

STAFF SUMMARY OF FEDERAL LEGISLATION IN THE 116TH U.S. CONGRESS

A summary of recent Federal legislation is provided below (see table below for full summary). 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>. Percentages in parentheses refer to “chance of passage” as determined by Govtrack.us.

Bill status is up to date as of February 10, 2020. Two bills been signed into law since the November Council meeting. The Council has not received any new requests for comment.

Bills that have not moved forward since November are listed in the table at the end of this report.

Signed into Law

Columbia River In-Lieu and Treaty Fishing Access Sites Improvement Act (S. 50/HR 91)

- Introduced by Jeff Merkley/Earl Blumenauer (D-OR).
- S. 50 was signed by the President on December 20, 2019.

The development of the Columbia River Power System resulted in the destruction of many native fishing sites and villages. For thousands of years, numerous tribes based their entire livelihood and culture around the Columbia River, living on its shores and eating and trading the salmon from its waters. The dams, constructed beginning in the 1930s, deeply and severely impacted this heritage, flooding tribal homes and traditional fishing sites, and inhibiting tribal members’ ability to exercise treaty rights to fish in their usual and accustomed places. The tribes and their citizens have never been fully compensated for these losses.

In a series of agreements and laws starting in 1939, the Federal government acquired and developed small parcels of land to serve as “in-lieu” and Treaty Fishing Access Sites, providing members of the four Columbia River Treaty tribes – the Nez Perce, Umatilla, Warm Springs, and the Yakama Nation – access to exercise their rights to fish in the Columbia and reside at their traditional fishing places and stations. Finally completed in 2011, a total of 31 sites have been developed along the banks of the river, to be used primarily for in-season fishing and some temporary camping. However, many tribal members now use these areas as permanent residences. These sites were not designed for and cannot sustainably accommodate this intense use.

This Act aims to improve conditions at these sites in the short term, calling for the Bureau of Indian Affairs to conduct a much-needed assessment of current safety and sanitation conditions at the sites, identifying areas of high use and opportunities for improvement in coordination with the affected tribes. Next, the bill directs the Bureau to work on improving sanitation and safety conditions in several key areas such as structural improvements, safety improvements, electrical infrastructure, and basic sewer and septic infrastructure.

In the longer term, Senator Merkley and Representative Blumenauer are working with the Tribes, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and colleagues in the Senate and House on legislation and funding to build permanent housing to replace what was flooded by the

construction of the dams, honoring the Tribes' treaty rights and providing compensation that has long been denied. (*Summarized from Congressional statements*).

Maritime Security and Fisheries Enforcement Act (S. 1269)

- Introduced by Roger Wicker (R-MS).
- Incorporated into the National Defense Authorization Act, which was signed by the President on December 20, 2019.

This bipartisan Act promotes a whole-of-government strategy to combat illegal, unreported, and unregulated (IUU) fishing. The Act gives Federal agencies greater tools to protect maritime security, lawful fishing, and the global seafood supply chain. It establishes an interagency working group to provide Federal agencies with a coordinated framework to effectively combat IUU fishing and authorizes a range of agency activities, including building capacity for law enforcement and port security, improving transparency and traceability in the seafood supply chain, promoting the use of technology to combat IUU fishing, and encouraging better information sharing among agencies and other organizations. (*Summarized from Congressional statements*).

New Bills

Fishery Failures: Urgently Needed Disaster Declarations Act (HR 5548/S. 2346)

- HR 5548 introduced by Jared Huffman (D-CA) on January 7, 2020. Committee hearing held January 14, 2020. (3%)
- S. 2346 introduced by Roger Wicker (R-MS) on July 30, 2019. (16%)

HR 5548 is a companion bill to S. 2346, which the Council commented on in September 2019. In general, the gist and timelines of the bills are the same, but the Huffman version adds two unrelated provisions:

- Requires a report, within one year, by the Comptroller General examining efforts by the regional fishery management councils, Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASFMC), and National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) to prepare and adapt to climate change. The report would include current and previous such efforts; an examination of any guidance issued by the Councils and NMFS, and whether and how it was used; identification and recommendations for how best to address relevant knowledge gaps to increase the Councils', ASFMC's, and NMFS' ability to adapt fishery management for the impacts of climate change; recommendations on how these agencies can better adapt management and prepare fishing industries and communities for the impacts of climate change; and recommendations for how to enhance NMFS' capacity to monitor climate change-related changes to fisheries and marine ecosystems, improve forecasts, communicate scientific advice, and better manage fisheries, etc.
- Adds new requirements to the Biennial Report on International Compliance in section 607 of the High Seas Driftnet Fishing Moratorium Protection Act. Requires the report to describe actions taken to carry out the provisions of section 206 of the Magnuson-Stevens Act (MSA), including a list and description of any new fisheries that conduct large-scale driftnet fishing beyond the exclusive economic zones (and more).

In addition, the bill...

- removes Wicker references to aquaculture operations as a recipient of disaster relief
- removes the Wicker text, “A fishery subject to overfishing in any of the 3 years preceding the date of a determination under this section is not eligible for a determination of whether a fishery resource disaster has occurred unless the Secretary determines that overfishing was not a contributing factor to the fishery resource disaster.”
- clarifies that reductions in fishing opportunities as a result of conservation actions taken under the MSA to not qualify as fishery disasters
- adds tsunamis, harmful algal blooms, hypoxic zones, and marine heatwaves as causes of resource disasters
- adds lost resource tax revenues and revenue loss by processors as information that must be included in requests for disaster relief, if applicable
- allows the Secretary to provide assistance to requesters, as well as regional contacts to facilitate disbursement of funds, etc.
- adds examples of fishery and fishery infrastructure businesses
- requires the Secretary to consider loss of revenue to charter fishing businesses and loss of tribal ceremonial fishing opportunity in making decisions about disaster declarations
- allows disaster relief funds to be used for capacity reduction, to offset budgetary costs to refinance Federal fishing capacity reduction loans, to repay the principle of a Federal fishing capacity reduction loan, for incentives to encourage commercial fishermen to return to the fishery once it has recovered from a disaster, and for hatcheries and stock enhancement to rebuild affected stocks or offset pressure on affected stocks
- clarifies the definition of “anthropogenic causes” for fishery disaster scenarios
- removes the Wicker definition of fishing community.

Blue Carbon for Our Planet Act (HR 5589)

- Introduced by Suzanne Bonamici (D-OR) on January 13, 2020. (3%)

This legislation is designed to capture the power of oceans and estuaries to protect “coastal blue carbon” ecosystems such as mangroves, tidal marshes, seagrasses and kelp forests. Such ecosystems can remove carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and store it for centuries in stems, branches, leaves, roots and soils. According to the High-Level Panel for a Sustainable Ocean Economy, the protection and restoration of blue carbon ecosystems could prevent approximately one gigaton of carbon dioxide from entering the atmosphere by 2050. They are also key to healthy fisheries.

The Blue Carbon for Our Planet Act would create a national map of coastal blue carbon ecosystems and their sequestration potential, study the effects of environmental stressors on rates of carbon sequestration, improve protections for existing coastal blue carbon ecosystems and restore degraded ecosystems. It would also establish an Interagency Working Group on Coastal Blue Carbon.

Property Rights Protection Act (HR 5601)

- Introduced by Ralph Norman Jr. (R-SC) on January 14, 2020. (3%)

This bill would prohibit a critical habitat designation by the government unless either the landowner consents, or the Secretary of the Interior certifies that a species is in danger of extinction without such a designation. In this case, the government would purchase that land at 150% of its fair market value.

Passed Senate

America's Conservation Enhancement (ACE) Act (HR 925)

- Introduced by Mike Thompson (D-CA) on January 30, 2019. Passed the House on November 20, 2019; passed the Senate with changes on January 9, 2020. (Awaiting House vote). (65%)

This bipartisan legislation would reauthorize or establish several important government wildlife conservation programs. Among other wildlife-related provisions, the bill reauthorizes the North American Wetlands Conservation Act, reauthorizes the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Act, authorizes funds to combat the threat of invasive species, and encourages partnerships among public agencies and other interested parties for promoting fish conservation. The bill establishes a National Fish Habitat Board to establish national goals for fish habitat conservation, recommend partnership entities, and make recommendations regarding fish habitat projects. (One member would be a representative of the regional fishery management councils). The bill authorizes \$7.2 million for each year from 2021 through 2025 for habitat conservation projects, as well as funds for U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and other Federal agencies to provide technical assistance for these projects.

Passed House

Coastal and Great Lakes Communities Enhancement Act (HR 729)

- Introduced by Derek Kilmer (D-WA) on January 23, 2019 and reported by committee on September 25. Passed the House on December 10, 2019. (21%)

Formerly the Tribal Coastal Resiliency Act. Amends the Coastal Zone Management Act to authorize grants to tribes for use in achieving tribal coastal zone objectives.

Shark Fin Sales Elimination Act (HR 737/S. 877)

- HR 737, introduced by Gregorio Sablan (D-CNMI), passed the House on November 20, 2019. This bill has 287 bipartisan cosponsors. (74%)
- S. 877 introduced by Corey Booker (D-NJ) and reported by committee on December 20, 2019. (50%)

It has been illegal to de-fin a shark in U.S. waters since 2012, and 12 states have banned the sale of shark fins within their borders, but the sale of shark fins isn't illegal on a Federal level. This bill bans the selling or buying of shark fins nationwide, with a fine of up to \$100,000 (the maximum fine allowed under the MSA.) The bill would permit sharks to be caught for either subsistence purposes or for scientific research. The bill has attracted 215 bipartisan House cosponsors: 159 Democrats and 56 Republicans. It awaits a potential vote in the House Natural Resources Committee. While that's one of the highest cosponsors of any bill in this Congress, the previous version introduced last Congress attained 262 bipartisan House cosponsors but failed to receive a vote. (Summary courtesy of GovTrack.us)

San Francisco Bay Restoration Act (HR 1132)

- Introduced by Jackie Speier (D-CA) in February 2019. Reported by committee Sept. 2019. Passed the House on February 5, 2020. (n/a)

This bill Amends the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to establish a grant program to help revive the Bay Area's wetlands, improve water quality, and protect coastal communities from the damaging effects of sea level rise.

Promoting United Government Efforts to Save Our Sound (PUGETS) Act (HR 2247)

- Introduced by Denny Heck (D-WA) in April 2019. Reported by committee Sept. 2019. Passed House February 5, 2020. (n/a)

Amends the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to support programs and activities to protect the water quality of Puget Sound.

Fish "SAFE" Act (HR 4719/S. 1410)

- Introduced by Jared Golden (D-ME) and Ed Markey (D-MA) on May 5/October 17. HR 4719 passed the House on December 17, 2019. (48%)

This bill reauthorizes and expands the Department of Health and Human Services fishing safety training and research grant programs and increases the Federal share of costs for activities under these programs.

Save Our Seas 2.0 Act (S. 2372 and S. 1982)

- S. 2372 was introduced by Robert Menendez (D-NJ) (with Dan Sullivan and Sheldon Whitehouse) on July 31 and was reported by committee on September 25, 2019. (3%)
- S. 1982 was introduced by Dan Sullivan (R-AK) on June 26, 2019 and passed the Senate unanimously on January 9, 2020. (79%)

A bill to enhance global engagement to combat marine debris, particularly plastics. The bill creates a Federal marine debris foundation, establish a "genius prize" to encourage the development of solutions to address plastics pollution, and launches a number of Federal studies into marine debris.

Reported by Committee

Driftnet Modernization and Bycatch Reduction Act (HR 1979/S. 906)

- HR 1979 was introduced by Ted Lieu (D-CA) on March 28, 2019. (3%)
- S. 906 was introduced by Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) on March 27, 2019 and was reported by committee on December 5, 2019. (18%).

Extends California state regulations regarding driftnets to all Federal waters within five years. Authorizes NOAA to help fishermen transition.

Digital Coast Act (HR 2189/S. 1069)

- S. 1069 introduced by Tammy Baldwin (D-WI) on April 9; reported by committee November 13, 2019. (38%)
- HR 2189 introduced by A. Dutch Ruppersberger (D-MD) on April 9 and reported by committee on November 26, 2019. (3%)

Requires Commerce (NOAA) to establish a constituent-driven program to provide a digital information platform capable of efficiently integrating coastal data with decision-support tools, training, and best practices and to support collection of priority coastal geospatial data to inform and improve local, State, regional, and Federal capacities to manage the coastal region.

Northwest California Wilderness, Recreation, and Working Forests Act (HR 2250)

- Introduced by Jared Huffman (D-CA) in April 2019. Reported by committee Nov. 20, 2019 and Feb. 4, 2020.

Provides for restoration, economic development, recreation, and conservation on Federal lands in Northern California. (16%)

Recovering America's Wildlife Act (HR 3742)

- Introduced by Debbie Dingell (D-MI) on July 12, 2019. Reported by committee on December 5, 2019. (15%)

Amends the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act to make supplemental funds available for management of fish and wildlife species of greatest conservation need as determined by State fish and wildlife agencies.

Coordinated Ocean Observations and Research Act (S. 914)

- Introduced by Roger Wicker (R-MS) in March 2019. Reported by committee on April 3, 2019. (38%)

Reauthorizes the Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System Act to clarify NOAA's authority with respect to post-storm assessments, and to require the establishment of a National Water Center.

BILLS THAT HAVE NOT MOVED SINCE NOVEMBER.

Unless otherwise noted, the chance of passage (according to GovTrack.org) is 3% or less as of January 30, 2020.

	HR 548	FISH Act	Calvert (R-CA)	Introduced Jan. 15, 2019	Amends the ESA so that Interior manages anadromous fish.
	HR 1218/S 494	American Fisheries Advisory Committee Act	Young and Sullivan (R-AK)	Both bills reported by committee in 2019.	Establishes the American Fisheries Advisory Committee to assist in the awarding of fisheries research and development grants.
	S 2166	Regional Ocean Partnership Act	Wicker (R-MS)	Reported by committee 7/24/19.	Redesignates NOAA's Regional Ocean Partnerships.
	HR 3140	Commercial Fishing Industry Vessel Clarification Act	Pappas (D-NH)	Introduced 6/5/19.	Recodifies a portion of U.S. code for commercial fishing vessels, to simplify the code and make compliance easier. Included as an amendment in the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2019 (HR 3409).
Admin	S 92	Regulations from the Executive in Need of Scrutiny Act	Paul (R-KY)	Introduced 1/10/19. Not moving.	Amends U.S. code to provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law.
	S 395	Providing Accountability Through Transparency Act	Lankford (R-OK)	Passed Senate June 11, 2019.	Requires each agency, in providing notice of a rule making, to include a link to a 100-word plain language summary of the proposed rule.
	HR 4829	Remote Seafood Employee Meals Tax Parity Act	DeBene (D-WA)	Introduced 10/23/19	Amends the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that the 50 percent limitation on the deduction for meal expenses does not apply to meals provided on certain fishing boats or at certain fish processing facilities.
Algal blooms	HR 414	Protecting Local Communities from Harmful Algal Blooms Act	Rooney (R-FL)	Introduced 1/9/19. Not moving.	Includes algal bloom in the definition of a "major disaster."
Aquaculture	S 2467	Keep Fin Fish Free Act	Young (R-AK)	Introduced 5/1/19.	Prohibits Interior and Commerce from authorizing commercial finfish aquaculture operations in the EEZ

					except in accordance with a law authorizing such action.
Business	HR 2658	Commercial Fishing and Seafood Business Act	Wittman (R-VA)	Introduced 5/9/19.	Amends the Department of Defense Appropriations Act to provide for the inclusion of certain workers in the exemption from numerical limitations on H-2B workers.
	HR 629	Maritime Lien Reform Act	Young (R-AK)	Introduced 1/16/19. Not moving.	Prohibits liens on fishing permits and vessels.
	S 1291	Fishing Equipment Tax Relief Act	Rubio (R-FL)	Introduced 5/2/19.	Provides a reduced tax rate for portable, electronically aerated bait containers.
	HR 3319	Paperwork Reduction for Farmers and H-2A Modernization Act	Kelley (R-MS)	Introduced 6/18/19.	To streamline the application process for H-2A employers.
	HR 330	Climate Solutions Act	Lieu (D-CA)	Introduced 2/13/19. Not moving.	Creates a national renewable energy standard and a national energy efficiency standard.
Climate change/ocean acidification	HR 988	National Estuaries and Acidification Research Act of 2019	Posey (R-FL)	Introduced 2/6/19. Reported by committee 5/1, passed House 6/6/19.	Directs the Ocean Studies Board to examine impacts of ocean acidification and other stressors in marine environments.
	HR 1317	Coastal Communities Adaptation Act	Rouda (D-CA)	Introduced 2/22/19. Not moving.	Aims to improve the resilience of the built and natural environment to natural disasters and climate change using, among other measures, natural and nature-based features.
	HR 1716/S 778	Coastal Communities Ocean Acidification Act	Murkowski (R-AK)/Chellie Pingree (D-ME)	HR 1716 passed House 6/5/19.	Directs Commerce (NOAA) to conduct coastal community vulnerability assessments related to ocean acidification.
	HR 1921	Ocean Acidification Innovation Act	Kilmer (D-WA)	Introduced 3/27/19. Passed House 6/5/19.	Establishes prize competitions for innovation or adaptation management development relating to ocean acidification.

	HR 2349	Climate Change Education Act	Dingell (D-MI)	Introduced 4/22/19.	Authorizes NOAA to establish a Climate Change Education Program.
	HR 2448	Ocean Acidification Research Partnerships Act	Carbajal (D-CA)	Introduced 5/1/19.	Supports collaborate research on ocean acidification.
	HR 2748/S 1482	Safeguarding America's Future and Environment Act	Whitehouse (D-RI)/ Cartwright (D-PA)	Introduced 5/5/19.	To establish an integrated national approach to respond to ongoing and expected effects of extreme weather and climate change by protecting, managing, and conserving the fish, wildlife, and plants of the United States, and to maximize Government efficiency and reduce costs, in cooperation with State, local, and Tribal governments and other entities.
Climate change/ocean acidification	HR 3115/S 1730	Living Shorelines Act	Pallone (D-NJ)/Harris (D-CA)	Both introduced 6/5/19. HR 3115 reported by committee 9/25/19.	Directs NOAA to make grants for purposes of carrying out climate-resilient living shoreline projects that protect coastal communities by supporting ecosystem functions and habitats with the use of natural materials.
	HR 1237	COAST Research Act	Bonamici (D-OR)	Passed House 6/5/19.	Amends the Federal Ocean Acidification Research and Monitoring Act of 2009 to establish an Ocean Acidification Advisory Board, to expand and improve the research on Ocean Acidification and Coastal Acidification, to establish and maintain a data archive system for Ocean Acidification data and Coastal Acidification data.
	HR 3541	Coastal State Climate Preparedness Act	Carbajal (D-CA)	Introduced 6/27/19. Reported by committee 9/25/19.	Amends the Coastal Zone Management Act to require the Secretary of Commerce to establish a coastal climate change adaptation preparedness and response program.

	HR 4679	Climate-Ready Fisheries Act	Cunningham (D-SC)	Introduced 10/15/19	Requires the U.S. Comptroller General to submit a report to Congress examining efforts by the Regional Fishery Management Councils, the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, and NMFS to prepare and adapt United States fishery management for the impacts of climate change.
Coast Guard	HR 3409	Coast Guard Authorization Act	deFazio (D-OR)	Introduced 6/19/19. Passed House 7/24/19.	This bipartisan legislation authorizes appropriations for the Coast Guard for FY 2020-2021. See the November 2019 staff summary for details.
Communities	HR 3596	Keep America's Waterfronts Working Act	Pingree (D-ME)	Introduced 6/28/19. Reported by committee 9/25/19.	Amends the Coastal Zone Management Act to establish a Working Waterfront Task Force and a working waterfront grant program.
Desalination	HR 3723	Desalination Development Act	Levin (D-CA)	Introduced 7/11/19.	Promotes desalination project development.
Disaster relief	S 1984/HR 3514	Unnamed	Wyden (D-OR)/Moulton (D-MA)	Introduced 6/26/19.	Amends the MSA to provide fisheries disaster relief for commercial fishery failures that are due to certain duties (tariffs).
	HR 279	California Clean Coast Act	Carbajal (D-CA)	Introduced 1/8/19. Not moving.	Permanently prohibits oil and gas leasing off the coast of the State of California.
	HR 309	Stop Arctic Ocean Drilling Act of 2019	Huffman (D-CA)	Introduced 1/8/19. Not moving.	Prohibits drilling in the Arctic Ocean.
Energy	HR 310/S 1318	West Coast Ocean Protection Act	Huffman, Feinstein (D-CA)	Introduced 1/8/19, 5/2/19. Not moving.	Prohibits offshore drilling off the west coast.
	HR 992	Southwestern Oregon Watershed and Salmon Protection Act	deFazio (D-OR)	Introduced 2/6/19. Not moving.	Withdraws certain land located in Curry County and Josephine County from mining and geothermal leasing activity.

	HR 2352	Marine Oil Spill Prevention Act	Wasserman Schultz (D-FL)	Introduced 4/22/19.	Aims to improve the ability of NOAA, the Coast Guard, and coastal states to sustain healthy ocean and coastal ecosystems by maintaining and sustaining their capabilities relating to oil spill preparedness, prevention, and response.
	HR 3203/S 1821	Marine Energy Research and Development Act	Deutsch (D-FL)/Wyden (D-OR)	Introduced June 2019. S 1821 reported by committee on 9/25/19.	To provide research, development, and deployment of marine energy, and for other purposes.
	HR 1146	Arctic Cultural and Coastal Plain Protection Act	Huffman (D-CA)	Introduced 2/11/19. Passed House 9/12/19.	Repeals the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge oil and gas program.
Energy	HR 1941	Coastal and Marine Economies Protection Act	Cunningham (D-SC)	Introduced 3/28/19; passed House 9/11/19.	Amends the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to prohibit the Secretary of the Interior including in any leasing program certain planning areas.
	HR 30	Saving America's Endangered Species Act (SAVES Act)	Gohmert (R-TX)	Introduced 1/3/19. Not moving.	Amends the ESA to provide that nonnative species are not treated as threatened or endangered species under the Act.
	S 502	State, Tribal, and Local Species Transparency and Recovery Act	Enzi (R-WY)	Introduced 2/14/19. Not moving.	Amends the ESA to require disclosure to states of the basis of determinations under such Act, to ensure use of information provided by State, Tribal, and county governments in decision-making under such Act.
ESA	S 496/HR 1240	Young Fishermen's Development Act	Sullivan (R-AK), Young (R-AK)	Introduced 2/14/19. S 496 reported by committee 7/24/19.	Aims to preserve fishing heritage through a national program dedicated to training and assisting the next generation of commercial fishermen. (16%)
	HR 548	FISH Act	Calvert (R-CA)	Introduced 1/15/19. Not moving.	Amends the ESA to vest in the Secretary of the Interior certain functions with respect to anadromous fish. The Council commented on this in the past.

Forage fish	HR 2236	Forage Fish Conservation Act	Dingell (D-MI)	Introduced 4/10/19.	Defines forage fish; makes changes to MSA; requires SSC to make recommendations about providing sufficient abundance of forage fish to support their role in marine ecosystems; ACLs must take forage needs into account.
	S 282	Genetically Engineered Salmon Labeling Act	Murkowski (R-AK), Young (R-AK)	Introduced 1/30/19. Not moving.	Amends the market name of genetically altered salmon in the U.S.
GMO salmon	HR 1104	Untitled	Young (R-AK)	Introduced 2/9/19. Not moving.	Amends the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to require labeling of GMO fish.
	HR 1105	Prevention of Escapement of Genetically Altered Salmon in the United States Act	Young (R-AK)	Introduced 2/7/19. Not moving.	To prevent the escapement of GMO salmon.
	HR 1747/S 754	National Fish Habitat Conservation through Partnerships Act	Wittman (R-VA)/Crapo (R-ID)	Both bills introduced in March 2019. HR 1747 reported by committee Sept. 25, 2019.	Encourages partnerships among public agencies and other interested persons to promote fish conservation.
	S 261	North American Wetlands Conservation Extension Act	Heinrich (D-NM)	Introduced 1/29/19. Not moving.	Extends the authorization of appropriations for allocation to carry out approved wetlands conservation projects under the North American Wetlands Conservation Act through fiscal year 2024.
Habitat	S 827	Northern Rockies Ecosystem Protection Act	Whitehouse (D-RI)	Introduced 3/14/19. Not moving.	Designates certain National Forest System and state land as wilderness, and establishes wild and scenic rivers, wildland recovery areas, and biological connecting corridors.
	HR 1225	Restore Our Parks and Public Lands Act	Bishop (R-UT)	Introduced 2/14/19. Reported by committee 6/26. 319 bipartisan cosponsors.	Establishes a National Park Service and Public Lands Legacy Restoration Fund to address the maintenance backlog of the National Park Service, Fish and Wildlife Service, BLM, and Bureau of Indian Education.

	HR 4723	Fish Act	Huffman (D-CA)	Introduced 10/17/19.	Requires the identification of salmon conservation areas, and for other purposes.
	HR 1132	San Francisco Bay Restoration Act	Speier (D-CA)	Introduced 2/8/19; reported by committee 9/19/19. Passed House Feb. 5, 2020.	Amends the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to establish a grant program to help revive the Bay Area's wetlands, improve water quality, and protect coastal communities from the damaging effects of sea level rise.
	HR 2247	Promoting United Government Efforts to Save our Sound (PUGETSS) Act	Heck (D-WA)	Introduced 4/10/19; reported by committee 9/19/19. Passed House Feb. 5, 2020.	Amends the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to provide assistance for programs and activities to protect the water quality of Puget Sound.
IUU fisheries	HR 864	Wildlife Conservation and Anti-Trafficking Act	Garamendi (D-CA)	Introduced 1/30/19. Not moving.	Fines from IUU fisheries enforcement must be used for fisheries enforcement.
MSA Reauthorization	HR 3697	Strengthening Fishing Communities and Increasing Flexibility in Fisheries Management Act	Young (R-AK)	Introduced 7/11/19.	To amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to provide flexibility for fishery managers and stability for fishermen (same as HR 200)
National monuments	HR 1664	National Monument Creation and Protection Act	Bishop (R-UT)	Introduced 3/11/19. Not moving.	Limits size and location of national monuments.
NEPA	HR 363	REBUILD Act	Calvert (R-CA)	Introduced 1/9/19. Not moving.	Amends NEPA to allow states to take over Federal environmental review responsibilities.
Recreational fishing	HR 4828	Sport Fish Restoration and Recreational Boating Safety Act	Cunningham (D-SC)	Introduced 10/23/19	Amends the Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act with respect to sport fish restoration and recreational boating safety. (5%)
Reefs/corals	S 1375	Reef Safe Act	Merkley (D-OR)	Introduced 5/8/19.	Requires the Commissioner of Food and Drugs to develop standards for a "reef safe" label for sunscreen.

	HR 1834	Defending Our National Marine Sanctuaries from Damaging Chemicals Act	Rooney (R-FL)	Introduced 3/18/19.	Directs Commerce to issue regulations prohibiting the use of sunscreen containing oxybenzone or octinoxate in a National Marine Sanctuary in which coral is present.
Refuges	S 1899/HR 3370	Refuge System Protection Act	Cardin (D-MD)/Thompson (D-CA)	Introduced 6/19/19.	Authorizes USFWS to seek compensation for injuries to trust resources and to use funds received as that compensation to restore, replace, or acquire equivalent resources.
Science	HR 1709/S 775	Scientific Integrity Act	Tonko (D-NY)/Schatz (D-HI)	Introduced 10/13/19. HR 1709 reported by committee 10/17/19.	Amends the America COMPETES Act to establish scientific integrity policies for Federal agencies that fund, conduct, or oversee scientific research.
	HR 2405/S 910	National Sea Grant College Program Amendments Act	Huffman (D-CA)/Wicker (R-MS)	Both bills introduced in spring 2019 and both reported by committee.	Reauthorizes and amends the National Sea Grant College Program Act.
Science	S 933	BLUE GLOBE Act (monitoring)	Whitehouse (D-RI)	Introduced 3/28/19.	Aims to improve data collection and monitoring of the Great Lakes, oceans, bays, estuaries, and coasts.
	HR 1314	Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System Amendments Act	Young (R-AK)	Introduced 3/19/19; reported by committee 9/18/19	Reauthorizes the Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System Act.
Seabirds	HR 1305	Albatross and Petrel Conservation Act	Lowenthal (D-CA)	Introduced 2/15/19. Hearing held 3/26/19, reported by committee 6/19/19.	Implements the Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels.
	HR 614	Shark Sales Elimination Act	Lieu (D-CA)	Introduced 1/16/19. Not moving.	Prohibits the sale of any shark part, possibly including Pacific dogfish.
Sharks	S 1008/HR 788	Sustainable Shark Fisheries and Trade Act	Rubio (R-FL), Webster (R-FL)	S 1008 reported by committee.	Amends the High Seas Driftnet Fishing Moratorium Protection Act to improve the conservation of sharks, prohibit importation of shark parts.

Water rights	HR 579	Water Rights Protection Act	Tipton (R-CO)	Introduced 1/15/19. Not moving.	Prohibits the conditioning of any permit, lease, or other use agreement on the transfer of any water right to the United States by the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture.
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IUU fisheries	S 1269	Maritime Security and Fisheries Enforcement Act	Wicker (R-MS)	Signed into law December 20, 2019 as part of National Defense Authorization Act	Combats IUU fisheries (see details in text)
Salmon habitat, public lands	S 47	John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act	Murkowski (R-AK)	Signed into law.	Relates to a variety of specific land conveyances and exchanges, public land and National Forest management, wilderness designations and withdrawals, and other matters. (Signed into law)
	S 82/ HR 993/ HR 1056	Frank and Jeanne Moore Wild Steelhead Special Management Area Designation Act	Wyden (D-OR)	Signed into law as part of S 47.	
	S 268/ HR 872	WILD Act	Barrasso (R-WY), Lowenthal (D-CA)	Signed into law as part of S 47.	Reauthorizes the Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program and other funds, establishes prize competitions relating to the prevention of wildlife poaching and trafficking, management of invasive species, etc.; amends the Marine Turtle Conservation Act to modify the protections provided by that Act.
Tribes	S 50/HR 91	Columbia River In-Lieu and Treaty Fishing Access Sites Improvement Act	Merkley/ Blumenauer (D-OR)	Signed into law December 20, 2019	Begins the process of improving tribal in-lieu fishing sites in the Columbia Basin (see details in text)

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