

## 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>. See the attached report for a summary of other bills in the current Congress.

### Progress of Bills Discussed in November

The following bills were discussed in November:

- HR 774: Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing Enforcement Act, Bordallo. **Signed into law on December 5, 2015.** As a result, on February 10, President Obama signed the instrument allowing the U.S. to join the Port State Measures Agreement, and the U.S. formally ratified the Antigua Convention on February 24, 2016 (C.1 Attachment 2). By joining the Port State Measures Agreement, the U.S. commits to working with other nations to prevent illegally caught fish from entering into commerce worldwide by reducing the number of ports where these fishing products can be unloaded (see New York Times article, Agenda Item C.4 Attachment 4).
- HR 2168/S 1143: West Coast Dungeness Crab Management Act, Herrera-Beutler/Cantwell. S 1143 was reported by committee on November 18, 2015 but has not moved since, possibly because a hold was placed on the bill.
- Drought bills: See below.

### Progress of MSA Reauthorization

A hearing on H.R. 3269, the North Pacific Fisheries Convention Implementation Act, and S. 1336, the South Pacific Fisheries Implementation Act, took place on March 1, 2016. (See “New and noteworthy bills,” below).

On February 23, the Senate Commerce Committee held a hearing on “Magnuson-Stevens Act at 40: Successes, Challenges and the Path Forward” (<http://tinyurl.com/hspjdcr>).

### Drought Bills

In November the LC discussed three drought bills:

- S 1894: California Emergency Drought Relief Act (Diane Feinstein and Barbara Boxer)
- HR 2898: Western Water and American Food Security Act (David Valadao)
- HR 2983: Drought Recovery and Resilience Act (Jared Huffman)

None of the bills have moved forward. In January, in an effort to revive drought legislation, Diane Feinstein (D-CA) introduced a new bill:

### **S. 2533 - California Long-Term Provisions for Water Supply and Short-Term Provisions for Emergency Drought Relief Act**

Senator Patty Murray (WA) has verbally requested Council comment on this bill. The Golden Gate Salmon Association has prepared a fairly thorough analysis of the 190-page bill's impacts on anadromous fish; these concerns are echoed by the Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Associations (Agenda Item C.4, Attachment 3). Their major concerns include the following:

- The bill would weaken current federal protections for salmon under the ESA and other laws by:
  - Allowing worse flow conditions in the Delta and increased exports. (301(e)(4))
  - Locking in a 1:1 export to inflow ratio on the lower San Joaquin River for water transfers, which is less protective of salmon than current requirements. (302(b)(6))
  - Mandating that the Delta cross-channel gates be kept open "to the maximum extent practicable," thereby increasing the loss of juvenile salmon to the Delta pumps. (302(b)(1)(A))
  - Allowing higher levels of pumping during peak winter storm runoff, which is critical to moving juvenile salmon through the Delta to areas where they can survive. (303(c))
  - Mandating averaging requirements that could harm salmon. (302(b)(12))

In addition, the bill:

- Creates a new mandate to "maximize water supplies," which conflicts with existing federal law, the "coequal goals" under state law, and existing protections for salmon. (301, 302)
- Contains provisions to facilitate authorization, permitting and funding of new dam projects that could harm salmon.
- Conflicts with state law, which prohibits the expansion of Shasta Dam. A review by the USFWS concluded that raising Shasta Dam would harm salmon. (Title 1, Subtitle B, Sec. 506 and 602).
- Permanently guarantees water deliveries for junior Sacramento Valley water users. (404)
- Fails to consider impacts to fall run salmon from decision-making regarding the water operations requirements of the bill.
- Requires federal agencies to "use," and not just consider, recommendations regarding water operations developed by water districts. (301(b)(2)(C) and 305(1))
- Increases litigation risk regarding salmon protections and existing law. (Multiple sections.)
- Reduces environmental review of water transfers, including for impacts to salmon. (302(b)(9)(B)(i))

- Implements new restrictions on environmental review for undefined “emergency” water projects. (304)
- Encourages a predator removal program that is not supported by science and that scientists believe could result in unintended environmental harm. (203)
- Limits environmental review for predation projects, including the review of potential harm to salmon. (204(c))
- Converts Central Valley Project water contracts to permanent contracts, with potential impacts on salmon. (602(c)(1))
- Creates a pilot program to allow California and other states to assume the lead for NEPA review, without limiting eligible projects or eliminating projects that could harm salmon. (139)
- Includes an open-ended sunset provision, as there is no definition in state law for the end of a state drought declaration. Some damaging provisions are exempt from the sunset provision. (702)

The Golden Gate Salmon Association does note a few qualified benefits in the bill. First, it encourages investments in habitat improvements and gravel replenishment, but only for the Sacramento River and to listed species; and unlike the provisions above that would harm salmon, these investments would be subject to the uncertainty of the appropriations process (Section 201). The bill also includes provisions regarding water recycling and efficiency that could help California in future droughts, dependent on appropriations.

## Other New and Noteworthy Bills

### S 1335 (Sullivan)/HR 3269 (Young): North Pacific Fisheries Convention Implementation Act

- **S 1335 introduced by** Dan Sullivan (R-AK) on May 20, 2015. HR 3269 introduced by Don Young (R-AK) on July 28, 2015
- **Status:** S 1335 was reported by committee on May 20, 2015.
- **GovTrack chance of passage (S 1335):** 34%

S 1335 is the Senate 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. Both HR 3269 (Young) and HR 4576 (Amata) are companion bills, although HR 4576 seems to have superseded Young’s bill. Like HR 4576, S 1335 would provide for three regional fishery management Council seats on the North Pacific Fisheries Commission, including the chair of the Pacific Council, North Pacific Council, and Western Pacific Council, or their designees.

The North Pacific Fisheries Convention was signed by the United States in 2012 but has not yet been implemented. The Convention was developed to address deep sea fishing practices occurring outside areas of national jurisdiction in vulnerable marine ecosystems, and expanded to include pelagic fish stocks. The Convention establishes a cooperative regional fisheries management organization (RFMO) for the north Pacific, similar to other RFMOs in which the United States participates. The Convention area includes the high seas immediately adjacent to

the U.S. EEZ off Alaska, the Pacific west coast, Hawaii, and other U.S. territories and possessions in the North Pacific.

The Convention will address fisheries resources not covered under preexisting international fisheries management instruments in order to prevent destructive fishing practices on the high seas. Ratification by the U.S. will also ensure that future U.S. fisheries interests in the Convention are will be factored into allocation decisions. Although U.S. fishermen do not currently fish in the Convention area, implementation will ensure that they have a legitimate right to participate in fisheries in the area on an equitable basis now and in the future.

Japan was the first nation to ratify the Convention, and Canada, China, South Korea, and Russia are all actively working to conclude their domestic procedures for ratification.

For more details, see HR 4576, the “Ensuring Access to Pacific Fisheries Act,” below.

#### S 1336: South Pacific Fisheries Convention Implementation Act

- **Introduced by** Brian Schatz (D-HI) on May 13, 2015.
- **Status:** S 1336 was reported by committee on May 20, 2015.
- **GovTrack chance of passage:** 48%

This bill is the Senate companion to HR 4576 (below). The South Pacific Fisheries Convention, or the Convention on the Conservation and Management of High Seas Fisheries Resources in the South Pacific Ocean, was adopted in November 2009, but the participation of the United States has not been formalized.

The South Pacific Convention applies to the high seas of the South Pacific, covering about a fourth of the Earth’s high seas areas. Currently, the main commercial resources managed by the SPRFMO are Jack mackerel and jumbo flying squid in the Southwest Pacific and, to a much lesser degree, deep-sea species associated with seamounts in the Southeast Pacific. The Convention established the Commission of the South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organization (SPRFMO).

S 1336 would implement the Convention. The bill calls for the U.S. to be represented on the SPRFMO by three commissioners, one of whom would represent the Western Pacific Fishery Management Council.

For more details, see HR 4576, the “Ensuring Access to Pacific Fisheries Act,” below.

#### HR 4576: Ensuring Access to Pacific Fisheries Act

- **Introduced by** Aumua Amata (R-Am. Samoa) on February 12, 2016.
- **Status:** Introduced.
- **GovTrack chance of passage:** 7%

This bill would implement the Convention on the Conservation and Management of High Seas Fisheries Resources in the North Pacific Ocean, as well as the Convention on the Conservation and Management of High Seas Fishery Resources in the South Pacific Ocean.

The House Committee on Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans held a hearing on this bill on March 1. Testimony from the Dan Hull of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council and Kitty Simonds of the Western Pacific Fishery Management Council is attached (Agenda Item C.4, Attachment 5). **The Pacific Council has been invited to comment on this bill, although the deadline for comments has technically passed.**

#### HR 1321: Microbead-Free Waters Act of 2015

- **Introduced by** Frank Pallone (D-NJ) on December 2, 2015.
- **Status:** Signed into law on December 28, 2015.

This bill, which became law soon after it was introduced, prohibits the sale or distribution of cosmetics containing synthetic plastic microbeads, which have been added as abrasives to beauty and health products like exfoliating facial scrubs and toothpaste. Researchers have found that the beads pass through wastewater treatment systems at rate of up to 11 billion microbeads per day. Although the beads themselves are not considered toxic, PCBs and other harmful chemicals bind to them. After passing into waterways, these chemicals subsequently enter the marine food chain.

#### HR 4088: Promoting Offshore Wind Power Act

- **Introduced by** Bill Pascrell Jr. (D-NJ) on November 19, 2015.
- **Status:** Introduced.
- **GovTrack chance of passage:** 3%

This bill would amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for an investment tax credit related to the production of electricity from offshore wind, thereby promoting wind development off the coastlines of the U.S.

#### HR 4188: Coast Guard Authorization Act

- **Introduced by** Duncan Hunter (R-CA) on December 10, 2015.
- **Status:** Signed into law on February 8, 2016.

This bill authorizes appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal years 2016 and 2017. Among other provisions, the bill keeps the Newport helicopter facility open until January 1, 2018, and makes it more difficult to close the facility after that date. The bill also authorizes funding to help modernize the Coast Guard's older vessels and other assets. The bill does not include provisions regarding vessel incidental discharges, which were included in previous versions of the bill.

#### HR 4480: Albatross and Petrel Conservation Act

- **Introduced by** Alan Lowenthal (D-CA) on February 4, 2016.
- **Status:** Introduced
- **GovTrack chance of passage:** 7%

This bill would implement the 2004 Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels, in which the U.S. currently participates (through NOAA) as an observer only. The bill calls for Commerce, in consultation with Councils, to minimize bycatch of covered albatrosses and petrels in the fishery. Includes provisions for assessments of albatrosses and petrels, research on bycatch mitigation, etc. The bill prohibits unauthorized take and amends the High Seas Driftnet Fishing Moratorium Protection Act to include albatrosses and petrels.

HR 4582: Save our Salmon Act

- **Introduced by** Jeff Denham (R-CA) on February 23, 2016.
- **Status:** Introduced.
- **GovTrack chance of passage:** 6%

This bill would eliminate the doubling requirement established in section 3406(b)(1) of the Central Valley Project Improvement Act for striped bass, a predator to threatened and endangered salmon and steelhead. The bill's sponsor has said that he views it as a way to save money on salmon conservation.

HR 4617: (Untitled)

- **Introduced by** Suzan DelBene (D-WA) on February 25, 2016.
- **Status:** Introduced.
- **GovTrack chance of passage:** 3%

This bill amends the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to require that the Buy American purchase requirement for the school lunch program include fish harvested within United States waters.

# 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>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 8</b>	<b>North American Energy Security and Infrastructure Act of 2015</b>	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	2/29/2016
Status	Passed House 12/3/15		Priority	<b>B</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	2/9/2016
Status	Stalled		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	2/9/2016
Status	Stalled		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.	Don Young (R-AK)	1%
Introduced	1/13/2015		Last updated	2/9/2016
Status	Stalled		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	2/9/2016
Status	Stalled		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)	19%
Introduced	1/14/2015		Last updated	2/9/2016
Status	Stalled		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	2/9/2016
Status	Stalled		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	2/9/2016
Status	Stalled		Priority	<b>A</b>

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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	2/9/2016
Status	Signed into law 11/5/2015		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	2/9/2016
Status	Stalled		Priority	<b>C</b>
<b>HR 980 (see instead S 373)</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	2/9/2016
Status	Stalled		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)	6%
Introduced	2/13/2015		Last updated	2/9/2016
Status	Stalled		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	2/9/2016
Status	Stalled		Priority	<b>C</b>

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Bill No	Title	Summary or Title	Introduced by	Chance*
<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	2/9/2016
Status	Stalled		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	2/9/2016
Status	Stalled		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)	2%
Introduced	3/4/2015		Last updated	2/9/2016
Status	Stalled		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)	6%
Introduced	3/4/2015		Last updated	2/9/2016
Status	Stalled		Priority	<b>C</b>
<b>HR 1321</b>	<b>Microbead-Free Waters Act of 2015</b>	To prohibit the sale or distribution of cosmetics containing synthetic plastic microbeads.	Frank Pallone (D-NJ)	40%
Introduced	3/4/2015		Last updated	2/9/2016
Status	Signed into law on 12/28/15		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	2/9/2016
Status	Stalled		Priority	<b>A</b>

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Bill No	Title	Summary or Title	Introduced by	Chance*
<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	2/9/2016
Status	Stalled		Priority	<b>A</b>
<b>HR 1826</b>	<b>Fishing Economy Improvement Act</b>	Reauthorizes the MSA.	Gregorio Sablan (Guam - Ind)	13%
Introduced	4/15/2015		Last updated	2/9/2016
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	2/9/2016
Status	Stalled		Priority	<b>D</b>
<b>HR 1987 (See instead HR 4188)</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	2/9/2016
Status	Stalled		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	2/9/2016
Status	Stalled		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	2/9/2016
Status	Stalled		Priority	<b>A</b>

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<b>HR 2168 (see S 1143)</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)	71%
Introduced	4/30/2015		Last updated	2/9/2016
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)	2%
Introduced	5/1/2015		Last updated	2/9/2016
Status	Stalled		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	2/9/2016
Status	Stalled		Priority	<b>D</b>
<b>HR 2553</b>	<b>Coastal Communities Ocean Acidification Act</b>	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.	Chellie Pingree (D-ME)	3%
Introduced	5/21/2015		Last updated	2/9/2016
Status	Stalled		Priority	<b>D</b>
<b>HR 2717</b>	<b>Federal Ocean Acidification Research and Monitoring Act of 2015</b>	To modify the Federal Ocean Acidification Research and Monitoring Act of 2009.	Sam Farr (D-CA)	6%
Introduced	6/10/2015		Last updated	2/9/2016
Status	Stalled		Priority	<b>C</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	2/9/2016
Status	Stalled		Priority	<b>A</b>

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Bill No	Title	Summary or Title	Introduced by	Chance*
<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	2/9/2016
Status	Stalled		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	2/9/2016
Status	Stalled		Priority	<b>D</b>
<b>HR 3269</b>	<b>North Pacific Fisheries Convention Implementation Act</b>	To implement 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	3/17/2016
Status	Moving up		Priority	<b>A</b>
<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	7/29/2015		Last updated	2/9/2016
Status	Stalled		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	2/9/2016
Status	Stalled		Priority	<b>C</b>
<b>HR 3806</b>	<b>Alaskan Pollock and Golden King Crab Labeling Act</b>	To establish certain requirements with respect to pollock and golden king crab.	Jaime Herrera-Beutler (R-WA)	5%
Introduced	10/22/2015		Last updated	2/9/2016
Status	Relatively new		Priority	<b>C</b>

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Bill No	Title	Summary or Title	Introduced by	Chance*
<b>HR 3927</b>	<b>West Coast Ocean Protection Act of 2015</b>	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.	Jared Huffman (D-CA)	7%
Introduced	11/4/2015		Last updated	2/9/2016
Status	Relatively new		Priority	<b>B</b>
<b>HR 4088</b>	<b>Promoting Offshore Wind Power Act</b>	To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for an investment tax credit related to the production of electricity from offshore wind.	Bill Pascrell Jr (D-NJ)	3%
Introduced	11/19/2015		Last updated	2/9/2016
Status	Relatively new		Priority	<b>C</b>
<b>HR 4188</b>	<b>Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2016</b>	To authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal years 2016 and 2017	Duncan Hunter (R-CA)	22%
Introduced	12/10/2015		Last updated	2/9/2016
Status	Signed into law		Priority	<b>C</b>
<b>HR 4480</b>	<b>Albatross and Petrel Conservation Act</b>	To implement the Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels, and for other purposes	Alan Lowenthal (D-CA)	2%
Introduced	2/4/2016		Last updated	2/29/2016
Status	Relatively new		Priority	<b>C</b>
<b>HR 4576</b>	<b>Ensuring Access to Pacific Fisheries Act</b>	To implement 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	2/29/2016
Status	Introduced; hearings held		Priority	<b>A</b>
<b>HR 4582</b>	<b>Save our Salmon Act</b>	To exclude 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	2/29/2016
Status	Relatively new		Priority	<b>A</b>

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<b>HR 4617</b>	<b>Untitled</b>	To amend the Richard B. Russell 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)	3%
Introduced	2/25/2016		Last updated	2/29/2016
Status	Relatively new		Priority	<b>B</b>

## Senate

<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	2/9/2016
Status	Stalled		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	2/9/2016
Status	Stalled		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	2/9/2016
Status	Stalled		Priority	<b>C</b>

<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	2/9/2016
Status	Stalled		Priority	<b>B</b>

Bill No	Title	Summary or Title	Introduced by	Chance*
<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	2/9/2016
Status	Stalled		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	2/9/2016
Status	Stalled		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	2/9/2016
Status	Stalled		Priority	<b>A</b>
<b>S 405 (see instead S 659)</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	2/9/2016
Status	Stalled		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	2/9/2016
Status	Stalled		Priority	<b>C</b>

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<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)	37%
Introduced	2/25/2015		Last updated	2/9/2016
Status	Stalled		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)	21%
Introduced	3/4/2015		Last updated	2/9/2016
Status	Reported by committee 1/20/16		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	2/9/2016
Status	Stalled		Priority	<b>C</b>
<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	2/9/2016
Status	Stalled		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)	48%
Introduced	4/30/2015		Last updated	2/9/2016
Status	Reported by committee 11/18/15		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	2/9/2016
Status	Stalled		Priority	<b>B</b>

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<b>S 1334</b> <b>(Companion bill signed)</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	2/9/2016
Status	Companion bill signed into law		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	2/9/2016
Status	Hearings recently held		Priority	<b>A</b>
<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	2/9/2016
Status	Hearings recently held		Priority	<b>B</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	2/9/2016
Status	Stalled		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	2/9/2016
Status	Stalled		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	2/9/2016
Status	Stalled		Priority	<b>D</b>

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<b>S 1611</b>	<b>Coast Guard Reauthorization Act of 2015 (see instead HR 4188)</b>	A bill to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal years 2016 and 2017.	John Thune (R-SD)	36%
Introduced	6/18/2015		Last updated	2/9/2016
Status	Stalled		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	2/9/2016
Status	Stalled		Priority	<b>C</b>
<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	2/9/2016
Status	Stalled		Priority	<b>A</b>
<b>S 1886</b>	<b>Coordinated Ocean Monitoring and Research Act</b>	A bill to reauthorize the Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System Act of 2009	Roger Wicker (R-MS)	25%
Introduced	7/29/2015		Last updated	2/9/2016
Status	Reported by committee 12/9/15		Priority	<b>C</b>
<b>S 1894</b>	<b>California Emergency Drought Relief Act</b>	A bill to provide short-term water supplies to drought-stricken California.	Dianne Feinstein (D-CA)	3%
Introduced	7/29/2015		Last updated	2/9/2016
Status	Stalled		Priority	<b>A</b>
<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	2/9/2016
Status	Stalled		Priority	<b>D</b>

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