/2015
Status	Introduced		Priority	<b>D</b>
<b>HR 2106</b>	<b>Fisheries Investment and Regulatory Relief Act of 2015</b>	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	10/15/2015
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<b>HR 2168</b>	<b>West Coast Dungeness Crab Management Act (see also S 1143)</b>	Makes the current Dungeness crab fishery management regime permanent.	Jaime Herrera Beutler (D-WA)	59%
Introduced	4/30/2015		Last updated	10/15/2015
Status	Passed House 10/6/2015		Priority	<b>A</b>
<b>HR 2220</b>	<b>Marine and Hydrokinetic Renewable Energy Act</b>	To promote research, development, and demonstration of marine and hydrokinetic renewable energy technologies	Theodore Deutch (D-FL)	1%
Introduced	5/1/2015		Last updated	10/15/2015
Status	Introduced		Priority	<b>C</b>
<b>HR 2541</b>	<b>Rhode Island Fishermen's Fairness Act (see also S 1414)</b>	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	10/15/2015
Status	Introduced		Priority	<b>D</b>
<b>HR 2898</b>	<b>Western Water and American Food Security Act of 2015</b>	To provide drought relief in the State of California, and for other purposes.	David Valadeo (R-CA)	15%
Introduced	6/25/2015		Last updated	10/15/2015
Status	Passed House 7/16 (NEW)		Priority	<b>A</b>
<b>HR 2983</b>	<b>Drought Recovery and Resilience Act of 2015</b>	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	10/15/2015
Status	Introduced		Priority	<b>A</b>
<b>HR 3094</b>	<b>Gulf States Red Snapper Management Authority Act</b>	To amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act 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	10/15/2015
Status	Introduced		Priority	<b>D</b>

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<b>HR 3282</b>	<b>Protecting Honest Fishermen Act</b>	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	10/15/2015
Status	Introduced		Priority	<b>B</b>
<b>HR 3630</b>	<b>Promoting United Government Efforts to Save Our Sound Act</b>	To amend 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	10/15/2015
Status	Introduced		Priority	<b>C</b>
<b>Senate</b>				
<b>S 132</b>	<b>Oregon and California Land Grant Act</b>	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	10/15/2015
Status	Reintroduced		Priority	<b>D</b>
<b>S 133</b>	<b>Klamath Basin Water Recovery and Economic Restoration Act</b>	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	10/15/2015
Status	Reintroduced (formerly S 2727)		Priority	<b>B</b>
<b>S 176</b>	<b>Water in the 21st Century Act (W21) (see also HR 291)</b>	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	10/15/2015
Status	Reintroduced		Priority	<b>C</b>

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<b>S 190</b>	<b>Imported Seafood Safety Standards Act</b>	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	10/15/2015
Status	Introduced		Priority	<b>B</b>
<b>S 225</b>	<b>Hunting, Fishing, and Recreational Shooting Protection Act (see also S 405)</b>	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	10/15/2015
Status	Reintroduced		Priority	<b>D</b>
<b>S 228</b>	<b>National Monument Designation Transparency and Accountability Act (see also S 556, HR 900, S 437, HR 330)</b>	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	10/15/2015
Status	Referred to Senate Energy & Natural Resources		Priority	<b>C</b>
<b>S 373</b>	<b>Vessel Incidental Discharge Act (see also HR 980)</b>	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	10/15/2015
Status	Reintroduced (formerly S 3570, Rubio). Reported by committee 2/26/15		Priority	<b>A</b>

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<b>S 405</b>	<b>Bipartisan Sportsmen's Act of 2015 (see instead S 659, HR 556)</b>	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	10/15/2015
Status	Reintroduced. Formerly S 1335, Murkowski. Reported by committee 2/9		Priority	<b>D</b>
<b>S 437</b>	<b>Improved National Monument Designation Process Act (see also HR 900, S 228, HR 330)</b>	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	10/15/2015
Status	Reintroduced.		Priority	<b>C</b>
<b>S 556</b>	<b>Bipartisan Sportsmen's Act of 2015 (see also HR 225, S 405)</b>	A bill to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting, and for other purposes	Lisa Murkowski (R-AK)	23%
Introduced	2/25/2015		Last updated	10/15/2015
Status	Reintroduced (formerly S 1335, Murkowski)		Priority	<b>D</b>
<b>S 659</b>	<b>Bipartisan Sportsmen's Act of 2015</b>	A bill to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting, and for other purposes	Dan Sullivan (R-AK)	4%
Introduced	3/4/2015		Last updated	10/15/2015
Status	Introduced		Priority	<b>D</b>
<b>S 738</b>	<b>Genetically Engineered Salmon Risk Reduction Act</b>	To reduce the risks associated with genetically altered salmon in the United States	Lisa Murkowski (R-AK)	7%
Introduced	3/12/2015		Last updated	10/15/2015
Status	Introduced		Priority	<b>C</b>

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<b>S 1140</b>	<b>Federal Water Quality Protection Act</b>	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	10/15/2015
Status	Reported by committee 6/10		Priority	<b>C</b>
<b>S 1143</b>	<b>West Coast Dungeness Crab Management Act (see also HR 2168, which has passed House)</b>	Makes the authority of States of Washington, Oregon, and California to manage the Dungeness crab fishery permanent.	Maria Cantwell (D-WA)	13%
Introduced	4/30/2015		Last updated	10/15/2015
Status	Introduced		Priority	<b>A</b>
<b>S 1236</b>	<b>Hydropower Improvement Act of 2015</b>	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	10/15/2015
Status	Introduced		Priority	<b>B</b>
<b>S 1334</b>	<b>Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing Enforcement Act of 2015 (see also HR 774)</b>	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	10/15/2015
Status	Reported by committee 5/20/15		Priority	<b>A</b>
<b>S 1335</b>	<b>North Pacific Fisheries Convention Implementation Act</b>	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	10/15/2015
Status	Reported by committee 5/20/15		Priority	<b>C</b>

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<b>S 1336</b>	<b>South Pacific Fisheries Convention Implementation Act</b>	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	10/15/2015
Status	Reported by committee 5/20/15.		Priority	<b>C</b>
<b>S 1338</b>	<b>Small Hydro Act of 2015</b>	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	10/15/2015
Status	Introduced		Priority	<b>C</b>
<b>S 1403</b>	<b>Florida Fisheries Improvement Act (amended)</b>	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	10/15/2015
Status	Reported by committee 6/25/15		Priority	<b>A</b>
<b>S 1414</b>	<b>Rhode Island Fishermen's Fairness Act (see also HR 2541)</b>	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	10/15/2015
Status	Introduced		Priority	<b>D</b>
<b>S 1611</b>	<b>Coast Guard Reauthorization Act of 2015</b>	A bill to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal years 2016 and 2017 (Compare with HR 1987. Not sure if identical)	John Thune (R-SD)	36%
Introduced	6/18/2015		Last updated	10/15/2015
Status	Reported by committee 6/25		Priority	<b>A</b>
<b>S 1780</b>	<b>Restoring America's Watersheds Act</b>	A bill to amend the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to promote watershed health, and for other purposes.	Martin Heinrich (D-NM)	3%
Introduced	7/15/2015		Last updated	10/15/2015
Status	Introduced		Priority	<b>C</b>

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<b>S 1837</b>	<b>Drought Recovery and Resilience Act</b>	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	10/15/2015
Status	Introduced		Priority	<b>A</b>
<b>S 1894</b>	<b>California Emergency Drought Relief Act</b>		Dianne Feinstein (D-CA)	3%
Introduced	7/29/2015		Last updated	10/15/2015
Status	Introduced		Priority	<b>A</b>
<b>S 2095</b>	<b>Alaskan Pollock and Golden King Crab Labeling Act</b>	A bill to establish certain labeling requirements with respect to pollock and golden king crab.	Maria Cantwell (D-WA)	5%
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