

SUMMARY OF FEDERAL LEGISLATION IN THE 118TH U.S. CONGRESS

A summary of recent Federal legislation is provided below. The full text of these bills can be found at the Library of Congress website.

Bills covered in previous staff summaries of Federal legislation that have not moved forward are generally not included in this report.

NEW LEGISLATION

New bills that have been introduced since the last report or were not included in previous reports. (Note: the text of the legislation may not yet available for some or all of the legislation listed below.)

H.R. 5760, (Rep. Jayapal, D-Washington), [Prognosis: 0%] a bill to establish a climate resilience workforce, and for other purposes. Introduced on September 27, 2023, and referred to the House Education and the Workforce Committee; the House Energy and Commerce Committee; the House Oversight and Accountability Committee; the House Judiciary Committee; the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee; the House Ways and Means Committee; the House Agriculture Committee; the House Natural Resources Committee; and the House Financial Services Committee for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

H.R. 5616, the “Bringing Reliable Investment into Domestic Gulf Energy Production Act of 2023” or the “BRIDGE Production Act of 2023”, (Rep. Graves, R-Louisiana) [Prognosis: 7%], a bill to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct certain offshore lease sales. Introduced on September 21, 2023, and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee.

H.R. 5504, (Rep. Newhouse, R-Washington) [Prognosis 2%], a bill to require the Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to withdraw proposed rules relating to the Endangered Species Act of 1973, and for other purposes. Introduced on September 14, 2023, and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee.

H.R. 5499, the “Congressional Oversight of the Antiquities Act”, (Rep. Miller-Meeks, R-Iowa) [Prognosis: 3%], a bill to amend the Antiquities Act to increase congressional oversight with respect to the designation of national monuments, and for other purposes. Introduced on September 14, 2023, and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee.

H.R. 5487, the “Help Our Kelp Act”, (Rep. Huffman, D-California) [Prognosis: 3%], a bill to require the Secretary of Commerce to establish and carry out a grant program to conserve, restore, and manage kelp forest ecosystems, and for other purposes. Introduced on September 14, 2023, and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee.

S. 2807, the “Help Our Kelp Act”, (Sen. Merkley, D-Oregon) [Prognosis: 3%] Introduced on September 14, 2023, and referred to the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee.

H. Res. 688, (Rep. Posey, R-Florida) [Prognosis: 0%] A Resolution expressing support for the designation of the week of September 16 through September 23, 2023, as "National Estuaries Week". Introduced on September 14, 2023, and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee.

H.R. 5441 the “Long Island Sound Restoration and Stewardship Reauthorization Act of 2023”, (Rep. LaLota, R-New York) [Prognosis: 18%], a bill to reauthorize Long Island Sound programs, and for other purposes. Introduced on September 13, 2023, and referred to the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee; and the House Natural Resources Committee, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

H.R. 5281, the “Lead Endangers Animals Daily Act of 2023” or the “LEAD Act of 2023”, (Rep. Lieu, D-California) [Prognosis: 1%], a bill to require the Secretary of the Interior to prohibit the use of lead ammunition on United States Fish and Wildlife Service lands, and for other purposes. Introduced on August 25, 2023, and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee.

S.2248, the “Vessel Tracking for Sanctions Enforcement Act of 2023”, (Sen. Hassan, D-New Hampshire) [Prognosis: 34%], a bill to require a pilot program on the use of big data analytics to identify vessels evading sanctions and export controls and to require a report on the availability in the United States of emerging and foundational technologies subject to export controls. Introduced on July 11, 2023 and referred to the Senate Homeland Security Committee and the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee.

LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

Changes in bill status since the last report:

On Wednesday, September 20, 2023, H.R. 4051, the “Supporting the Health of Aquatic systems through Research Knowledge and Enhanced Dialogue Act” or “SHARKED Act”, (Rep. Wittman, R-Virginia), a bill to direct the Secretary of Commerce to establish a task force regarding shark depredation, and for other purposes, was ordered to be favorably reported to the House of Representatives by unanimous consent as amended.

On Wednesday, September 20, 2023, H.R. 4596, the “Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basins Endangered Fish Recovery Programs Reauthorization Act of 2023”, (Rep. Boebert, R-Colorado), a bill to reauthorize the Bureau of Reclamation to provide cost-shared funding to implement the endangered and threatened fish recovery programs for the Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basins, was ordered to be favorably reported to the House of Representatives by unanimous consent.

HEARINGS OF INTEREST IN SEPTEMBER

On Thursday, September 28, 2023, the House Natural Resources Committee’s Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a legislative hearing on the following bills:

- H.R. 1121, the “Protecting American Energy Production Act”, (Rep. Duncan, R-South Carolina), a bill to prohibit a moratorium on the use of hydraulic fracturing; and
- H.R. 5616, the “Bringing Reliable Investment into Domestic Gulf Energy Production Act of 2023” or the “BRIDGE Production Act of 2023”, (Rep. Graves, R-Louisiana), a bill to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct certain offshore lease sales.

Witnesses:

- Mr. Tim Tarpley, President, Energy Workforce and Technology Council, Houston, Texas;
- Mr. Greg Upton, Executive Director and Associate Professor of Research at LSU Center for Energy Studies, Baton Rouge, Louisiana;
- Mr. Chett Chiasson, Executive Director Port Fourchon, Fourchon, Louisiana; and
- Ms. Breon Robinson, Organizer, Healthy Gulf, Lake Charles, Louisiana.

Link: <https://naturalresources.house.gov/calendar/eventsingle.aspx?EventID=414890>

On Wednesday, September 20, 2023, the House Natural Resources Committee held a mark-up on a number of bills (*only the bills of possible interest are listed below*):

- H.R. 4051, the “Supporting the Health of Aquatic systems through Research Knowledge and Enhanced Dialogue Act” or “SHARKED Act”, (Rep. Wittman, R-Virginia), a bill to direct the Secretary of Commerce to establish a task force regarding shark depredation, and for other purposes; and
- H.R. 4596, the “Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basins Endangered Fish Recovery Programs Reauthorization Act of 2023”, (Rep. Boebert, R-Colorado), a bill to reauthorize the Bureau of Reclamation to provide cost-shared funding to implement the endangered and threatened fish recovery programs for the Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basins.

Link: <https://naturalresources.house.gov/calendar/eventsingle.aspx?EventID=414845>

On Tuesday, September 19, 2023, the House Natural Resources Committee’s Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held an oversight hearing titled “Examining Barriers to Access in Federal Waters: A Closer Look at the Marine Sanctuary and Monument System”

Witnesses:

Panel I:

- Ms. Jainey Bavishi, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Washington, DC

Panel II:

- Ms. Florence Kargi, Regional Affairs Manager, Coastal Villages Region Fund, Anchorage, Alaska;
- Mr. Bill Gibbons-Fly, Executive Director, American Tunaboat Association, Annapolis, Maryland;
- Mr. Eric Reid, Chair, New England Fishery Management Council, North Kingstown, Rhode Island;
- Mr. William Johnson Aila, Native Hawaiian Fisherman, Waianae, Hawaii.

Link: <https://naturalresources.house.gov/calendar/eventsingle.aspx?EventID=414811>

On Thursday, September 14, 2023, the House Natural Resources Committee’s Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held an oversight hearing titled “Examining Systemic Government Overreach at CEQ”.

Witnesses:

- Ms. Brenda Mallory, Chair, Council on Environmental Quality, Washington, DC (*Invited*);
- Mr. Mario Loyola, Director, Environmental Finance & Risk Management Program, Research Assistant Professor, Florida International University—Institute of Environment, Miami, FL;
- Ms. Jill Witkowski Heaps, Senior Attorney, Earthjustice, New York, NY;
- Mr. Scott Simms, CEO & Executive Director, Public Power Council, Portland, OR; and
- Mr. Marlo Lewis, Senior Fellow, Competitive Enterprise Institute, Washington, DC.

Link: <https://naturalresources.house.gov/calendar/eventsingle.aspx?EventID=414801>

(Note: At the link above there is more information on the hearing including a "hearing memo" that republican staff has prepared for Members of the Committee. According to the memo, CEQ was invited to testify, but will not be in attendance.)

On Wednesday, September 13, 2023, the House Oversight and Accountability Committee held an oversight hearing titled “Unsuitable Litigation: Oversight of Third-Party Litigation Funding”.

Witnesses:

- Maya Steinitz, Professor of Law, Boston University School of Law;
- Erik Milito, President, National Ocean Industries Association;
- Julie Lucas, Executive Director, MiningMinnesota; and
- Aviva Wein, Assistant General Counsel, Johnson & Johnson.

Link: <https://oversight.house.gov/hearing/unsuitable-litigation-oversight-of-third-party-litigation-funding/>

UPCOMING HEARINGS

No hearings of interest have been announced at this time.

MAGNUSON-STEVENSON REAUTHORIZATION – 118th Congress

No bills reauthorizing the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act have been introduced in the 118th Congress and no hearings on Magnuson-Stevens Act reauthorization issues have been announced.

Bills in both the House and the Senate have been introduced to add Rhode Island to the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (H.R. 3187 and S. 1508).

NOAA APPROPRIATIONS

On July 14, 2023, the House Appropriations Committee’s Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies marked up H. R. _____, a bill making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes. The text of the bill (prior to being marked up) can be found at: <https://docs.house.gov/meetings/AP/AP19/20230714/116251/BILLS-118--AP--CJS-FY24CJSSubcommitteeMark.pdf>

On Thursday, July 13, 2023, at 11:00 a.m., the Senate Appropriations Committee held a full committee markup of three appropriation bills for Fiscal Year 2024:

- “Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2024”;
- **S. 2321, the “Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024”;** and
- “Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2024”.

Note: The text of the bills to be marked up are not yet available.

Link: <https://www.appropriations.senate.gov/hearings/full-committee-markup-of-fiscal-year-2024-legislative-branch-commerce-justice-science-and-related-agencies-and-financial-services-and-general-government-appropriations-acts>

Wednesday, April 26, 2023, the Senate Appropriations Committee’s Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a hearing titled, “A Review of the President’s Fiscal Year 2024 Funding Request for the Department of Commerce”.

Witnesses:

The Honorable Gina M. Raimondo, Secretary, Department of Commerce

Link:

<https://www.appropriations.senate.gov/hearings/a-review-of-the-presidents-fiscal-year-2024-funding-request-for-the-department-of-commerce>

Tuesday, April 18, 2023, the House Appropriations Committee’s Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a hearing titled, “Budget Hearing – Fiscal Year 2024 Request for the Department of Commerce”.

Witnesses:

The Honorable Gina M. Raimondo, Secretary, U.S. Department of Commerce.

Link: <https://appropriations.house.gov/legislation/hearings/budget-hearing-fiscal-year-2024-request-department-commerce>

PREVIOUS HEARINGS/MARKUPS OF POSSIBLE INTEREST

On Thursday, August 24, 2023, the House Natural Resources Committee held an oversight field hearing titled “Peace Through Strength: The Strategic Importance of the Pacific Islands to U.S.-led Global Security.” According to the committee website, the “hearing will examine the importance of the U.S. Territories and the Freely Associated States to the United States’ ability to counter the People’s Republic of China’s malign influence and maintain our nation’s strategic interests in the region.” The hearing was held at the Hilton Hotel, Tamuning, Guam.

Witnesses:

Panel I:

- The Hon. Lourdes “Lou” Leon Guerrero, Governor of Guam, Hagåtña, GU;
- The Hon. Arnold I. Palacios, Governor of the Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands, Saipan, MP;
- The Hon. Kaleb Udui, Jr., Minister of Finance, Republic of Palau, Koror, Palau;
- The Hon. Ricky Cantero, Acting Secretary, Department of Foreign Affairs, Federated States of Micronesia Pohnpei State, FM;
- The Hon. Jack Ading, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Republic of the Marshall Islands Majuro, MH;

Panel II:

- Brigadier General Michael W. Cruz, Adjutant General, Guam National Guard, Barrigada, GU;

- Brigadier General Roderick R. Leon Guerrero, United States Army (Retired), Mangilao, GU;
- The Hon. Tina Barnes, Vice Speaker, Guam Legislature, Hagåtña, GU; and
- Ms. Irene Sgambelluri, World War II Survivor, Talofofo, GU.

Link: <https://naturalresources.house.gov/calendar/eventsingle.aspx?EventID=414736>

Thursday, July 27, 2023, the House Natural Resources Committee’s Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife and Fisheries held a legislative hearing on a number of bills (bills of possible interest are in **bold**):

- H.R. 1437, the “Black Vulture Relief Act of 2023”, (Rep. Rose, R-Tennessee), a bill to authorize livestock producers and their employees to take black vultures in order to prevent death, injury, or destruction to livestock, and for other purposes;
- **H.R. 1792, the “South Pacific Tuna Treaty Act of 2023”, (Rep. Radewagen, R-American Samoa) a bill to amend the South Pacific Tuna Act of 1988, and for other purposes;**
- **H.R. 2950 the “Coastal Habitat Conservation Act of 2023”, (Rep. Huffman, D-California), a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, through the Coastal Program of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, to work with willing partners and provide support to efforts to assess, protect, restore, and enhance important coastal landscapes that provide fish and wildlife habitat on which certain Federal trust species depend, and for other purposes;**
- **H.R. 2982, the “New Jersey Watershed Protection Act”, (Rep. Tonko, D-New York), a bill to establish the New York-New Jersey Watershed Restoration Program, and for other purposes;**
- **H.R. 4051, the “Supporting the Health of Aquatic Systems through Research Knowledge and Enhanced Dialogue Act” or “SHARKED Act”, (Rep. Wittman, R-Virginia), a bill to direct the Secretary of Commerce to establish a task force regarding shark depredation, and for other purposes;**
- H.R. 4094 Great Salt Lake Stewardship Act, (Rep. Curtis, R-Utah), a bill to amend the Central Utah Project Completion Act to authorize expenditures for the conduct of certain water conservation measures in the Great Salt Lake basin, and for other purposes;
- **H.R. 4587, the “Red Snapper Act”, (Rep. Rutherford, R-Florida), a bill to provide that the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration shall not issue an interim or final rule that includes an area closure in the South Atlantic for species managed under the Snapper-Grouper Fishery Management Plan until the South Atlantic Great Red Snapper Count study is complete and the data related to that study is integrated into the stock assessment;**
- H.R. 4596, the “Upper Clifton Opportunities Now for Vibrant Economic Yields Act” or “CONVEY Act”, (Rep. Boebert, R-Colorado), a bill to reauthorize the Bureau of Reclamation to provide cost-shared funding to implement the endangered and

threatened fish recovery programs for the Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basins;
and

- H.R. 3049, the “Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration Exchange Act”, (Rep. Curtis, R-Utah), a bill to provide for the exchange of certain Federal land and State land in the State of Utah.

Witnesses:

Panel I:

- The Honorable Rob Wittman, Representative from the First District of Virginia;
- The Honorable Amata Radewagen, Representative from American Samoa;
- The Honorable John Curtis, Representative from the Third District of Utah;
- The Honorable Lauren Boebert, Representative from the Third District of Colorado;
- The Honorable John Rutherford, Representative from the Fifth District of Florida;
- The Honorable Paul Tonko, Representative from the Twentieth District of New York;
- The Honorable John Rose, Representative from the Sixth District of Tennessee;
- The Honorable Jared Huffman, Representative from the Second District of California;

Panel II:

- Dr. Kelly Kryc, Deputy Assistant Secretary for International Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Washington, DC;
- Mr. Stephen Guertin, Deputy Director for Program Management and Policy, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Washington, DC;

Panel III:

- Mr. William Gibbons-Fly, Executive Director, American Tunaboat Association, San Diego, CA (testifying on H.R.1792);
- Mr. Jack Graham, Captain, Afishianado Charters, Nags Head, NC (testifying on H.R. 4051);
- Ms. Jessica McCawley, Director of the Division of Marine Fisheries Management, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Tallahassee, FL (testifying on H.R. 4587);
- Mr. Gene Shawcroft, General Manager of the Central Utah Water Conservancy District, Orem, UT (testifying on H.R.4094);
- Mr. Steve Wolff, General Manager, Southwestern Water Conservation District, Durango, CO (testifying on H.R. 4596);
- Mr. Charlie Beshler, Property Rights and Environmental Management Committee, Chair, National Cattlemen’s Beef Association, Patton, MO (testifying on H.R. 1437);
- Ms. Genevieve Genest, Donor Relations Manager, Galveston Bay Foundation, Kemah, TX (testifying on H.R. 2950); and
- Mr. Seth Atkinson, Quillback Consulting, Santa Cruz, CA (testifying on H.R. 4587).

Link: <https://naturalresources.house.gov/calendar/eventsingle.aspx?EventID=414642>

Thursday, July 27, 2023, the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee's Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing titled "Review of the Recapitalization of the United States Coast Guard Surface Air IT and Shoreside Assets".

Witnesses:

- Vice Admiral Paul Thomas, Deputy Commandant for Mission Support, United States Coast Guard;
- Ms. Marie Mak, Director, Contracting and National Security, United States Government Accountability Office

Link: <https://transportation.house.gov/news/documentsingle.aspx?DocumentID=406784>

Thursday, July 27, 2023, the House Science, Space, and Technology Committee held a markup to consider the following bills (bills of possible interest are in **bold**):

- H.R. 4755, the "Privacy Enhancing Technology Research Act", (Rep. Stevens, D-Michigan), a bill to support research on privacy enhancing technologies and promote responsible data use, and for other purposes;
- H.R. 4824, the "Carbon Sequestration Collaboration Act", (Rep. Baird, R-Indiana), a bill to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to require the Secretary of Energy to carry out terrestrial carbon sequestration research and development activities, and for other purposes;
- H.R. _____, the Abandoned Well Remediation Research and Development Act, a bill to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to direct the Secretary of Energy to carry out a research, development, and demonstration program with respect to abandoned wells, and for other purposes
- H.R. 1069, the "Clean Energy Demonstration Transparency Act of 2023", (Rep. Carey, R-Ohio), a bill to amend the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act to require reporting regarding clean energy demonstration projects, and for other purposes;
- H.R. 3915, the Aviation Weather Improvement Act, (Rep. McCormick, R-Georgia), a bill to improve the National Weather Service's forecasting of turbulence and acquisition of aviation weather data, and for other purposes
- **H.R. 4866, the Fire Weather Development Act of 2023, (Rep. Garcia, R-California), a bill to direct the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to establish a program to improve fire weather and fire environment forecasting, detection, and local collaboration, and for other purposes.**

Link: <https://science.house.gov/2023/7/full-committee-markup-of-h-r-4755-h-r-4824-h-r-1069-h-r-3915>

Thursday, July 27, 2023, the House Natural Resources Committee’s Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held an oversight hearing titled “Safeguarding American Jobs and Economic Growth: Examining the Future of the Offshore Leasing Program”.

Witnesses:

- Mr. Archie Chiasson, III, President, Lafourche Parish, Louisiana;
- Mr. Paul Danos, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Danos, Gray, Louisiana;
- Mr. Mike Minarovic, Chief Executive Officer, Arena Offshore, The Woodlands, Texas; and
- Mr. Justin Solet, Gulf South Advocate, Dulac, Louisiana.

Link: <https://naturalresources.house.gov/calendar/eventsingle.aspx?EventID=414637>

Thursday, July 27, 2023, the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee held a business meeting to consider a number of bills (bills of possible interest are in **bold**):

- S.447, the “Orbital Sustainability Act of 2023” or the “ORBITS Act of 2023”, (Sen. Hickenlooper, D-Colorado), a bill to establish a demonstration program for the active remediation of orbital debris and to require the development of uniform orbital debris standard practices in order to support a safe and sustainable orbital environment;
- S.484, the “Combating Human Rights Abuses Act of 2023”, (Sen. Peters, D-Michigan), a bill to require the Secretary of Commerce to provide training and guidance relating to human rights abuses, including such abuses perpetrated against the Uyghur population by the Government of the People's Republic of China;
- S.1153, the “National Manufacturing Advisory Council for the 21st Century Act”, (Sen. Peters, D-Michigan), a bill to require the Secretary of Commerce to establish the National Manufacturing Advisory Council within the Department of Commerce; S.1303, to require sellers of event tickets to disclose comprehensive information to consumers about ticket prices and related fees;
- S.1409, the “Kids Online Safety Act”, (Sen. Blumenthal, D-Connecticut), a bill to protect the safety of children on the internet;
- S.1418, the “Children and Teens’ Online Privacy Protection Act”, (Sen. Markey, D-Massachusetts), a bill to amend the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act of 1998 to strengthen protections relating to the online collection, use, and disclosure of personal information of children and teens;
- **S.1421, the “Country Of Origin Labeling Online Act” or the “COOL Online Act”, (Sen. Baldwin, D-Wisconsin), a bill to require origin and location disclosure for new products of foreign origin offered for sale on the internet;**
- S.1648, the “Launch Communications Act”, (Sen. Schmitt, R-Missouri) a bill to facilitate access to the electromagnetic spectrum for commercial space launches and commercial space reentries;

- S.1669, the “AM Radio for Every Vehicle Act of 2023”, (Sen. Markey, D-Massachusetts), a bill to require the Secretary of Transportation to issue a rule requiring access to AM broadcast stations in motor vehicles;
- **S.2086, the “Sea Turtle Rescue Assistance Act of 2023”, (Sen. Markey, D-Massachusetts), a bill to require the Secretary of Commerce to establish the Sea Turtle Rescue Assistance Grant Program;**
- S.2116, the “Strengthening Support for American Manufacturing Act”, (Sen. Peters, D-Michigan), a bill to require the Secretary of Commerce to produce a report that provides recommendations to improve the effectiveness, efficiency, and impact of Department of Commerce programs related to supply chain resilience and manufacturing and industrial innovation; and
- S. 2201, (Sen. Klobuchar, D-Minnesota), a bill to increase knowledge and awareness of best practices to reduce cybersecurity risks in the United States.

Link: <https://www.commerce.senate.gov/2023/7/executive-session>

Wednesday, July 26, 2023, the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee held a business meeting to consider a number of bills (bills of possible interest are in **bold**):

- S. 2195, (Sen. Carper, D-Delaware), a bill to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to reauthorize the diesel emissions reduction program;
- **S.2395, the “Wildlife Innovation and Longevity Driver Reauthorization Act” or the “WILD Act”, (Sen. Carper, D-Delaware) a bill to reauthorize wildlife habitat and conservation programs;**
- **S.1381, the “Coastal Habitat Conservation Act of 2023”, (Sen. Cardin, D-Maryland), a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, through the Coastal Program of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, to work with willing partners and provide support to efforts to assess, protect, restore, and enhance important coastal landscapes that provide fish and wildlife habitat on which certain Federal trust species depend;**
- S.1278, (Sen. Stabenow, D-Michigan), a bill to designate the Federal building located at 985 Michigan Avenue in Detroit, Michigan, as the "Rosa Parks Federal Building"; and
- GSA Resolutions; to be immediately followed by hearings to examine improving capacity for critical mineral recovery through electronic waste recycling and reuse.

Link: <https://www.epw.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/hearings?ID=3759E7E6-7AFC-4796-A777-256FF4864DBC>

Wednesday, July 19, 2023, the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee’s Subcommittee on Water and Power held a hearing on a number of bills that may be of interest to the Councils including:

- S. ___, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to continue to implement endangered fish recovery programs for the Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basins, and for other purposes (Hickenlooper/Romney);
- S. 482, to amend the Klamath Basin Water Supply Enhancement Act of 2000 to provide the Secretary of the Interior with certain authorities with respect to projects affecting the Klamath Basin watershed, and for other purposes (Wyden);
- S. 1215, to require assessments of opportunities to install and maintain floating photovoltaic solar panels at Bureau of Reclamation and Corps of Engineers projects, and for other purposes (King); and
- S. 1521, to amend the Federal Power Act to modernize and improve the licensing of non-Federal hydropower projects, and for other purposes (Daines/Cantwell);

Witnesses:

- The Honorable Camille C. Touton, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, U.S. Department of the Interior;
- The Honorable Alex Padilla, United States Senator (D-CA).

Link: <https://www.energy.senate.gov/hearings/2023/7/water-and-power-subcommittee-hearing-to-receive-testimony-on-pending-legislation>

Tuesday, July 18, 2023, the Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife and Fisheries held an oversight hearing titled “ESA at 50: The Destructive Cost of the ESA.”

Witnesses:

- Ms. Janet Coit, Deputy Administrator, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C.;
- The Honorable Martha Williams, Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C.;
- Mr. Justin Jahnz, Chief Executive Officer, East Central Energy, Braham, Minnesota;
- Mr. Sean Vibbert, Owner, Obsidian Seed Company, Madras, Oregon;
- Mr. Jonathan Wood, Vice President of Law and Policy, Property and Environment Research Center, Bozeman, Montana;
- Mr. Dan Ashe, President and CEO, Association of Zoos and Aquariums, Silver Spring, Maryland.

Link: <https://naturalresources.house.gov/calendar/eventsingle.aspx?EventID=414552>

Tuesday, July 18, 2023, the House Natural Resources Committee’s Indo-Pacific Task Force held an oversight hearing titled “The Biden’s Administration’s Proposed Compact of Free Association Amendments Act of 2023”.

Witnesses:

Panel 1:

- The Honorable Joseph Y. Yun, Special Presidential Envoy for Compact Negotiations, United States of America, Washington, D.C.;
- Mr. Keone Nakoa, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Insular and International Affairs, U.S. Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C.;
- Dr. Siddharth Mohandas, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for East Asia, U.S. Department of Defense, Washington, D.C.;

Panel 2:

- His Excellency Surangel S. Whipps, Jr., President, Republic of Palau;
- The Hon. Kenneth Kedi, Speaker, The Parliament of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Republic of the Marshall Islands;
- Mr. Leo A. Falcam, Jr., Chief Compact Negotiator, Federated States of Micronesia.

Link: <https://naturalresources.house.gov/calendar/eventsingle.aspx?EventID=414550>

Thursday, July 13, 2023, the Senate Appropriations Committee will hold a full committee markup of three appropriation bills for Fiscal Year 2024:

- “Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2024”;
- “**Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024**”; and
- “Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2024”.

Link: <https://www.appropriations.senate.gov/hearings/full-committee-markup-of-fiscal-year-2024-legislative-branch-commerce-justice-science-and-related-agencies-and-financial-services-and-general-government-appropriations-acts>

Thursday, July 13, 2023, the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee’s Subcommittee on Oceans, Fisheries, Climate Change and Manufacturing held a hearing titled “Budget Oversight of the United States Coast Guard”.

Witnesses:

- Admiral Linda L. Fagan, Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard;
- Master Chief Heath B. Jones, Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard

Link: <https://www.commerce.senate.gov/2023/7/budget-oversight-of-the-united-states-coast-guard>

Thursday, July 13, 2023, the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee held a hearing to examine the Compact of Free Association Amendments Act of 2023, a joint resolution proposed by the Secretary of State and the Secretary of the Interior, to approve agreements concluded with the Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of Palau (and an agreement with the Republic of the Marshall Islands upon its conclusion) to amend the Compacts of Free Association with the Freely Associated States.

Witnesses:

- Mr. Leo A. Falcam, Jr., Chief Compact Negotiator, Federated States of Micronesia:

Panel 1:

- The Honorable Joseph Y. Yun, Special Presidential Envoy for Compact Negotiations, United States of America;
- The Honorable Carmen G. Cantor, Assistant Secretary, Insular and International Affairs, U.S. Department of the Interior;
- Dr. Siddharth Mohandas, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for East Asia, Office of the Secretary of Defense, U.S. Department of Defense;

Panel 2:

- His Excellency Surangel S. Whipps, Jr., President, Republic of Palau;
- Mr. Leo A. Falcam, Jr., Chief Compact Negotiator, Federated States of Micronesia; and
- Mr. Phillip H. Muller, Chief Compact Negotiator, Republic of the Marshall Islands.

Link: <https://www.energy.senate.gov/hearings/2023/7/hearing-to-receive-testimony-regarding-the-compact-of-free-association-amendments-act-of-2023>

Monday, June 26, 2023, the House Natural Resources Committee's Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife and Fisheries held an oversight field hearing titled "The Northwest at risk: the environmentalist's effort to destroy navigation, transportation, and access to reliable power." This hearing will be held in the auditorium of Richland High School, located at 930 Long Avenue in Richland, Washington. According to the Committee's website, the hearing is expected to focus on the multipurpose benefits of the Columbia and Snake Rivers and the Federal Columbia River Power System, in particular the lower Snake River dams.

Witnesses:

- Ms. Jennifer Quan, West Coast Regional Administrator, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Seattle, Washington;
- Mr. John Hairston, Administrator and CEO, Bonneville Power Administration, Portland, Oregon;
- Ms. Beth Coffey, Director of Programs, Northwestern Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Portland, Oregon;
- Mr. Scott Corbitt, General Manager, Port of Lewiston, Lewiston, Idaho;
- Mr. Rick Dunn, General Manager, Benton Public Utility District, Kennewick, Washington;
- Ms. Michelle Hennings, Executive Director, Washington Association of Wheat Growers, Ritzville, Washington;
- Mr. Alex McGregor, Chairman of the Board of Directors, The McGregor Company, Colfax, Washington;
- Mr. Todd Myers, Environmental Director, Washington Policy Center, Cle Elum, Washington;
- Dr. David Welch, President & Founder, Kintama Research Services Ltd., Nanaimo, BC, Canada

Link: <https://naturalresources.house.gov/calendar/eventsingle.aspx?EventID=413489>

Thursday, June 22, 2023, the Committee on Natural Resources held an oversight hearing titled "Examining the Council on Environmental Quality Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Request and Related Policy Matters."

Witnesses:

- The Honorable Brenda Mallory, Chair, Council on Environmental Quality, Washington, DC.

Link: <https://naturalresources.house.gov/calendar/eventsingle.aspx?EventID=413469>

Wednesday, June 21, 2023, the Committee on Natural Resources held a mark-up six bills (two of which may be of interest to the Councils):

- H.R. 615 (Rep. Wittman), "Protecting Access for Hunters and Anglers Act of 2023". H.R. 615, as amended, was ordered reported favorably by a roll call vote of 21 to 15.;
- H.R. 2872 (Rep. Graves of Louisiana), a bill to amend the Permanent Electronic Duck Stamp Act of 2013 to allow States to issue electronic stamps under such Act, and for other purposes. H.R. 2872, as amended, was ordered favorably reported to the House of Representatives by unanimous consent.

Link: <https://naturalresources.house.gov/calendar/eventsingle.aspx?EventID=413487>

Tuesday, June 6, 2023, the House Natural Resources Committee’s Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife, and Fisheries held an oversight hearing titled “Examining the Impacts of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s proposed changes to the North Atlantic Right Whale Vessel Strike Reduction Rule.”

Witnesses:

- The Honorable Janet Coit, Deputy Administrator for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Washington, D.C.;
- Mr. Clayton L. Diamond, Executive Director, American Pilots’ Association, Washington, D.C.;
- Mr. Fred Gamboa, Captain, Andreas’ Toy Charters, Princeton, New Jersey;
- Mr. Frank Hugelmeyer, President and CEO, National Marine Manufacturers Association, Washington, D.C.;
- Dr. Jessica Redfern, Associate Vice President of Ocean Conservation Science, Anderson Cabot Center for Ocean Life at New England Aquarium, Boston, Massachusetts.

Link: <https://naturalresources.house.gov/calendar/eventsingle.aspx?EventID=413367>

Tuesday, May 23, 2023, the House Natural Resources Committee’s Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife and Fisheries held an oversight budget hearing titled “Examining the President’s FY 2024 Budget Proposal for the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and the Power Marketing Administrations”.

Witnesses:

Panel I:

- The Honorable Camille Touton, Commissioner, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C.;
- Mr. John Hairston, Administrator and CEO, Bonneville Power Administration, Department of Energy, Portland, Oregon;
- Ms. Tracey LeBeau, Administrator and CEO, Western Area Power Administration, Lakewood, Colorado;
- Mr. Mike Wech, Administrator, Southwestern Power Administration, Department of Energy, Tulsa, Oklahoma;
- Mr. Virgil Hobbs, Administrator and CEO, Southeastern Power Administration, Elberton, Georgia;

Panel II:

- The Honorable Martha Williams, Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C.;
- The Honorable Jainey Bavishi, Deputy Administrator for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Washington, D.C.

Link: <https://naturalresources.house.gov/calendar/eventsingle.aspx?EventID=413262>

Wednesday, May 17, 2023, the House Natural Resources Committee held a mark-up on a number of bills. There is only one bill of interest to the Councils:

- H.R. 886, the “Save Our Seas 2.0 Amendments Act”, (Rep. Bonamici, D-Oregon), a bill to amend the Save Our Seas 2.0 Act to improve the administration of the Marine Debris Foundation, to amend the Marine Debris Act to improve the administration of the Marine Debris Program of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and for other purposes.

Link: <https://naturalresources.house.gov/calendar/eventsingle.aspx?EventID=413238>

Thursday, May 11, 2023, the House Science, Space, and Technology Committee’s Subcommittee on Environment held a hearing titled “An Overview of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Budget Proposal for Fiscal Year 2024.”

(Note: The House Science Committee has jurisdiction over the “dry” side of NOAA; however, the hearing may focus on all aspects of the NOAA budget request.)

Witnesses:

- The Honorable Richard W. Spinrad, Ph.D., Administrator, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

Link:

https://science.house.gov/hearings?ContentRecord_id=325F413D-8F26-47AC-AB87-2CFE8E23056C

Thursday, May 11, 2023, the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee’s Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing titled “Assessing the Shortage of United States Mariners and Recruitment and Retention in the United States Coast Guard”.

Witnesses:

- Vice Admiral Paul Thomas, Deputy Commandant for Mission Support, United States Coast Guard;
- Rear Admiral Ann Phillips, USN (Ret.), Administrator, United States Maritime Administration;
- Ms. Heather MacLeod, Director, Homeland Security and Justice, United States Government Accountability Office; and
- Dr. Beth Asch, Ph.D., Senior Economist, RAND Corporation

Link: <https://transportation.house.gov/calendar/eventsingle.aspx?EventID=406372>

Wednesday, May 10, 2023, the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee held an executive session to consider a number of bills, one of which may be of interest to the Councils as well as Coast Guard promotions:

- S.1416, the “NOAA Weather Radio Modernization Act”, a bill to provide guidance for and investment in the upgrade and modernization of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Weather Radio All Hazards Network.

Link: <https://www.commerce.senate.gov/2023/5/executive-session>

Tuesday, May 9, 2023, the full House of Representatives considered H.R. 676, the “Coastal Communities Ocean Acidification Act of 2023”, (Rep. Pingree, D-Maine), a bill to amend the Federal Ocean Acidification Research And Monitoring Act of 2009 to require the Secretary of Commerce, acting through the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, to collaborate with State and local governments and Indian Tribes on vulnerability assessments related to ocean acidification, research planning, and similar activities, and for other purposes. The legislation will be considered under the Suspension of the Rules procedure (a procedure used for non-controversial legislation) and passed by a vote of 351-58.

Thursday, April 27, 2023, the House Natural Resources Committee marked up 9 bills of which the following are of possible interest to the Councils:

- H.J. Res. 46 (Bentz), Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the National Marine Fisheries Service relating to “Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Regulations for Listing Endangered and Threatened Species and Designating Critical Habitat”.

The bill was ordered reported favorably by a roll call vote of 17 to 12 after an amendment by Rep. Huffman (D-California) was offered and withdrawn.

Link:

<https://naturalresources.house.gov/calendar/eventsingle.aspx?EventID=413102>

Wednesday, April 26, 2023, the Senate Appropriations Committee's Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a hearing titled, "A Review of the President's Fiscal Year 2024 Funding Request for the Department of Commerce".

Witnesses:

The Honorable Gina M. Raimondo, Secretary, Department of Commerce

Link:

<https://www.appropriations.senate.gov/hearings/a-review-of-the-presidents-fiscal-year-2024-funding-request-for-the-department-of-commerce>

Wednesday, April 19, 2023, the House Natural Resources Committee held an oversight hearing titled "Examining the President's FY 2024 Budget Request for the Department of the Interior".

Witnesses:

- The Honorable Deb Haaland, Secretary, U.S. Department of the Interior, Washington, DC;
- The Honorable Tommy Beaudreau, Deputy Secretary, U.S. Department of the Interior, Washington, DC;
- Ms. Denise Flanagan, Director of Budget, U.S. Department of the Interior, Washington, DC.

Link:

<https://naturalresources.house.gov/calendar/eventsingle.aspx?EventID=413024>

Wednesday, April 19, 2023, the House Appropriations Committee's Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held an oversight hearing on the Fiscal Year 2024 Request for the National Science Foundation.

Witnesses:

- The Honorable Sethuraman Panchanathan, Director, U.S. National Science Foundation.

Link: <https://appropriations.house.gov/legislation/hearings/budget-hearing-fiscal-year-2024-request-national-science-foundation>

Tuesday, April 18, 2023, the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee’s Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held an oversight hearing titled: “Review of the Presidents Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Request for the Coast Guard”.

Witnesses:

- Admiral Linda L. Fagan, Commandant, United States Coast Guard;
- Master Chief Heath B. Jones, Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard, United States Coast Guard.

Link: <https://transportation.house.gov/calendar/eventsingle.aspx?EventID=406261>

Tuesday, April 18, 2023, the House Appropriations Committee’s Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held an oversight hearing on the Fiscal Year 2024 Request for the Department of Commerce.

Witnesses:

- The Honorable Gina M. Raimondo, Secretary, U.S. Department of Commerce.

Link: <https://appropriations.house.gov/legislation/hearings/budget-hearing-fiscal-year-2024-request-department-commerce>

Tuesday, April 18, 2023, the House Science, Space, and Technology Committee held a hearing on a Discussion Draft of legislation to establish NOAA as an independent agency (the “National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Act of 2023”).

Witnesses:

- Dr. Conrad C. Lautenbacher, VADM USN Ret. (NOAA Administrator, 2001-2008);
- Dr. Tim Gallaudet, RDML USN Ret. (Acting NOAA Administrator, 2017-2019); and
- Dr. Neil Jacobs (Acting NOAA Administrator, 2019-2021).

Link: *(Note: This link also provides a separate link to the text of the Discussion Draft.)*

<https://science.house.gov/2023/4/establishing-an-independent-noaa>

Tuesday, April 18, 2023, at 10:00 a.m., the House Natural Resources Committee's Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife and Fisheries held a legislative hearing on several bills including (**hearings of possible interest are in bold**):

- H.J. Res. 29 (Rep. Mann, R-Kansas), a resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service relating to "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Lesser Prairie-Chicken; Threatened Status With Section 4(d) Rule for the Northern Distinct Population Segment and Endangered Status for the Southern Distinct Population Segment";
- **H.J. Res. 46 (Rep. Bentz, R-Oregon), a resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the National Marine Fisheries Service relating to "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Regulations for Listing Endangered and Threatened Species and Designating Critical Habitat";**
- H.J. Res. 49 (Rep. Stauber, R-Minnesota), a resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service relating to "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Endangered Species Status for Northern Long-Eared Bat"; and
- **H.R. 1213, the "Restoring Effective Science-based Conservation Under Environmental laws protecting Whales Act of 2023" or the "RESCUE Whales Act of 2023", (Rep. Grijalva, D-Arizona).**

Witnesses:

Panel I:

Member Panel

Panel II:

- Mr. Stephen Guertin, Deputy Director for Policy, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Washington, D.C.;
- Mr. Rick Horton, Executive Vice President, Minnesota Forest Industries, Grand Rapids, Minnesota (testifying on H.J. Res. 49);
- Mr. Fred Flippance, Board President, Oregon Rural Electric Cooperative Association, Hines, Oregon (testifying on H.J. Res. 46);
- Mr. Robert Fischman, Professor of Law, Indiana University Maurer School of Law, Bloomington, Indiana (testifying on H.J. Res. 29, H.J. Res. 46 and H.J. Res. 49);
- Mr. Don Hineman, Past President, Kansas Livestock Association, Dighton, Kansas (testifying on H.J. Res. 29);

Panel III:

- Mr. Sam Rauch III, Deputy Assistant Administrator, National Marine Fisheries Service, Silver Spring, Maryland (testifying on H.J. Res. 46 and H.R. 1213);
- Mr. Norman Semanko, Chief Counsel, Family Farm Alliance, Boise, Idaho (testifying on H.J. Res. 46);
- Dr. Michael J. Moore, Senior Scientist, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, Woods Hole, Massachusetts (testifying on H.R. 1213);
- Mr. Curt Brown, Marine Biologist, Ready Seafood, Cape Elizabeth, Maine (testifying on H.R. 1213);
- Ms. Ginny Olsen, Political Director, Maine Lobstering Union, Stonington, Maine

Link: <https://naturalresources.house.gov/calendar/eventsingle.aspx?EventID=413055>

Tuesday, April 11, 2023, the House Natural Resources Committee’s Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife and Fisheries held a legislative field hearing at the World Ag Expo, 4500 S Laspina St # 214, Tulare, California on the following bills:

- H.R. 215 (Rep. Valadao) “Working to Advance Tangible and Effective Reforms for California Act” or the “WATER for California Act”; and
- H.R. 872 (Rep. Calvert) “Federally Integrated Species Health Act” or the “FISH Act”.
(Note: this legislation would amend Section 3 of the Endangered Species Act by transferring all authority for the conservation of endangered or threatened anadromous and catadromous fish species from the Department of Commerce to the Department of the Interior.)

Witnesses:

- *(Invited)* The Honorable Debra Haaland, Secretary, Department of the Interior (or their designees from the Bureau of Reclamation and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service), Washington, District of Columbia;
- *(Invited)* The Honorable Gina Raimondo, Secretary, Department of Commerce (or their designee from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration), Washington, District of Columbia;
- *(Invited)* Mr. Charlton Bonham, Director, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Sacramento, California;
- Mr. Tony DeGroot, Farmer, DG Bar Ranches, Hanford, California;
- Mr. Aaron Fukuda, General Manager, Tulare Irrigation District, Tulare, California;
- Mr. Jason Phillips, Chief Executive Officer, Friant Water Authority, Lindsay, California;
- Mr. Jeff Sutton, General Manager, Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority, Willows, California;
- Mr. Chris White, Executive Director, San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Water Authority, Los Banos, California;

- Mr. William Bourdeau, Director, Westlands Water District, Fresno, California.

Link: For more information on the hearing (including a staff memo on the purpose of the hearing) and to watch the hearing:

<https://naturalresources.house.gov/calendar/eventsingle.aspx?EventID=413035>

Wednesday, March 29, 2023, the House Science, Space, and Technology Committee met to mark up a number of bills including: **H.R. 676, the “Coastal Communities Ocean Acidification Act of 2023”**, (Rep. Pingree, D-Maine), a bill to amend the Federal Ocean Acidification Research And Monitoring Act of 2009 to require the Secretary of Commerce, acting through the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, to collaborate with State and local governments and Indian Tribes on vulnerability assessments related to ocean acidification, research planning, and similar activities, and for other purposes; and **H.R. 1482, the “NOAA Weather Radio Modernization Act of 2023” or the “NWR Modernization Act of 2023”**, (Rep. Bice, R-Oklahoma), a bill to provide guidance for and investment in the upgrade and modernization of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Weather Radio All Hazards network, and for other purposes.

The video of the markup can be viewed at: <https://science.house.gov/markups?ID=B8E393FD-90AA-415B-A0A2-3C01D1E7587E>

Thursday, March 23, 2023, the House Natural Resources Committee’s Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife and Fisheries held a legislative hearing on the following bills (*bills of possible interest to the Councils are in bold*):

- H.R. 764 (Rep. Boebert), “Trust the Science Act”;
- **H.R. 886 (Rep. Bonamici), “Save Our Seas 2.0 Amendments Act”**;
- H.R. 1245 (Rep. Hageman), To direct the Secretary of the Interior to reissue a final rule relating to removing the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem population of grizzly bears from the Federal list of endangered and threatened wildlife, and for other purposes; and
- H.R. 1419 (Rep. Rosendale), “Comprehensive Grizzly Bear Management Act of 2023”.

Witnesses:

Member Panel:

- Rep. Lauren Boebert (R-Colo.);
- Rep. Matt Rosendale (R-Mont.);
- Rep. Harriet Hageman (R-Wyo.);
- Rep. Suzanne Bonamici (D-Oregon)

Federal Panel:

- Mr. Stephen Guertin, Deputy Director for Policy, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Washington, DC (Testifying on H.R. 764, H.R. 1245 and H.R. 1419);
- Ms. Nancy Wallace, Marine Debris Program Director, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Silver Springs, MD (Testifying on H.R. 886);

Non-Federal Panel:

- Dr. Nathan Roberts, Associate Professor, College of the Ozarks, Branson, MO (Testifying on H.R. 746);
- Mr. Brian Nesvik, Director, Wyoming Game and Fish Department, Cheyenne, WY (Testifying on H.R. 1245);
- Ms. Karli Johnson, Rancher, Sevens Livestock, Choteau, MT (Testifying on H.R. 1245);
- Dr. Christopher Servheen, Retired Grizzly Bear Recovery Coordinator, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Missoula, MT (Testifying on H.R. 746, H.R. 1245 and H.R. 1419).

Link: <https://naturalresources.house.gov/calendar/eventsingle.aspx?EventID=412934>

Wednesday, March 22, 2023, the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee held an Executive Session to consider a number of bills (*bills of possible interest to the Councils are in bold*):

- S. 66, NOTAM Improvement Act of 2023;
- S. 90, Informing Consumers About Smart Devices Act;
- S. 127, Pharmacy Benefit Manager Transparency Act of 2023;
- **S. 318, Save our Seas 2.0 Amendments Act;**
- S. 467, CADETS Act; and the
- Nomination of Mr. Phillip A. Washington to be Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration (PN9).

Link: <https://www.commerce.senate.gov/2023/3/executive-session>

Thursday, March 9, 2023, the full House Natural Resources Committee held a markup to consider H.R. 1335, the “Transparency, Accountability, Permitting, and Production of American Resources Act” or the “TAPP American Resources Act”, (Rep. Westerman, R-Arkansas). An amendment in the nature of a substitute (ANS) will be offered. The ANS can be viewed at the link below.

The bill deals with a number of natural resource use issues, but of interest to the Councils are offshore oil and gas permitting provisions, offshore wind provisions, and NEPA provisions.

The markup and more information on the legislation can be found at: <https://naturalresources.house.gov/calendar/eventsingle.aspx?EventID=412857>

Wednesday, March 8, 2023, the House Natural Resources Committee's Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife and Fisheries held an oversight hearing titled, "Benefits and Access: The Necessity for Multiple Use of Water Resources."

Witnesses:

- Mr. Scott Corwin, Executive Director, Northwest Public Power Association, Vancouver, Washington;
- Ms. Martha Guyas, Southeast Fisheries Policy Director, American Sportfishing Association, Tallahassee, Florida;
- Mr. Dan Keppen, Executive Director, Family Farm Alliance, Klamath Falls, Oregon;
- Ms. Amy Cordalis, Legal Counsel Yurok Tribe, Klamath, California and Co-Founder, Ridges to Riffles Indigenous Conservation Group, Sacramento, California.

The video of the hearing and a copy of the hearing memo can be found at:

<https://naturalresources.house.gov/calendar/eventsingle.aspx?EventID=412848>

Wednesday, March 1, 2023, the Senate Budget Committee held an oversight hearing titled, "Rising Seas, Rising Costs: Climate Change and the Economic Risks to Coastal Communities."

Witnesses:

- Dr. Sean Beckett, Principal, Elliott Bay Analytics;
- Mr. Matthew Eby, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, First Street Foundation;
- Ms. Kate Michaud Town, Manager, Warren, Rhode Island;
- Dr. Jessica Weinkle, Associate Professor, University of North Carolina Wilmington; and
- Dr. Marlo Lewis, Jr., Senior Fellow, Competitive Enterprise Institute.

Link: <https://www.budget.senate.gov/hearings/rising-seas-rising-costs-climate-change-and-the-economic-risks-to-coastal-communities>

Tuesday, February 28, 2023, the House Natural Resources Committee held a legislative hearing on H.R. ____ (Rep. Graves, R-Louisiana), the "Building United States Infrastructure through Limited Delays and Efficient Reviews (BUILDER) Act of 2023".

According to the Committee website, the bill (which had not been introduced at the time of the hearing) "would reform and streamline permitting, reduce litigation, and focus environmental reviews – helping reduce costs for Americans by speeding the development of more energy resources and innovation here at home while helping to lower global emissions."

Witnesses:

- The Honorable Brenda Mallory, Chair, White House Council on Environmental Quality, Washington, D.C. (invited);
- Mr. Brent Ridge, President and CEO, Dairyland Power Cooperative, La Crosse, Wisconsin;
- Mr. Brian Veerkamp, President – Board of Directors, El Dorado Irrigation District, Placerville, California;

- Mr. Keith Pugh, PE, PWLF, President, American Public Works Association, Asheville, North Carolina; and
- Mr. John Beard, Jr., Founder, President and Executive Director, Port Arthur Community Action Network [Minority Witness].

Link: <https://naturalresources.house.gov/calendar/eventsingle.aspx?EventID=412811>

Thursday, February 9, 2023, the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee held an organizational business meeting to consider committee rules and an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee for the 118th Congress.

The meeting can be viewed at: <https://www.commerce.senate.gov/2023/2/executive-session>

Thursday, February 9, 2023, the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee held an oversight hearing to examine the state of the U.S. Territories.

The hearing can be viewed at: <https://www.energy.senate.gov/hearings>

Tuesday, February 7, 2023, the House Natural Resources Committee held a meeting to consider the Committee Authorization and Oversight Plan for the 118th Congress.

The Oversight Plan and a link to the meeting can be found at:

<https://naturalresources.house.gov/calendar/eventsingle.aspx?EventID=412759>

Thursday, February 2, 2023, the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee held an organizational business meeting to consider committee rules and an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee for the 118th Congress.

The meeting can be viewed at: <https://www.commerce.senate.gov/2023/2/executive-session>

Wednesday, February 1, 2023, the House Natural Resources Committee held its organizational meeting. *(Note: The name of the subcommittee with jurisdiction over fishery issues in the 118th Congress will be the Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife and Fisheries - in the previous Congress the name had been the Subcommittee on Water, Oceans and Wildlife.)*

The meeting can be viewed at:

<https://naturalresources.house.gov/calendar/eventsingle.aspx?EventID=412738>

LEGISLATION – 118th Congress

(Note: Legislation Is Grouped By Category – If the legislation addresses more than one category, it will be listed under each appropriate heading.)

(Note: Any action taken on legislation is highlighted in red.)

Magnuson-Stevens Act Legislation (legislation that reauthorizes or amend the MSA):

S. 1508, (Sen. Reed, D-Rhode Island), a bill to amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to add Rhode Island to the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, and for other purposes. Introduced on May 10, 2023, and referred to the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee.

H.R. 3187, (Rep. Magaziner, D-Rhode Island), a bill to amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to add Rhode Island to the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council. Introduced on May 10, 2023, and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee.

Other Fisheries Legislation (Sharks, Coral Reefs, Red Snapper, etc.):

H.R. 4596, the “**Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basins Endangered Fish Recovery Programs Reauthorization Act of 2023**”, (Rep. Boebert, R-Colorado), a bill to reauthorize the Bureau of Reclamation to provide cost-shared funding to implement the endangered and threatened fish recovery programs for the Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basins, On Wednesday, September 20, 2023, the bill was ordered to be favorably reported to the House of Representatives by unanimous consent by the House Natural Resources Committee.

H.R. 4587, the “**Red Snapper Act**”, (Rep. Rutherford, R-Florida), a bill to provide that the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration shall not issue an interim or final rule that includes an area closure in the South Atlantic for species managed under the Snapper-Grouper Fishery Management Plan until the South Atlantic Great Red Snapper Count study is complete and the data related to that study is integrated into the stock assessment. Introduced on July 12, 2023, and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee. On July 27, 2023, the House Natural Resources Committee’s Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife, and Fisheries held a hearing on the legislation.

H.R. 4051, the “**Supporting the Health of Aquatic systems through Research Knowledge and Enhanced Dialogue Act**” or the “**SHARKED Act**”, (Rep. Wittman, R-Virginia), a bill to direct the Secretary of Commerce to establish a task force regarding shark depredation, and for other purposes. Introduced June 12, 2023, and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee. On July 27, 2023, the House Natural Resources Committee’s Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife, and Fisheries held a hearing on the legislation. On Wednesday, September 20,

2023, the bill (amended) was ordered to be favorably reported to the House of Representatives by unanimous consent by the House Natural Resources Committee.

S. 1227, the “Fighting Foreign Illegal Seafood Harvests Act of 2023” or the “FISH Act of 2023”, (Sen. Sullivan, R-Alaska), a bill to combat illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing at its sources globally. Introduced on April 20, 2023, and referred to the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee.

H. J. Res. 46, (Rep. Bentz, R-Oregon), a resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the National Marine Fisheries Service relating to "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Regulations for Listing Endangered and Threatened Species and Designating Critical Habitat". Introduced on March 30, 2023, and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee. On April 18, 2023, the House Natural Resources Committee’s Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife, and Fisheries held a hearing on the legislation. On April 27, 2023, the bill was ordered reported by the House Natural Resources Committee favorably by a roll call vote of 17 to 12.

H.R. 2315, (Rep. Biggs, R-Arizona), a bill to provide for a limitation on availability of funds for Department of State, International Commissions, International Fisheries Commissions for fiscal year 2024. Introduced on March 29, 2023, and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee.

H.R. 1792, the “South Pacific Tuna Treaty Act of 2023”, (Rep. Radewagen, R-American Samoa), a bill to amend the South Pacific Tuna Act of 1988, and for other purposes. Introduced on March 24, 2023, and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee. On July 27, 2023, the House Natural Resources Committee’s Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife, and Fisheries held a hearing on the legislation.

Transferring Fisheries Authorities to U.S. FWS:

H.R. 872, the “Federally Integrated Species Health Act” or the “FISH Act”, (Rep. Calvert, R-California), a bill 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 or estuarine waters, and for other purposes. Introduced on February 8, 2023, and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee. On April 11, 2023, the House Natural Resources Committee’s Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife and Fisheries held a legislative field hearing on the bill.

H.R. 3980, the “National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Act of 2023”, (Rep. Lucas, R-Oklahoma), a bill to formally establish within statute an independent scientific research and development agency known as the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and for other purposes. Introduced on June 9, 2023, and referred to the House Science, Space, and Technology Committee; and in addition to the House Natural Resources Committee, for a period

to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

California Water/Fisheries:

H.R. 215, the “Working to Advance Tangible and Effective Reforms for California Act” or the “WATER for California Act”, (Rep. Valadao, R-California), a bill to provide long-term water supply and regulatory reliability to drought-stricken California, and for other purposes. Introduced on January 9, 2023, and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee. On April 11, 2023, the House Natural Resources Committee’s Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife and Fisheries held a legislative field hearing on the bill. On April 28, 2023, the House Natural Resources Committee ordered the bill to be reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 22 – 17.

H.R. 872, the “Federally Integrated Species Health Act” or the “FISH Act”, (Rep. Calvert, R-California), a bill 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 or estuarine waters, and for other purposes. Introduced on February 8, 2023, and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee. On April 11, 2023, the House Natural Resources Committee’s Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife and Fisheries held a legislative field hearing on the bill.

Marine Mammal / Sea Turtles Legislation:

H.R. 5239, the “Gulf of Mexico Commerce Protection Act”, (Rep. Higgins, R-Louisiana), a bill to prohibit the issuance of an interim or final rule that establishes a vessel slowdown zone in the Gulf of Mexico until the Secretary of Commerce completes a study demonstrating that proposed mitigation efforts would have no negative impact on supply chains, and for other purposes. Introduced on August 18, 2023, and referred to the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.

S. 2395, the “Wildlife Innovation and Longevity Driver Reauthorization Act” or the “WILD Act”, (Sen. Carper, D-Delaware), a bill to reauthorize wildlife habitat and conservation programs, and for other purposes. Introduced on July 19, 2023, and referred to the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee. On July 26, 2023, the bill was ordered to be reported by Senator Carper without amendment and without written report. The bill was placed on the Senate Legislative Calendar. (*Note: This legislation includes a reauthorization of the Marine Turtle Conservation Act of 2004.*)

S. 2086, the “Sea Turtle Rescue Assistance Act of 2023”, (Sen. Markey, D-Massachusetts), a bill to require the Secretary of Commerce to establish the Sea Turtle Rescue

Assistance Grant Program. Introduced on June 21, 2023, and referred to the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee.

H. Res. 506, (Rep. Mace, R-South Carolina), a resolution commending the South Carolina Aquarium in Charleston for its outstanding Sea Turtle Care Center and its dedicated efforts in rehabilitating and releasing injured and sick sea turtles, ensuring their return to their natural environment. Introduced on June 13, 2023, and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee.

S. 1833, the “Protecting Whales, Human Safety, and the Economy Act of 2023”, (Sen. Manchin, D-West Virginia), a bill to prohibit the issuance of an interim or final rule that amends, updates, modifies, or replaces the North Atlantic Right Whale vessel strike reduction rule until mitigation protocols are fully developed and deployed. Introduced on June 6, 2023, and referred to the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee.

H.R. 3119, (Rep. Soto, D-Florida), a bill to provide for the issuance of a Manatee Semipostal Stamp. Introduced on May 5, 2023, and referred to the House Oversight and Accountability Committee, and in addition to the House Natural Resources Committee, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

H.R. 2560, the “Sea Turtle Rescue Assistance Act of 2023”, (Rep. Keating, D-Massachusetts), a bill to require the Secretary of Commerce to establish the Sea Turtle Rescue Assistance Grant Program, and for other purposes. Introduced on April 10, 2023 and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee.

H.R. 1383, the “Marine Mammal Climate Change Protection Act”, (Rep. Brownley, D-California), a bill to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to direct the Secretary of Commerce to establish a climate impact management plan for the conservation of certain marine mammal species, and for other purposes. Introduced on March 7, 2023, and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee.

H.R. 1213, the “Restoring Effective Science-based Conservation Under Environmental laws protecting Whales Act of 2023” or the “RESCUE Whales Act of 2023”, (Rep. Grijalva, D-Arizona), a bill to amend the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 by repealing certain provisions relating to North Atlantic right whales. Introduced February 27, 2023, and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee. On April 18, 2023, the House Natural Resources Committee’s Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife, and Fisheries held a hearing on the legislation.

H.R. 131, the “Manatee Protection Act of 2023”, (Rep. Buchanan, R-Florida), a bill to designate the West Indian manatee as an endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, and for other purposes. Introduced on January 9, 2023 and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee.

Aquaculture Legislation:

H.R. 4013, “Advancing the Quality and Understanding of American Aquaculture Act” or the “AQUAA Act”, (Rep. Cammack, R-Florida), a bill to establish a regulatory system for sustainable offshore aquaculture in the United States exclusive economic zone, and for other purposes. Introduced on June 12, 2023, and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee, and in addition to the House Agriculture Committee, and the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

S. 1861, the “Advancing the Quality and Understanding of American Aquaculture Act” or the “AQUAA Act”, (Sen. Wicker, R-Mississippi), a bill to establish a regulatory system for sustainable offshore aquaculture in the United States exclusive economic zone, and for other purposes. Introduced on June 7, 2023, and referred to the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee.

H.R. 1461, the “Coastal Seaweed Farm Act of 2023”, (Rep. Huffman, D-California) a bill to direct the Secretary of Agriculture and the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to carry out a study on coastal seaweed farming, issue regulation relating to such farming, and establish an Indigenous seaweed farming fund, and for other purposes. Introduced on March 8, 2023, and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee, and in addition to the House Agriculture Committee, and the House Energy and Commerce Committee, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

Offshore Wind Legislation:

H.R. 4936, (Rep. Ocasio-Cortez, D-New York), a bill to amend the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 to repeal restrictions on offshore wind leasing. Introduced on July 26, 2023, and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee.

H.R. 4284, the “Northeast Fisheries Heritage Protection Act”, (Rep. Golden, D-Maine), a bill to prohibit commercial offshore wind energy development in Lobster Management Area 1 in the Gulf of Maine, and for other purposes. Introduced on June 22, 2023, and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee.

H.R. 3614, the “American Offshore Wind Opportunity Act”, (Rep. Scott, D-Virginia), a bill to direct the Comptroller General of the United States to submit to Congress a report on offshore wind development vessels, and for other purposes. Introduced on May 23, 2023, and referred to the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, and in addition to the House Natural Resources Committee, and the House Education and the Workforce Committee, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

H.R. 2716, the “Offshore Wind for Northeastern Energy Revenue Act” or the “OWNER Act”, (Rep. Malliotakis, R-New York), a bill to distribute revenue from offshore wind projects in the New York Bight Area to certain coastal States, and promote conservation and workforce development. Introduced on April 19, 2023, and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee, and in addition to the House Budget Committee, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

H. Res. 239, (Rep. Van Drew, R-New Jersey), a bill expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that offshore wind projects along the Atlantic coast require more comprehensive investigations examining the impact to the environment, relevant maritime industries, and national defense before being leased or constructed. Introduced on March 21, 2023, and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee.

H.R. 1056, (Rep. Smith, R-New Jersey), a bill to require the Comptroller General to conduct a study to assess certain environmental review processes with regard to offshore wind projects, and for other purposes. Introduced on February 17, 2023, and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee.

H.R. 913, the “Reinvesting In Shoreline Economies and Ecosystems Act of 2023” or the “RISEE Act of 2023”, (Rep. Fletcher, D-Texas), a bill to modify the disposition of certain outer Continental Shelf revenues and to open Federal financial sharing to heighten opportunities for renewable energy, and for other purposes. Introduced on February 9, 2023, and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee; and in addition to the House Science, Space, and Technology Committee, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

NEPA, ESA:

H.R. 4629, the “Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basins Endangered Fish Recovery Programs Reauthorization Act of 2023”, (Rep. Neguse, D-Colorado), a bill to reauthorize the Bureau of Reclamation to provide cost-shared funding to implement the endangered and threatened fish recovery programs for the Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basins. Introduced on July 13, 2023, and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee.

H.R. 4596, the “Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basins Endangered Fish Recovery Programs Reauthorization Act of 2023”, (Rep. Boebert, R-Colorado), a bill to reauthorize the Bureau of Reclamation to provide cost-shared funding to implement the endangered and threatened fish recovery programs for the Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basins. Introduced on July 13, 2023, and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee. On July 27, 2023, the House Natural Resources Committee’s Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife, and Fisheries held a hearing on the legislation.

H.R. 3767, (Rep. Graves, R-Louisiana), a bill to require the Council on Environmental Quality to submit to Congress a report on the potential for online and digital technologies to address delays in reviews and improve public accessibility and transparency under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, and for other purposes. Sponsor: Introduced on May 31, 2023, and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee.

H. Res. 423, (Rep. Dingell, D-Michigan) Supporting the designation of May 19, 2023, as "Endangered Species Day". Introduced on May 18, 2023, and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee.

H. J. Res. 46, (Rep. Bentz, R-Oregon), a resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the National Marine Fisheries Service relating to "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Regulations for Listing Endangered and Threatened Species and Designating Critical Habitat". Introduced on March 30, 2023, and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee. On April 18, 2023, the House Natural Resources Committee's Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife, and Fisheries held a hearing on the legislation. On April 27, 2023, the bill was ordered reported by the House Natural Resources Committee favorably by a roll call vote of 17 to 12.

H.R. 2159, (Rep. Biggs, R-Arizona), a bill to provide for a limitation on availability of funds for U.S. Department of Interior, US Fish and Wildlife Service, Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund for fiscal year 2024. Introduced on March 29, 2023, and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee.

H.R. 1577, the "Building United States Infrastructure through Limited Delays and Efficient Reviews Act of 2023", (Graves, R-Louisiana), a bill to amend the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 to clarify ambiguous provisions, reflect modern technologies, optimize interagency coordination, and facilitate a more efficient, effective, and timely environmental review process. Introduced on March 14, 2023, and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee.

H. R. 1558, the "Saving America's Vulnerable Endangered Species Act" or the "SAVES Act", (Rep. Moran, R-Texas), a bill to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to provide that nonnative species in the United States shall not be treated as endangered species or threatened species for purposes of that Act. Introduced on March 10, 2023, and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee.

H.R. 1430, the "Determination of NEPA Adequacy Streamlining Act", (Rep. Valadao, R-California), a bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to use certain previously completed environmental assessments and environmental impact statements to satisfy the review requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, and for other purposes. Introduced on March 7, 2023, and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee, and in addition to the House Agriculture Committee, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

H.R. 1142, (Rep. Pfluger, R-Texas), a bill to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to require consideration of economic impact in making a listing decision with respect to the list of threatened and endangered species, and for other purposes. Introduced on February 21, 2023, and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee.

H.R. 872, the “Federally Integrated Species Health Act” or the “FISH Act”, (Rep. Calvert, R-California), a bill 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 or estuarine waters, and for other purposes. Introduced on February 8, 2023, and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee.

H.R. 520, (Rep. McClintock, R-California), a bill to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to provide that artificially propagated animals shall be treated the same under that Act as naturally propagated animals, and for other purposes. Introduced on January 25, 2023 and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee.

H.R. 518, the “Endangered Species Transparency and Reasonableness Act of 2023”, (Rep. McClintock, R-California), a bill to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to require publication on the internet of the basis for determinations that species are endangered species or threatened species, and for other purposes. Introduced on January 25, 2023, and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee.

H.R. 495, the “Reducing Environmental Barriers to Unified Infrastructure and Land Development Act of 2023” or the “REBUILD Act of 2023”, (Rep. Calvert, R-California), a bill to amend the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 to authorize assignment to States of Federal agency environmental review responsibilities, and for other purposes. Introduced on January 25, 2023, and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee.

H.R. 131, the “Manatee Protection Act of 2023”, (Rep. Buchanan, R-Florida), a bill to designate the West Indian manatee as an endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, and for other purposes. Introduced on January 9, 2023 and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee.

H.R. 99, the “Less Imprecision in Species Treatment Act of 2023” or the “LIST Act of 2023”, (Rep. Biggs, R-Arizona), a bill to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to provide for improved precision in the listing, delisting, and downlisting of endangered species and potentially endangered species. Introduced on January 9, 2023, and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee.

Sanctuaries, MPAs:

H. Res. 430, (Rep. Beyer, D-Virginia), a resolution expressing the need for protecting and conserving at least 50 percent of the land, freshwater, and ocean ecosystems in the United States and encouraging diplomatic community efforts to achieve this goal worldwide. Introduced on May 22, 2023, and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee, and in

addition to the House Foreign Affairs Committee, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

H.R. 897, the “Alabama Underwater Forest National Marine Sanctuary and Protection Act”, (Rep. Carl, R-Alabama), a bill to provide for the establishment of the Alabama Underwater Forest National Marine Sanctuary, and for other purposes. Introduced February 9, 2023, and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee.

Other Ocean / Coastal Legislation:

H.R. 4031, the “Stop Arctic Ocean Drilling Act of 2023”, (Rep. Huffman, D-California), a bill to prohibit drilling in the Arctic Ocean. Introduced on June 12, 2023, and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee.

H.R. 4030, the “North Pacific Ocean Protection Act of 2023”, (Rep. Huffman, D-California), a bill to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to prohibit oil and gas leasing in certain areas of the Outer Continental Shelf. Introduced on June 12, 2023, and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee.

H.R. 4018, the “Headwaters Protection Act of 2023”, (Rep. Costa, D-California), a bill to amend the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003 to reauthorize and improve the Water Source Protection Program, and for other purposes. Introduced on June 12, 2023, and referred to the House Agriculture Committee, and in addition to the House Natural Resources Committee, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

H.R. 3978, the “Southern California Coast and Ocean Protection Act”, (Rep. Levin, D-California), a bill to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to prohibit oil and gas leasing in the Southern California planning area. Introduced on June 9, 2023, and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee.

H.R. 3976, (Rep. Kilmer, D-Washington), a bill to amend the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 to authorize grants to Indian Tribes to further achievement of Tribal coastal zone objectives, and for other purposes. Introduced on June 9, 2023, and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee.

S. 1808, the “Coastal Communities Ocean Acidification Act of 2023”, (Sen. Murkowski, R-Alaska), a bill to amend the Federal Ocean Acidification Research And Monitoring Act of 2009 to require the Secretary of Commerce, acting through the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, to collaborate with State and local governments and Indian Tribes on vulnerability assessments related to ocean acidification, research planning, and similar activities, and for other purposes. Introduced on June 6, 2023, and referred to the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee.

S. 1806, the “Ocean Regional Opportunity and Innovation Act of 2023”, (Sen. Murkowski, R-Alaska), a bill to establish Ocean Innovation Clusters to strengthen the coastal communities and ocean economy of the United States through technological research and development, job training, and cross-sector partnerships, and for other purposes. Introduced on June 6, 2023, and referred to the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee.

H.R. 3873, the “Ocean Regional Opportunity and Innovation Act of 2023”, (Rep. Pingree, D-Maine), a bill to establish Ocean Innovation Clusters to strengthen the coastal communities and ocean economy of the United States through technological research and development, job training, and cross-sector partnerships, and for other purposes. Introduced on June 6, 2023, and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee, and in addition to the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, the House Science, Space, and Technology Committee, and the House Financial Services Committee, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

H.R. 2950, the “Coastal Habitat Conservation Act of 2023”, (Rep. Huffman, D-California), a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, through the Coastal Program of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, to work with willing partners and provide support to efforts to assess, protect, restore, and enhance important coastal landscapes that provide fish and wildlife habitat on which certain Federal trust species depend, and for other purposes. Introduced on April 27, 2023, and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee. On July 27, 2023, the House Natural Resources Committee’s Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife, and Fisheries held a hearing on the legislation.

H.R. 2735, the “Coastal State Climate Preparedness Act of 2023”, (Rep. Carbajal, D-California), a bill to amend the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 to require the Secretary of Commerce to establish a coastal climate change adaptation preparedness and response program, and for other purposes. Introduced on April 20, 2023, and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee.

H.R. 1196, the “Don Young Restoration Grants for Coastlines and Fisheries Act of 2023”, (Rep. Plaskett, D-Virgin Islands), a bill to require the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to establish a grant program to benefit coastal habitats, resiliency, and the economy, and for other purposes. Introduced on February 24, 2023, and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee, and in addition to the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

H.R. 886, the “Save Our Seas 2.0 Amendments Act”, (Rep. Bonamici, D-Oregon), a bill to amend the Save Our Seas 2.0 Act to improve the administration of the Marine Debris Foundation, to amend the Marine Debris Act to improve the administration of the Marine Debris Program of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and for other

purposes. Introduced on February 9, 2023, and referred to the to the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, and in addition to the House Natural Resources Committee, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned. On March 23, 2023, the House Natural Resources Committee’s Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife and Fisheries held a legislative hearing on the legislation. On May 17, 2023, the bill passed the House Natural Resources Committee (amended).

S. 318, the “Save our Seas 2.0 Amendments Act”, (Sen. Sullivan, R-Alaska), a bill to amend the Save Our Seas 2.0 Act to improve the administration of the Marine Debris Foundation, to amend to Marine Debris Act to improve the administration of the Marine Debris Program of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and for other purposes. Introduced on February 9, 2023, and referred to the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute by the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee favorably on March 22, 2023.

H.R. 676, the “Coastal Communities Ocean Acidification Act of 2023”, (Rep. Pingree, D-Maine), a bill to amend the Federal Ocean Acidification Research And Monitoring Act of 2009 to require the Secretary of Commerce, acting through the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, to collaborate with State and local governments and Indian Tribes on vulnerability assessments related to ocean acidification, research planning, and similar activities, and for other purposes. Introduced on January 31, 2023, and referred to the House Science, Space, and Technology Committee. On March 29, 2023, the House Science, Space, and Technology Committee ordered the bill to be reported by the Yeas and Nays: 35 – 0. On May 9, 2023, the bill passed the full House of Representatives by a vote of 351-58.

H.R. 615, the “Protecting Access for Hunters and Anglers Act of 2023”, (Rep. Wittman, R-Virginia) a bill to prohibit the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture from prohibiting the use of lead ammunition or tackle on certain Federal land or water under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture, and for other purposes. Introduced on January 27, 2023, and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee, and in addition to the House Agriculture Committee, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

H.R. 583, the “American Shores Protection Act of 2023”, (Rep. Waltz, R-Florida), a bill to amend the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006 to extend the moratorium on drilling off the coasts of the States of Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina, and for other purposes. Introduced on January 26, 2023, and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee.

H.R. 565, the “Land Restoration and Resiliency Act of 2023”, (Rep. Neguse, D-Colorado), a bill to require the Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service to enter into an agreement with the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation to establish the Community

Resilience and Restoration Fund. Introduced on January 26, 2023, and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee.

H.R. 470, the “West Coast Ocean Protection Act of 2023”, (Rep. Huffman, D-California), a bill 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. Introduced on January 24, 2023, and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee.

H.R. 356, the “Unleashing American Energy Act”, (Rep. Carl, R-Alabama), a bill to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a minimum number of oil and gas lease sales in certain areas, to prevent delays in oil and gas leasing, and for other purposes. Introduced on January 13, 2023 and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee.

H.R. 325, the “Harmful Algal Bloom Essential Forecasting Act”, (Rep. Byron, R-Florida), a bill to amend the Harmful Algal Bloom and Hypoxia Research and Control Act of 1998 to clarify that during a lapse in appropriations certain services relating to the Harmful Algal Bloom Operational Forecasting System are excepted services under the Anti-Deficiency Act, and for other purposes. Introduced on January 12, 2023 and referred to the House Science, Space, and Technology Committee, and in addition to the House Natural Resources Committee, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

H.R. 210, the “Stamp Out Invasive Species Act”, (Rep. Stefanik, R-New York), a bill to provide for the issuance of a semipostal to benefit programs that combat invasive species. Introduced on January 9, 2023, and referred to the House Oversight and Accountability Committee, and in addition to the House Natural Resources Committee, and the House Agriculture Committee, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

H.R. 184, (Rep. Mann, R-Kansas), a bill to promote accountability and transparency in future executive orders. Introduced on January 9, 2023, and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee.

Offshore Oil/Gas:

H.R. 3978, the “Southern California Coast and Ocean Protection Act”, (Rep. Levin, D-California), a bill to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to prohibit oil and gas leasing in the Southern California planning area. Introduced on June 9, 2023, and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee.

H.R. 4031, the “Stop Arctic Ocean Drilling Act of 2023”, (Rep. Huffman, D-California), a bill to prohibit drilling in the Arctic Ocean. Introduced on June 12, 2023, and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee.

H.R. 4030, the “North Pacific Ocean Protection Act of 2023”, (Rep. Huffman, D-California), a bill to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to prohibit oil and gas leasing in certain areas of the Outer Continental Shelf. Introduced on June 12, 2023, and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee.

H.R. 1, the “Lower Energy Costs Act”, (Rep. Scalise, R-Louisiana), a bill to lower energy costs by increasing American energy production, exports, infrastructure, and critical minerals processing, by promoting transparency, accountability, permitting, and production of American resources, and by improving water quality certification and energy projects, and for other purposes. Introduced on March 14, 2023, and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee, and in addition to the House Energy and Commerce Committee, the House Agriculture Committee, the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, and the House Budget Committee, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned. On March 30, 2023, the full House of Representatives passed the legislation by the Yeas and Nays: 225 - 204.

H.R. 1559, the “More Energy More Jobs Act of 2023”, (Rep. Moran, R-Texas), a bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to issue an oil and gas leasing program under section 18 of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act, and for other purposes. Introduced on March 10, 2023, and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee.

H.R. 1443, the “Florida Coastal Protection Act”, (Rep. Castor, D-Florida), a bill to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to prohibit oil and gas preleasing, leasing, and related activities in certain areas of the Outer Continental Shelf off the coast of Florida, and for other purposes. Introduced on March 8, 2023, and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee.

H.R. 1441, the “Offshore Pipeline Safety Act”, (Rep. Brownley, D-California), a bill to require the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement to further develop, finalize, and implement updated regulations for offshore oil and gas pipelines to address long-standing limitations regarding its ability to ensure active pipeline integrity and address safety and environmental risks associated with decommissioning, and for other purposes. Introduced on March 8, 2023, and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee.

H.R. 1362, the “Saving America’s Energy Future Act”, (Rep. Pfluger, R-Texas), a bill to prohibit the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture from issuing a moratorium on issuing new oil and gas leases and drill permits on certain Federal lands. Introduced on March 3, 2023, and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee, and in addition to the House Agriculture Committee for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

H.R. 1335, the “Transparency, Accountability, Permitting, and Production of American Resources Act” or the “TAPP American Resources Act”, (Rep. Westerman, R- Arkansas), a bill to restart onshore and offshore oil, gas, and coal leasing, streamline permitting for energy infrastructure, ensure transparency in energy development on Federal lands, and for other purposes. Introduced on March 3, 2023, and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee; and in addition to the House Agriculture Committee, and the House Budget Committee, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the of the committee concerned. On March 9, 2023, the House Natural Resources Committee ordered the bill to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 24 – 19. On March 23, 2023, the report to accompany the legislation was filed. On March 23, 2023, the House Agriculture Committee was discharged from further consideration. On March 23, 2023, the House Budget Committee was discharged from further consideration. On March 23, 2023, the bill was placed on the Union Calendar.

H.R. 1327, the “Defend our Coast Act”, (Rep. Ross, D-North Carolina), a bill to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to withdraw the outer Continental Shelf in the Mid-Atlantic planning area from disposition, and for other purposes. Introduced on March 1, 2023, and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee.

H.R. 1320, the “Clean Ocean And Safe Tourism Anti-Drilling Act” or the “COAST Anti-Drilling Act”, (Rep. Pallone, D-New Jersey), a bill to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to permanently prohibit the conduct of offshore drilling on the outer Continental Shelf in the Mid-Atlantic, South Atlantic, North Atlantic, and Straits of Florida planning areas. Introduced on March 1, 2023, and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee.

H.R. 1172, the “California Clean Coast Act of 2023”, (Rep. Carbajal, D-California), a bill to permanently prohibit oil and gas leasing off the coast of the State of California, and for other purposes. Introduced on February 24, 2023, and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee.

H.R. 1043, (Rep. Rosendale Sr., R-Montana), a bill to restore onshore energy production. Introduced on February 14, 2023, and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee.

H.R. 970, the “Preserving the Gulf Test Range to Ensure Military Readiness Act”, (Rep. Waltz, R-Florida), a bill to establish a moratorium on energy development in certain areas of the Gulf of Mexico, and for other purposes. Introduced on February 9, 2023, and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee, and in addition to the House Armed Services Committee, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

H.R. 956, the “No Drilling in the North Atlantic Act of 2023”, (Rep. Smith, R-New Jersey), a bill to prohibit oil and gas exploration, development, and production in the North Atlantic Planning Area of the Outer Continental Shelf. Introduced on February 9, 2023, and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee.

H.R. 913, the “Reinvesting In Shoreline Economies and Ecosystems Act of 2023” or the “RISEE Act of 2023”, (Rep. Fletcher, D-Texas), a bill to modify the disposition of certain outer Continental Shelf revenues and to open Federal financial sharing to heighten opportunities for renewable energy, and for other purposes. Introduced on February 9, 2023, and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee; and in addition to the House Science, Space, and Technology Committee, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

Miscellaneous:

H.R. 5216, the “Connecticut River Watershed Partnership Act”, (Rep. McGovern, D-Connecticut), a bill to direct restoration and protection efforts of the 5-State Connecticut River Watershed region, and for other purposes. Introduced on August 15, 2023, and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee, and in addition to the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

H.R. 5205, the “Coastal Fellowship Act”, (Rep. Bonamici, D-Oregon), a bill to establish the Coastal Management Fellowship and the Digital Coast Fellowship, and for other purposes. Introduced on August 15, 2023, and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee.

H.R. 5103, the “Fishery Improvement to Streamline untimely regulatory Hurdles post Emergency Situation Act” or the “FISHES Act”, (Rep. Donalds, R-Florida), a bill to require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to approve or deny spend plans within a certain amount of time, and for other purposes. Introduced on August 1, 2023, and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee.

H.R. 5009, the “Wildlife Innovation and Longevity Driver Reauthorization Act” or the “WILD Act”, (Rep. Joyce, R-Ohio), a bill to reauthorize wildlife habitat and conservation programs, and for other purposes. Introduced on July 27, 2023, and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee.

H.R. 5001, the “Special Advisors for Insular Areas Act”, (Rep. Grijalva, D-Arizona), a bill to establish a position of Special Advisor for Insular Areas in each Executive department, and for other purposes. Introduced on July 27, 2023, and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee.

S. 2645, the “Preventing Health Emergencies And Temperature-related Illness and Deaths Act of 2023” or the “Preventing HEAT Illness and Deaths Act of 2023”, (Sen. Markey, D-Massachusetts), a bill to reduce the health risks of heat by establishing the National Integrated Heat Health Information System within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the National Integrated Heat Health Information System Interagency Committee to

improve extreme heat preparedness, planning, and response, requiring a study, and establishing financial assistance programs to address heat effects, and for other purposes. Introduced on July 27, 2023, and referred to the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee.

S. 2534, the “Chesapeake Bay Science, Education, and Ecosystem Enhancement Act of 2023”, (Sen. Warner, D-Virginia), a bill to amend the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Authorization Act of 1992 to reauthorize the Chesapeake Bay Office of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and for other purposes. Introduced on July 26, 2023, and referred to the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee.

S. 2395, the “Wildlife Innovation and Longevity Driver Reauthorization Act” or the “WILD Act”, (Sen. Carper, D-Delaware), a bill to reauthorize wildlife habitat and conservation programs, and for other purposes. Introduced on July 19, 2023, and referred to the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee. On July 26, 2023, the bill was ordered to be reported by Senator Carper without amendment and without written report. The bill was placed on the Senate Legislative Calendar. *(Note: This legislation includes a reauthorization of the Marine Turtle Conservation Act of 2004.)*

H.R. 4922, the “Lacey Act Amendments of 2023”, (Rep. Luna, R-Florida), a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to enhance protections against the importation, and transport between States, of injurious species, and for other purposes. Introduced on July 26, 2023, a referred to the House Judiciary Committee, and in addition to the House Natural Resources Committee, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

H.R. 4916, the “Comprehensive Legislation for Expanding and Advancing Nonrestrictive Energy Act” or the “CLEAN Energy Act”, (Rep. Kamlager-Dove, D-California), a bill to amend the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 to repeal restrictions on onshore wind and solar. Introduced on July 26, 2023, and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee.

H.R. 4866, the “Fire Weather Development Act of 2023”, (Rep. Garcia, R-California), a bill to direct the Administrator of NOAA to establish a program to improve fire weather and fire environment forecasting, detection, and local collaboration, and for other purposes. Introduced on July 25, 2023, and referred to the House Science, Space and Technology Committee. On July 27, 2023, the House Science, Space, and Technology Committee ordered the bill to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 33 - 2.

H.R. 4770, the “Chesapeake Bay Science, Education, and Ecosystem Enhancement Act of 2023”, (Rep. Sarbanes, D-Maryland), a bill to reauthorize the Chesapeake Bay Office of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and for other purposes. Introduced on July 20, 2023, and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee.

H.R. 4538, the “Boosting Long-term U.S. Engagement in the Pacific Act” or the “BLUE Pacific Act”, (Rep. Case, D-Hawaii), a bill to establish a comprehensive, long-term United States strategy and policy for the Pacific Islands, and for other purposes. Introduced on July 11, 2023, and referred to the House Foreign Affairs Committee; and in addition, to the House Natural Resources Committee; and the House Ways and Means Committee for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

H.R. 4537, the “American Seabed Protection Act”, (Rep. Case, D-Hawaii), a bill to prohibit certain mining activities on the deep seabed and Outer Continental Shelf, and for other purposes. Introduced on July 11, 2023, and referred to the House Natural Resources.

H.R. 4389, the “Migratory Birds of the Americas Conservation Enhancements Act of 2023”, (Rep. Salazar, R-Florida), a bill to amend the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act to make improvements to that Act, and for other purposes. Introduced on June 27, 2023, and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee.

H.R. 3980, the “National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Act of 2023”, (Rep. Lucas, R-Oklahoma), a bill to formally establish within statute an independent scientific research and development agency known as the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and for other purposes. Introduced on June 9, 2023, and referred to the House Science, Space, and Technology Committee; and in addition to the House Natural Resources Committee, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

H. Res. 486, (Rep. Bonamici, D-Oregon), a resolution recognizing World Oceans Day and the necessity to protect, conserve, maintain, and rebuild our ocean and its resources. Introduced on June 9, 2023, and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee, and in addition to the House Science, Space, and Technology Committee, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

S. 1918, the “Don Young Veterans Advancing Conservation Act”, (Sen. Murkowski, R-Alaska), a bill to require the Secretary of Commerce to establish a grant program to facilitate the training and employment of veterans for certain conservation activities, and for other purposes. Introduced on June 8, 2023, and referred to the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee.

S. 1860, the “Youth Coastal Fishing Program Act of 2023”, (Sen. Wicker, R-Mississippi), a bill to direct the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to establish a grant program to fund youth fishing projects. Introduced on June 7, 2023, and referred to the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee.

H.R. 3925, the “Youth Coastal Fishing Program Act of 2023”, (Rep. Salazar, R-Florida), a bill to direct the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to establish a grant program

to fund youth fishing projects. Introduced on June 7, 2023, and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee.

H.R. 3918, the “Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basin Endangered Fish Recovery Programs Reauthorization Act of 2023”, (Rep. Neguse, D-Colorado), a bill to reauthorize the Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basin endangered fish and threatened fish recovery implementation programs. Introduced on June 7, 2023, and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee.

H.R. 3746, the “Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023”, (Rep. McHenry, R-North Carolina), a bill to provide for a responsible increase to the debt ceiling. Introduced on May 29, 2023, and referred to the House Ways and Means Committee, and in addition to the House Budget Committee, the House Appropriations Committee, the House Veterans' Affairs Committee, the House Rules Committee, the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, the House Judiciary Committee, the House Education and the Workforce Committee, the House Agriculture Committee, the House Energy and Commerce Committee, the House Financial Services Committee, the House Natural Resources Committee, the House Small Business Committee, and the House Homeland Security Committee, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned. The legislation passed the House of Representatives on May 31, 2023 by a vote of 314 - 117. The bill then passed the Senate on June 1, 2023 by a vote of 63 – 36. The bill was signed by the President on June 3, 2023 and became Public Law 118-5.

H.R. 3494, the “Extinction Prevention Act of 2023”, (Rep. Grijalva, D-Arizona), a bill to create dedicated funds to conserve butterflies in North America, plants in the Pacific Islands, freshwater mussels in the United States, and desert fish in the Southwest United States, and for other purposes. Introduced on May 18, 2023, and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee.

H.R. 3390, the “Report on Grant Consolidation Authority for Puerto Rico Act”, (Rep. Velazquez, D-New York), a bill to require a study relating to the consolidation of certain grant programs currently available to insular areas and the suitability of such consolidation for Puerto Rico, and for other purposes. Introduced on May 16, 2023, and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee.

S. 1552, the “Coastal Fellowships Act”, (Sen. Coons, D-Delaware), a bill to establish the Coastal Management Fellowship and the Digital Coast Fellowship, and for other purposes. Introduced on May 11, 2023 and referred to the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee.

H.R. 3256, the “Preventing Executive Climate Overreach Act”, (Rep. Pfluger, R-Texas), a bill to provide that Executive Order 14096 shall have no force or effect. Introduced on May 11, 2023, and referred to the House Energy and Commerce Committee, and in addition to the House Natural Resources Committee, and the House Science, Space, and Technology

Committee, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

S.1421, the “Country Of Origin Labeling Online Act” or the “COOL Online Act”, (Sen. Baldwin, D-Wisconsin), a bill to require origin and location disclosure for new products of foreign origin offered for sale on the internet. Introduced on May 3, 2023, and referred to the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee. On Thursday, July 27, 2023, the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee ordered the bill to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 1416, the “NWR Modernization Act of 2023”, (Sen. Cantwell, D- Washington), a bill to provide guidance for and investment in the upgrade and modernization of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Weather Radio All Hazards network, and for other purposes. Introduced on May 3, 2023, and referred to the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee.

H.R. 3026, (Rep. Plaskett, D-Virgin Islands), a bill to provide for the adoption of the Revised Organic Act of the Virgin Islands as the constitution of the United States Virgin Islands. Introduced on April 28, 2023, and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee.

H.R. 2990, the “National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Sexual Harassment and Assault Prevention Improvements Act of 2023”, (Rep. Bonamici, D-Oregon), a bill to amend the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017 to address sexual harassment involving National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration personnel, and for other purposes. Introduced April 28, 2023, and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee, and in addition to the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

S. 1381, the “Coastal Habitat Conservation Act of 2023”, (Sen. Cardin, D-Maryland), a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, through the Coastal Program of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, to work with willing partners and provide support to efforts to assess, protect, restore, and enhance important coastal landscapes that provide fish and wildlife habitat on which certain Federal trust species depend, and for other purposes. Introduced on April 27, 2023, and referred to the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee. On July 26, 2023, the bill was ordered to be reported by Senator Carper without amendment and without written report. The bill was placed on the Senate Legislative Calendar.

H.R. 2811, the “Limit, Save, Grow Act of 2023”, (Rep. Arrington, R-Texas), a bill to provide for a responsible increase to the debt ceiling, and for other purposes. Introduced on April 25, 2023, and referred to the House Ways and Means Committee, and in addition to the House Budget Committee, the House Appropriations Committee, the House Oversight and Accountability Committee, the House Education and the Workforce Committee, the House Agriculture Committee, the Energy and Commerce Committee, the House Judiciary Committee,

the House Rules Committee, the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, and the House Natural Resources Committee, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned. On April 26, 2023, the bill passed the House of Representatives.

H.R. 2757, the “Puerto Rico Status Act”, (Rep. Grijalva, D-Arizona), a bill to enable the people of Puerto Rico to choose a permanent, nonterritorial, fully self-governing political status for Puerto Rico and to provide for a transition to and the implementation of that permanent, nonterritorial, fully self-governing political status, and for other purposes. Introduced on April 20, 2023, and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee.

H.R. 2459, the “Hawaii Native Species Conservation and Recovery Act of 2023”, (Rep. Case, D-Hawaii), a bill to establish a competitive grant program to support the conservation and recovery of native plant and animal species in the State of Hawaii, and for other purposes. Introduced on April 3, 2023, and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee.

H.R. 2215, (Rep. Biggs, R-Arizona), a bill to provide for a limitation on availability of funds for Related Agencies, Executive Office of the President: Council on Environmental Quality and Office of Environmental Quality for fiscal year 2024. Introduced on March 29, 2023, and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee.

H.R. 2179, (Rep. Biggs, R-Arizona), a bill to provide for a limitation on availability of funds for U.S. Department of Interior, Insular Affairs, Compact of Free Association for fiscal year 2024. Introduced on March 29, 2023, and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee; and in addition to the House Foreign Affairs Committee, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

H.R. 2178, (Rep. Biggs, R-Arizona), a bill to provide for a limitation on availability of funds for U.S. Department of Interior, Insular Affairs, Assistance to Territories for fiscal year 2024. Introduced on March 29, 2023, and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee.

H.R. 2163, (Rep. Biggs, R-Arizona), a bill to provide for a limitation on availability of funds for U.S. Department of Interior, US Fish and Wildlife Service, Multinational Species Conservation Fund for fiscal year 2024. Introduced on March 29, 2023, and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee.

H.R. 2127, (Rep. Biggs, R-Arizona), a bill to provide for a limitation on availability of funds for Independent Agencies, Morris K. Udall and Stewart L. Udall Foundation, Environmental Dispute Resolution Fund for fiscal year 2024. Introduced on March 29, 2023, and referred to the House Education and the Workforce Committee; and in addition to the House Natural Resources Committee, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

H.R. 1786, the “Get Rewarding Outdoor Work for our Veterans Act” or the “GROW Act”, (Rep. Levin, D-California), a bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit to Congress a report on the Warrior Training Advancement Course, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to administer a pilot program to employ veterans in positions that relate to conservation and resource management activities of the Department of the Interior, and for other purposes. Introduced on March 24, 2023, and referred to the House Veterans' Affairs Committee and in addition to the House Natural Resources Committee for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned. On April 18, 2023, the House Veterans' Affairs Committee's Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity met to mark up the legislation.

H.R. 1762, the “Northwest Energy Security Act”, (Rep. Newhouse, R-Washington), a bill to provide for operations of the Federal Columbia River Power System pursuant to a certain operation plan for a specified period of time, and for other purposes. Introduced on March 23, 2023, and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee, and in addition to the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

H.R. 1760, (Rep. Moylan, R-Guam), a bill to extend the admission to Guam or the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands for certain nonimmigrant H-2B workers. Introduced on March 23, 2023, and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee, and in addition to the House Judiciary Committee, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

H.R. 1705, the “A. Donald McEachin Environmental Justice For All Act”, (Rep. Grijalva, D-Arizona), a bill to restore, reaffirm, and reconcile environmental justice and civil rights, and for other purposes. Introduced on March 22, 2023, and referred to the House Energy and Commerce Committee, and in addition to the House Natural Resources Committee, the House Judiciary Committee, the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, the House Agriculture Committee, and the House Education and the Workforce Committee, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

H.R. 1673, the “Protection from Cumulative Emissions and Underenforcement of Environmental Law Act of 2023”, (Rep. DeGette, D-Colorado), a bill to advance environmental justice by addressing cumulative impacts and underenforcement, and for other purposes. Introduced on March 21, 2023, and referred to the House Energy and Commerce Committee, and in addition to the House Natural Resources Committee, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

H.R. 1560, the “Public Water Supply Invasive Species Compliance Act of 2023”, (Rep. Moran, R-Texas), a bill to exempt from the Lacey Act and the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 certain water transfers between any of the States of Texas, Arkansas, and Louisiana, and for other purposes. Introduced on March 10, 2023, and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee, and in addition to the House Judiciary Committee, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

H.R. 1482, the “NOAA Weather Radio Modernization Act of 2023” or the “NWR Modernization Act of 2023”, (Rep. Bice, R-Oklahoma), a bill to provide guidance for and investment in the upgrade and modernization of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Weather Radio All Hazards network, and for other purposes. On March 29, 2023, the House Science, Space, and Technology Committee ordered the bill to be reported by the Yeas and Nays: 36 – 0.

H.R. 1400, the “Territories Statistics Collection Equity Act”, (Rep. Grijalva, D-Arizona), a bill to direct the Interagency Council on Statistical Policy to develop a plan to collect and publish statistics regarding the Territories of the United States in the same manner as statistics are collected and reported by Federal agencies for the several States, and for other purposes. Introduced on March 7, 2023, and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee, and in addition to the House Oversight and Accountability Committee, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.