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Bill	Title	Sponsor(s)	Status	Notes
HOUSE BILLS				
HR65	Armed Forces Endangered Species Exemption Act	Rep Biggs [R-AZ]	01/03/25-Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources	<i>Exempts military from ESA, prohibits critical habitat in military installations, exempts military personnel</i>
HR102	American Sovereignty and Species Protection Act of 2025	Rep Biggs [R-AZ]	01/03/25-Referred to Natural Resources Committee	<i>Amends ESA to prevent a species that is not native to the US from being listed</i>
HR106	Less Imprecision in Species Treatment (LIST) Act of 2025	Rep Biggs [R-AZ]	01/03/25-Referred to Natural Resources Committee	<i>Requires improved precision in listing and delisting endangered species</i>
HR180	Endangered Species Transparency and Reasonableness Act of 2025	Rep McClintock [R-CA]	01/03/25-referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources	<i>Requires the publication on the internet of the basis for determinations that species are endangered</i>
HR181	Amend ESA to treat raised animals the same as natural animals	Rep McClintock [R-CA]	01/03/25-referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources	<i>Requires wild animals and raised animals to be treated the same under ESA and authorizes NMFS to raise a species when mitigation is required under ESA</i>
HR191	Inflation Reduction Act of 2025	Rep Ogles [R-TN]	01/03/25-Referred to every committee in the House	<i>Repeals the inflation reduction act of 2022 and rescinds any unobligated funds</i>

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HR207	SHARKED Act of 2025	Rep Wittman [R-VA]	Passed House; 01/22/25-received in Senate and read twice and referred to Commerce, Science and Transportation	<i>Requires DOC to establish a task force to address shark depredation; must include RFMC reps</i>
HR261	Undersea Cable Protection Act of 2025	Rep Carter [R-GA]	01/23/25-Subcommittee hearings held	<i>Amend NMSA to requires authorization of undersea fiber optic cables in an NMS</i>
HR408	To Nullify the Presidential memoranda on the withdrawal of certain areas of the outer continental shelf	Rep Arrington [R-TX]	01/15/25-referred to Natural Resources Committee	<i>Nullifies the President's withdrawal of outer continental shelf from oil or natural gas leasing</i>
HR513	Offshore Lands Authorities Act of 2025	Rep Higgins [R-LA]	01/16/25-Referred to Natural Resources, Rules Committees	<i>Nullify the President's withdrawal of unleased offshore land</i>
HR521	Reserve to congress the authority to establish or extend a national monument	Rep Maloy [R-UT]	01/16/25-Referred to Natural Resources Committee	<i>Reserves Congress the authority to establish or extend a national monument</i>
HR531	South Pacific Tuna Treaty Act of 2025	Rep Radewagen [R-AS]	01/16/25-Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources	<i>Amends 1988 South Pacific Tuna Act;</i>
HR562	BLUE Pacific Act	Rep Case [D-HI]	01/20/25-Referred to Foreign Affairs, Natural Resources, and Ways and Means Committees	<i>Focuses on long-term strategy for partnerships in the Pacific including PIF, SPREP, PIDP, etc.</i>
HR573	Studying NEPA's Impact on Projects Act	Rep Yakym [R-IN]	01/21/25-Referred to Natural Resources Committee	<i>Requires a report on impacts of NEPA on government projects</i>
HR576	A bill to codify EO 14096	Rep Barragan [D-CA]	01/21/25-Referred to Committees on Energy and Commerce, Natural Resources, and Science, Space and Technology	<i>Would make EO14096 have the force and effect of law</i>
HR644	Harmful Algal Bloom and Hypoxia Research and Control	Rep Bonamici [D-OR]	01/03/25-Referred to Committee on Science,	<i>Amends Harmful Algal bloom and Hypoxia Research and Control Act of</i>

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	Amendments Act of 2025		Space, and Technology; Committee on Natural Resources	<i>1998-creates a task force, observing network, incubator program; adds NHO to list of orgs</i>
HR663	To oppose permitting of deep seabed mining	Rep Case [D- HI]	02/04/25-Sponsor introductory remarks on measure	<i>Opposes deep sea mining</i>
HR664	American Seabed Protection Act	Rep Case [D- HI]	02/04/25-Sponsor introductory remarks on measure	<i>Prohibits seabed mining</i>
HR674	Northeast Fisheries Heritage Protection Act of 2025	Rep Golden [D-ME]	01/23/25-Referred to Natural Resources Committee	<i>Prohibits commercial offshore wind energy development in the Gulf of Maine (Lobster Management Area)</i>
HR1808	Keep America's Waterfronts Working Act of 2025	Rep Pingree [D-ME]	03/03/25-Referred to Natural Resources Committee	<i>Amends CZMA to establish a working waterfronts task force, grant and loan program</i>
HR1897	ESA Amendments Act of 2025	Rep Westerman [R-AR]	03/18/25-Referred to Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife and Fisheries	<i>Optimize conservation through resource prioritization, create transparency, etc.</i>
SENATE BILLS				
S93	Harmful Algal Bloom and Hypoxia Research and Control Amendments Act of 2025	Sullivan [R- AK]	02/05/25-Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation ordered to be reported without amendment favorably	<i>Amends the Harmful Algal Bloom and Hypoxia Research and Control Act of 1998 to develop a task force and action strategy for HABs amongst others</i>
S216	Save Our Seas 2.0 Amendments Act	Sullivan [R- AK]	02/05/25- Ordered to be reported without amendment from Commerce Committee	<i>Amend Marine Debris Act to improve the Marine Debris Program</i>
S254	ARTIST Act	Sullivan [R- AK]	01/24/25-Read twice and referred to Commerce Committee	<i>Amend MMPA to protect cultural practices in AK</i>

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S283	Illegal Red Snapper and Tuna Enforcement Act	Cruz [R-TX]	02/05/25-Ordered to be reported without amendment from Commerce Committee	<i>Identify standards for country of origin labeling</i>
S759	Modernizing Access to Our Public Oceans Act	Cruz [R-TX]	3/12/25-Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute	<i>Provides for publication and standardization of data-requires MSA fishing prohibited areas to be published for the public</i>

Hearings Held

February 26, 2025

House Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife, and Fisheries

[Oversight Hearing](#) on “Evaluating the Implementation of the MMPA and ESA”

KEY MESSAGES

- The recent Loper Bright Enterprises v. Raimondo decision reiterates that Congress has the responsibility to reign in the overreach of executive branch agencies in implementing laws.
- The Endangered Species Act and Marine Mammal Protection Act are well-intentioned laws that have been exploited by the federal government and radical environmental organizations to stifle development and hinder species recovery.
- House Republicans will ensure that federal agencies are held accountable for their regulatory overreach and will work to reform these statutes so they are implemented as Congress intended.
- Empowering states, tribes, local governments, and private landowners in the regulatory decision-making process is the best path forward for both the health of species and the sustainability of local communities that coexist with species.

WITNESSES

- Mr. Parker Moore, Principal, Beveridge & Diamond PC, Washington, DC
- Mr. Paul Weiland, Partner, Nossaman LLC, Irvine, California
- Mr. John Vecchione, Senior Litigation Counsel, New Civil Liberties Alliance, Arlington, Virginia
- Mr. Daniel Rohlif, Professor of Law, Lewis and Clark Law School, Portland, Oregon [Minority witness]

March 5, 2025

House Subcommittee on Indian and Insular Affairs

[Oversight Hearing](#) on “Examining the Office of Insular Affairs’ Role in Fostering Prosperity in the Pacific Territories and Addressing External Threats to Peace and Security”

KEY MESSAGES

- As part of the U.S. homeland, the U.S. Pacific territories of American Samoa, Guam, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands are on the frontlines against attempts by the People’s Republic of China (PRC) and the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (DPRK) to undermine U.S. leadership and interests in the Indo-Pacific.
- The activities of the PRC under the rule of the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) and the DPRK threaten U.S. national security, particularly in the U.S. Pacific territories.
- It is imperative that the Department of the Interior’s (DOI) Office of Insular Affairs (OIA), the office charged with managing federal relations with the territories, work with the territories to address threats within its jurisdiction.
- It is critically important for national security that the U.S. government counter these activities of the PRC and the DPRK in the U.S. Pacific territories. Relevant federal agencies must coordinate to ensure the U.S. effectively counters these malignant activities.
- The OIA should work with Congress to find opportunities to improve economic prosperity in the Pacific territories to meet U.S. interests in a fiscally responsible manner.

WITNESSES

- Mr. Dean Cheng, Senior Fellow, Potomac Institute for Policy Studies, Arlington, VA
- Mr. Bruce Klingner, Senior Research Fellow, The Heritage Foundation, Washington, D.C.
- Ms. Cleo Paskal, Non-Resident Senior Fellow, Foundation for Defense of Democracies, Washington, D.C.
- Mr. Francisco Bencosme, Former China Policy Lead, U.S. Agency for International Development, Washington, D.C. [Minority Witness]

March 25, 2025

House Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife, and Fisheries

[Hearing](#) on the following bill: H.R. 1897-ESA Amendments Act of 2025