

law, and for other purposes. Introduced on June 29, 2017 and referred to the House Natural Resources committee and subsequently to the House Judiciary Committee. **On July 19, 2017 a hearing on this legislation was held by the House Natural Resources Committee. On October 04, 2017 the House Natural Resources Committee ordered the bill to be Reported by the Yeas and Nays: 22 – 16.**

H.R. 3133, the “Streamlining Environmental Approvals Act of 2017” or the “SEA Act of 2017”, (Rep. Johnson, R-Louisiana), a bill to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to reduce unnecessary permitting delays by clarifying associated procedures to increase economic development and support coastal restoration programs, and for other purposes. Introduced on June 29, 2017 and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee. **On January 10, 2018, the House Natural Resources Committee ordered the bill to be reported. On February 15, 2018, the House Natural Resources Committee filed the report to accompany H.R. 3133. On February 15, 2018, the House Judiciary Committee was discharged from further consideration and the bill was placed on the Union Calendar.**

H.R. 3144, (Rep. McMorris Rodgers, 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 June 29, 2017 and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee, and in addition to the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker. **On October 12, 2017 the Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans held a hearing.**

H.R. 3377, the “Justice Attributed to Wounded Sharks Act” or “JAWS Act”, (Rep. Farenthold, R-Texas), a bill to prohibit importation of seafood products of countries that do not prohibit the practice of shark finning, and for other purposes. Introduced on July 25, 2017 and referred to the House Ways and Means Committee.

H.R. 3608, the “Endangered Species Transparency and Reasonableness Act”, (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 July 28, 2017 and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee.

H.R. 3916, 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 waters. Introduced on October 3, 2017 and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee. **On October 12, 2017, the Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans held a hearing on the bill.**

H.R. 3990, the “National Monument Creation and Protection Act”, (Rep. Bishop, R-Utah), a bill to amend title 54, United States Code, to reform the Antiquities Act of 1906, and for other purposes. Introduced on October 6, 2017 and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee. **On October 11, 2017, the House Natural Resources Committee ordered the bill to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 23 – 17.**

H.R. 4062, the “Digital Coast Act” (Rep. Ruppertsberger, D-Maryland), a bill to require the Secretary of Commerce, acting through the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, to establish a constituent-driven program to provide a digital information platform capable of efficiently

integrating coastal data with decision-support tools, training, and best practices and to support collection of priority coastal geospatial data to inform and improve local, State, regional, and Federal capacities to manage the coastal region, and for other purposes. Introduced on October 12, 2017 and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee.

H.R. 4114, the “Environmental Justice Act of 2017”, (Rep. Ruiz, D-California), a bill to require Federal agencies to address environmental justice, to require consideration of cumulative impacts in certain permitting decisions, and for other purposes. Introduced on October 24, 2017 and referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Natural Resources, Transportation and Infrastructure, and the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker.

H.R. 4306, the “National Sea Grant College Program Amendments Act of 2017”, (Rep. Huffman, D-California), a bill to reauthorize and amend the National Sea Grant College Program Act, and for other purposes. Introduced on November 8, 2017 and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee.

H.R. 4417, the “Harmful Algal Bloom and Hypoxia Research and Control Amendments Act of 2017”, (Rep. Bonamici, D-Oregon), a bill to amend the Harmful Algal Bloom and Hypoxia Research and Control Act of 1998 to address harmful algal blooms, and for other purposes. Introduced on November 16, 2017 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.

H.R. 4465, the “Endangered Fish Recovery Programs Extension Act of 2017”, (Rep. Curtis, R-Utah), a bill to maintain annual base funding for the Upper Colorado and San Juan fish recovery programs through fiscal year 2023, to require a report on the implementation of those programs, and for other purposes. Introduced on November 28, 2017 and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee. **On December 6, 2017, the House Natural Resources Committee’s Water, Power and Oceans Subcommittee held a hearing. On December 13, 2017, the House Natural Resources Committee ordered the bill to be reported. On February 16, 2018, the House Natural Resources Committee filed the report to accompany H.R. 4465. On March 13, 2018, the House of Representatives passed the bill. On March 14, 2018, the bill was referred to the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee.**

H.R. 4468, a bill to direct the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating to study and report to the Congress regarding recreational vessel operator training (Rep. King, R-New York). Introduced on November 28, 2017 and referred to the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.

H.R. 4489, the “Authorizing Critical Conservation and Enabling Sportsmen and Sportswomen Act” or the “ACCESS Act”, (Rep. Thompson, D-California), a bill to provide for the preservation of America’s outdoor heritage and enhance recreation opportunities on Federal land, and for other purposes. Introduced on November 30, 2017 and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee, and in addition to the Committees on Science, Space, and Technology, the Judiciary, Agriculture, and Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker.

H.R. 4525, the “Living Shorelines Act of 2017” (Rep. Pallone, D-New Jersey), a bill to direct the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to make grants to States and local governments and nongovernmental organizations for purposes of carrying out shoreline

stabilization projects utilizing natural materials. Introduced on December 1, 2017 and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee.

H.R. 4647, the “Recovering America’s Wildlife Act”, (Rep. Fortenberry, R-Nebraska), a bill to amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act to make supplemental funds available for management of fish and wildlife species of greatest conservation need as determined by State fish and wildlife agencies, and for other purposes. Introduced on December 14, 2017 and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee.

H.R. 4656, the “Fishing and Small Vessel Relief Act” (Rep. Herrera Beutler, R-Washington), a bill to extend a prohibition relating to permits for discharges incidental to the normal operation of certain vessels. Introduced on December 14, 2017 and referred to the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.

H.R. 5064, the “Whaling Convention Amendments Act of 2018” (Rep. Young, R-Alaska), a bill to authorize aboriginal subsistence whaling pursuant to the regulations of the International Whaling Commission and for other purposes. Introduced on February 15, 2018 and referred to the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

H.R. 5196, the “Commercial Engagement Through Ocean Technology Act of 2018” or the “CENOTE Act of 2018”. (Rep. Mr. Palazzo, R-Mississippi), a bill to require the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere to carry out a program on coordinating the assessment and acquisition by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration of unmanned maritime systems, to make available to the public data collected by the Administration using such systems, and for other purposes. Introduced on March 7, 2018 and referred to the House Natural Resources Committee and Natural Resources, and in addition and to the House Science, Space, and Technology Committee and the House Armed Services Committee, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, for consideration of provisions that fall within the jurisdiction of those committees.

Other Senate Bills of Interest:

S. 31, the “West Coast Ocean Protection Act of 2017” (Sen. Wyden, D-Oregon) 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 4, 2017 and referred to the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee.

S. 33, the “Improved National Monument Designation Process Act” (Sen. Murkowski, R-Alaska), to provide for congressional approval of national monuments and restrictions on the use of national monuments, to establish requirements for the declaration of marine national monuments, and for other purposes. Introduced on January 5, 2017 and referred to the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee.

S. 110, the “Digital Coast Act”, (Sen. Baldwin, D-Wisconsin), a bill to require the Secretary of Commerce, acting through the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, to establish a constituent-driven program to provide a digital information platform capable of efficiently integrating coastal data with decision-support tools, training, and best practices and to support collection of priority

coastal geospatial data to inform and improve local, State, regional, and Federal capacities to manage the coastal region, and for other purposes. Introduced on January 12, 2017 and referred to the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee. **On January 24, 2017 the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee ordered the bill to be reported without amendment. On March 30, 2017 the report was filed and the bill was placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. On May 25, 2017 the bill passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.**

S. 132, the “National Monument Designation Transparency and Accountability Act of 2017” (Sen. Crapo, R-Idaho), to amend title 54, United States Code, to provide for congressional and State approval of national monuments and restrictions on the use of national monuments. Introduced on January 12, 2017 and referred to the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee.

S. 376, the “21st Century Endangered Species Transparency Act”, (Sen. Cornyn, R-Texas), 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 February 14, 2017 and referred to the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee.

S. 756, the “Save Our Seas Act of 2017”, (Sen. Sullivan, R-Alaska), a bill to reauthorize and amend the Marine Debris Act to promote international action to reduce marine debris, and for other purposes. Introduced on March 29, 2017 and referred to the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee. **On April 5, 2017, the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee met in executive session and ordered S. 756 to be reported. On July 24, 2017, the report to accompany S. 756 was filed (Report #115-135). On August 3, 2017, the Senate passed the bill with amendments by Unanimous Consent. On August 4, 2017, the bill was referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the House Committee on Natural Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker.**

S. 935, the “Endangered Species Management Self-Determination Act”, (Sen. Paul, R-Kentucky), a bill to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to permit Governors of States to regulate intrastate endangered species and intrastate threatened species, to amend the Migratory Bird Treaty Act to permit the taking of certain black vultures and ravens, and for other purposes. Introduced on April 25, 2017 and referred to the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee.

S. 1036, the “Marine Energy Act”, (Sen. Wyden, D-Oregon), a bill to promote research, development, and demonstration of marine and hydrokinetic renewable energy technologies, and for other purposes. Introduced on May 3, 2017 and referred to the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee.

S. 1057, the “Harmful Algal Bloom and Hypoxia Research and Control Amendments Act of 2017”, (Sen. Nelson, D-Florida), a bill to amend the Harmful Algal Bloom and Hypoxia Research and Control Act of 1998 to address harmful algal blooms, and for other purposes. . Introduced on May 4, 2017 and referred to the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee. **Ordered reported by the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee on May 18, 2017. The report was filed on August 3, 2017 and the bill was placed on Senate Legislative Calendar. On September 26, 2017, the Senate passed the bill with an amendment by Voice Vote.**

S. 1100, the (Sen. Baldwin, D-Wisconsin), a bill to amend title 46, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the program to provide assistance for small shipyards and maritime communities

through fiscal year 2020, and for other purposes. Introduced on May 11, 2017, and referred to the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee.

S. 1214, the “Hunting, Fishing, and Recreational Shooting Protection Act”, (Sen. Thune, R-South Dakota), a bill to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act to clarify the jurisdiction of the Environmental Protection Agency with respect to certain sporting good articles, and to exempt those articles from a definition under that Act. Introduced on May 24, 2017 and referred to the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee.

S. 1234, the “Everglades for the Next Generation Act”, (Sen. Nelson, D-Florida), a bill to amend the Water Resources Development Act of 2000 to provide for expedited project implementation relating to the comprehensive Everglades restoration plan. Introduced on May 25, 2017 and referred to the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee.

S. 1332, the “Great Lakes Aquatic Connectivity and Infrastructure Program Act”, (Sen. Stabenow, D-Michigan) a bill to establish the Great Lakes Aquatic Connectivity and Infrastructure Program, and for other purposes. Introduced on June 8, 2017 and referred to the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee.

S. 1373, the “Gulf States Protection and Restoration Coordination Act”, (Sen. Wicker, R-Mississippi) a bill to designate the Gulf of Mexico Alliance as a Regional Coordination Partnership of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and for other purposes. Introduced on June 15, 2017 and referred to the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee.

S. 1425, the “Coordinated Ocean Monitoring and Research Act”, (Sen. Wicker, R-Mississippi), a bill to reauthorize the Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System Act of 2009, and for other purposes. Introduced on June 22, 2017 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 Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation on August 2, 2017. On November 27, 2017, the Committee filed the report and the legislation was placed on the Senate Legislative Calendar. On January 8, 2018, the bill passed the Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent. On January 9, 2018, the bill was referred to the House Science, Space, and Technology Committee, and in addition, the House Natural Resources Committee.**

S. 1586, a bill to require the Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere to update periodically the environmental sensitivity index products of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration for each coastal area of the Great Lakes, and for other purposes, (Sen. Peters, D-Michigan). Introduced on July 19, 2017 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 Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation on August 2, 2017.**

S. 1702, the “Endangered Salmon and Fisheries Predation Prevention Act”, (Sen. Risch, R-Idaho), a bill to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to reduce predation by sea lions on endangered Columbia River salmon and other species not listed under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, and for other purposes. The bill was introduced on August 2, 2017 and was referred to the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee.

S. 1747, the “Florida Manatee Research and Recovery Act”, (Sen. Nelson, D-Florida), a bill to authorize research and recovery activities to provide for the protection, conservation, and recovery of the Florida manatee, and for other purposes. The bill was introduced on August 3, 2017 and was referred to the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee.

S. 1839, the “Cultivating Revitalization by Expanding American Agricultural Trade and Exports Act” or the “CREAATE Act”, (Sen. King, I-Maine), a bill to amend the Agricultural Trade Act of 1978 to extend and expand the market access program and the foreign market development cooperator program. September 19, 2017 and referred to the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. (Note: While primarily focused on agricultural products, the bill does mention seafood.)

S. 1863, the “Native Species Protection Act” (Sen. Lee, R-Utah), a bill to clarify that noncommercial species found entirely within the borders of a single State are not in interstate commerce or subject to regulation under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 or any other provision of law enacted as an exercise of the power of Congress to regulate interstate commerce. Introduced on September 26, 2017 and referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works.

S. 1965, the “Allowing Alaska to Improve Vital Opportunities in the Rural Economy Act” or the “Allowing Alaska IVORY Act”, (Sen. Sullivan, R-Alaska), a bill to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to protect the cultural practices and livelihoods of producers of Alaska Native handicrafts and traditional mammoth ivory products, and for other purposes. Introduced on October 17, 2017 and referred to the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee.

S. 1996, the “Environmental Justice Act of 2017”. (Sen. Booker, D-New Jersey), a bill to require Federal agencies to address environmental justice, to require consideration of cumulative impacts in certain permitting decisions, and for other purposes. Introduced on October 24, 2017 and referred to the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee.

S. 2071, the “Sustainable Fishing Workforce Protection Act”, (Sen. Hirono, D-Hawaii), a bill to authorize the temporary entry into the United States of alien crewmen employed on longline fishing vessels originating in Hawaii, to ensure that such aliens receive reasonable wages and working conditions, and to provide for appropriate enforcement and oversight of fishing companies employing such aliens. Introduced on November 2, 2017 and referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee.

S. 2166, the “Endangered Fish Recovery Programs Extension Act of 2017”, (Sen. Gardner, R-Colorado), a bill to maintain annual base funding for the Upper Colorado and San Juan fish recovery programs through fiscal year 2023, to require a report on the implementation of those programs, and for other purposes. Introduced on November 28, 2017 and referred to the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee.

S. 2194, the “Fishing and Small Vessel Relief Act” (Sen. Cantwell, D-Washington), a bill to remove a limitation on a prohibition relating to permits for discharges incidental to normal operation of vessels. Introduced on December 5, 2017 and referred to the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee.

S. 2229, the “Coastal Communities Ocean Acidification Act of 2017” (Sen. Murkowski, R-Alaska), a bill to direct the Secretary of Commerce, acting through the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, to conduct coastal community vulnerability assessments related to ocean

acidification, and for other purposes. Introduced on December 14, 2017 and referred to the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee.

S. 2264, the “Rhode Island Fishermen’s Fairness Act of 2017”, (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 December 21, 2017 and referred to the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee.

S. 2273, a bill to extend the period during which vessels that are shorter than 79 feet in length and fishing vessels are not required to have a permit for discharges incidental to the normal operation of the vessel, (Sen. Sullivan, R-Alaska). Introduced on December 21, 2017. The bill considered and passed by the Senate on December 22, 2017. On December 22, 2017, the House of Representatives passed the bill by unanimous consent.

S. 2331, a bill to extend the period during which vessels that are shorter than 79 feet in length and fishing vessels are not required to have a permit for discharges incidental to the normal operation of the vessel (Sen. Sullivan, R-Alaska). Introduced on January 23, 2018 and referred to the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee.

S. 2354, the "America's Natural Treasures of Immeasurable Quality Unite, Inspire, and Together Improve the Economies of States (ANTIQUITIES) Act of 2018", (Sen. Udall, D-NM), to provide for the administration of certain national monuments, to establish a National Monument Enhancement Fund, and to establish certain wilderness areas in the States of New Mexico and Nevada. Introduced on January 30, 2018 and referred to the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee. (Note: the bill text is not yet available online.)

S. 2369, the “Whaling Convention Amendments Act of 2018” (Sen. Sullivan, R-Alaska), a bill to authorize aboriginal subsistence whaling pursuant to the regulations of the International Whaling Commission, and for other purposes. Introduced on February 5, 2018 and Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee.

S. 2472, the “Coastal Coordination Act of 2018” (Sen. Nelson, D-Florida), a bill to reauthorize the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, and for other purposes. Introduced on February 28, 2018 and referred to the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee.

S. 2511, the “Commercial Engagement Through Ocean Technology Act of 2018” or the “CENOTE Act of 2018” (Sen. Wicker, R-Mississippi), a bill to require the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere to carry out a program on coordinating the assessment and acquisition by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration of unmanned maritime systems, to make available to the public data collected by the Administration using such systems, and for other purposes. Introduced on March 7, 2018 and referred to the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee.