

STAFF SUMMARY OF FEDERAL LEGISLATION IN THE 116TH AND 117TH U.S. CONGRESS

A summary of recent Federal legislation is provided below. Bill status is up to date as of February 8, 2021.

The full text of these bills can be found at the Library of Congress website (<http://thomas.gov>) or at <http://govtrack.us>.

Passed in the 116th Congress

The following bills passed in the 116th Congress. For more details, [see the summary on the Council website](#).

- Driftnet Modernization and Bycatch Reduction Act (vetoed, resubmitted in 117th Congress)
- Young Fishermen's Development Act
- Columbia River In-Lieu and Treaty Fishing Access Sites Improvement Act
- Save Our Seas Act 2.0
- National Fish Habitat Conservation through Partnerships Act (incorporated into America's Conservation Enhancement Act)
- Maritime Security and Fisheries Enforcement Act (incorporated into National Defense Authorization Act)
- A bill to amend the Klamath Basin Water Supply Enhancement Act of 2000 to make certain technical corrections
- National Sea Grant College Program Amendments Act
- Digital Coast Act
- Coordinated Ocean Observations and Research Act
- John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act
- Wildlife Innovation and Longevity Driver (WILD) Act
- Great American Outdoors Act
- Protect and Restore America's Estuaries Act
- America's Conservation Enhancement Act
- Direct Enhancement of Snapper Conservation and the Economy through Novel Devices Act (Gulf-specific)

Reintroductions in the 117th Congress

The following bills are reintroductions of bills from the 116th Congress. The text for these bills was not available as of the briefing book deadline.

- *Strengthening Fishing Communities and Increasing Flexibility in Fisheries Management Act* (HR 59). Don Young, R-AK. This bill is identical to H.R. 3697 (116th Congress) and nearly identical to H.R. 200 (115th Congress). The Council commented on H.R. 200 on [Feb. 2, 2018](#) and [April 18, 2017](#).
- *To amend the market name of genetically altered salmon in the United States* (HR 270). Don Young, R-AK.
- *To amend the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act to require labeling of genetically engineered fish* (HR 271). Don Young, R-AK.
- *To prevent the escapement of genetically altered salmon in the United States* (HR 273). Don Young, R-AK.
- *Keep Fin Fish Free Act* (HR 274). Don Young, R-AK. (Relates to prohibition on finfish aquaculture in the Exclusive Economic Zone).
- *To improve the management of driftnet fishing* (HR 404). Ted Lieu, D-CA. This is a reintroduction of the Driftnet Modernization and Bycatch Reduction Act, which passed Congress and was vetoed by the President.
- *To prohibit the sale of shark parts* (HR 406). Ted Lieu, D-CA.
- *To permanently prohibit oil and gas leasing off the coast of the State of California* (HR 455). Salud Carbajal, D-CA.
- *To provide limitations on maritime liens on fishing permits* (HR 632). Don Young, R-AK.
- *To amend 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* (HR 749). Suzan DelBene, D-WA.
- *To amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to vest in the Secretary of the Interior functions under that Act with respect to species of fish that spawn in fresh or estuarine waters and migrate to ocean waters, and species of fish that spawn in ocean waters and migrate to fresh waters* (HR 866). Ken Calvert, R-CA. Reintroduction of the FISH Act, which was [the subject of a Council letter](#) on November 30, 2017.

New Introductions in the 117th Congress

Climate-Smart Ports Act

- Introduced by Jeff Merkley (D-OR) on Feb. 3 (text not yet available)

According to a summary provided by Senator Merkley, this bill would create the first Federal program dedicated to improving the environmental performance of U.S. ports, particularly cargo ports. The bill creates a \$1 billion per year zero emission port infrastructure program to assist ports with replacing cargo handling equipment, port harbor craft, etc. with zero emissions equipment and technology. Additionally, it assists ports in the development of onsite clean energy microgrids to power facilities and equipment. The legislation authorizes an additional \$50 million per year for the Diesel Emissions Reduction Act specifically to reduce port emissions.

Discussion Drafts

Magnuson-Stevens Act Reauthorization Draft

- Dan Sullivan (D-CA)

Please see the following attachments related to this bill:

- Discussion draft (Attachment 3).
- Summary of the discussion draft (Attachment 4).
- MSA as modified by this bill and H.R. 59 (Attachment 5).
- Summary of changes to MSA by this bill and H.R. 59 (Attachment 6).

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