

The background is a light blue gradient with several realistic water droplets of various sizes scattered across the surface. The droplets have highlights and shadows, giving them a three-dimensional appearance. The largest droplet is in the bottom right corner, and there are smaller ones in the top left and bottom center.

# CONGRESSIONAL REPORT

SAFMC MEETING

DECEMBER 2023

BEAUFORT, NORTH CAROLINA

# INTRODUCTION

- INDEPENDENT CONSULTANT – WORK FOR THE COUNCIL COORDINATION COMMITTEE
- WORKED ON CAPITOL HILL FOR 30+ YEARS
- SPENT ENTIRE CAREER WORKING FOR THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
  - HOUSE MERCHANT MARINE AND FISHERIES COMMITTEE
  - HOUSE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE
- COVERED FISHERY AND OCEAN ISSUES FOR 20 YEARS
- WAS THE LEAD REPUBLICAN STAFF FOR THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE LAST TWO MAJOR MAGNUSON-STEVENSON ACT REAUTHORIZATIONS

# CIVICS 101 – HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

435 VOTING MEMBERS\* – BASED ON POPULATION

2-YEAR TERMS\*

222 REPUBLICANS, 213 DEMOCRATS

ALL 435 ARE UP FOR ELECTION IN 2024\*

KEY COMMITTEE – NATURAL RESOURCES\*

*ALL REVENUE MEASURES MUST ORIGINATE IN THE HOUSE*

# CIVICS 101 - CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES

- AUTHORIZING COMMITTEE VS APPROPRIATING COMMITTEE
- COMMITTEE JURISDICTIONS
  
- LEGISLATIVE HEARING VS OVERSIGHT HEARING
- BILL, REPORT
- WORDS MEAN THINGS – “SHOULD”, “SHALL”, “MAY”
- BILL REFERRALS

# HOUSE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEMBERS

## FULL COMMITTEE REPUBLICANS – 25

REP. BRUCE WESTERMAN (R-ARKANSAS) – CHAIR

REP. DOUG LAMBORN (R-COLORADO)

REP. ROB WITTMAN (R-VIRGINIA)

REP. TOM MCCLINTOCK (R-CALIFORNIA)

REP. PAUL GOSAR (R-ARIZONA)

REP. GARRET GRAVES (R-LOUISIANA)

REP. AMATA COLEMAN RADEWAGEN (R-AMERICAN SAMOA)

REP. DOUG LAMALFA (R-CALIFORNIA)

REP. DANIEL WEBSTER (R-FLORIDA)

REP. JENNIFFER GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN (R-PUERTO RICO)

REP. RUSS FULCHER (R-IDAHO)

REP. PETE STAUBER (R-MINNESOTA)

REP. JOHN CURTIS (R-UTAH)

REP. TOM TIFFANY (R-WISCONSIN)

REP. JERRY CARL (R-ALABAMA)

REP. MATT ROSENDALE (R-MONTANA)

REP. LAUREN BOEBERT (R-COLORADO)

REP. CLIFF BENTZ (R-OREGON)

\*REP. JEN KIGGANS (R-VIRGINIA)

\*REP. JIM MOYLAN (R-GUAM)

\*REP. WESLEY HUNT (R-TEXAS)

\*REP. MIKE COLLINS (R-GEORGIA)

\*REP. ANNA PAULINA LUNA (R-FLORIDA)

\*REP. JOHN DUARTE (R-CALIFORNIA)

\*REP. HARRIET HAGEMAN (R-WYOMING)

## FULL COMMITTEE DEMOCRATS – 20 – 2 VACANCIES

REP. RAÚL M. GRIJALVA (D-ARIZONA) – RANKING MEMBER

REP. GRACE F. NAPOLITANO (D-CALIFORNIA)

REP. GREGORIO KILILI CAMACHO SABLAN (D-CNMI)

REP. JARED HUFFMAN (D-CALIFORNIA)

REP. RUBEN GALLEGU (D-ARIZONA)

REP. JOE NEGUSE (D-COLORADO)

REP. MIKE LEVIN (D-CALIFORNIA)

REP. KATIE PORTER (D-CALIFORNIA)

REP. TERESA LEGER FERNÁNDEZ (D-NEW MEXICO)

REP. MELANIE STANSBURY (D-NEW MEXICO)

REP. MARY SATTTLER PELTOLA (D-ALASKA)

REP. ALEXANDRIA OCASIO-CORTEZ (D-NEW YORK)

\*REP. KEVIN MULLIN (D-CALIFORNIA)

\*REP. VAL HOYLE (D-OREGON)

\*REP. SYDNEY KAMLAGER-DOVE (D-CALIFORNIA)

\*REP. SETH MAGAZINER (D-RHODE ISLAND)

REP. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ (D-NEW YORK)

REP. ED CASE (D-HAWAII)

REP. DEBBIE DINGELL (D-MICHIGAN)

REP. SUSIE LEE (D-NEVADA)

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# WATER, WILDLIFE, AND FISHERIES SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS

## REPUBLICANS – 14

REP. CLIFF BENTZ (R-OREGON) - CHAIR

\*REP. JEN KIGGANS (R-VIRGINIA)

REP. ROB WITTMAN (R-VIRGINIA)

REP. TOM MCCLINTOCK (R-CALIFORNIA)

REP. GARRET GRAVES (R-LOUISIANA)

REP. AMATA COLEMAN RADEWAGEN (R-AMERICAN SAMOA)

REP. DOUG LAMALFA (R-CALIFORNIA)

REP. DANIEL WEBSTER (R-FLORIDA)

REP. JENNIFFER GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN (R-PUERTO RICO)

REP. JERRY CARL (R-ALABAMA)

REP. LAUREN BOEBERT (R-COLORADO)

\*REP. ANNA PAULINA LUNA (R-FLORIDA)

\*REP. JOHN DUARTE (R-CALIFORNIA)

\*REP. HARRIET HAGEMAN (R-WYOMING)

## DEMOCRATS - 13

REP. JARED HUFFMAN (D-CALIFORNIA) - RANKING MEMBER

REP. GRACE F. NAPOLITANO (D-CALIFORNIA)

REP. MIKE LEVIN (D-CALIFORNIA)

REP. MARY SATTLER PELTOLA (D-ALASKA)

\*REP. KEVIN MULLIN (D-CALIFORNIA)

\*REP. VAL HOYLE (D-OREGON)

\*REP. SETH MAGAZINER (D-RHODE ISLAND)

REP. DEBBIE DINGELL (D-MICHIGAN)

REP. RUBEN GALLEGU (D-ARIZONA)

REP. JOE NEGUSE (D-COLORADO)

REP. KATIE PORTER (D-CALIFORNIA)

REP. ED CASE (D-HAWAII)

REP. RAÚL M. GRIJALVA (D-ARIZONA)

# HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE SUBCOMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES

- REP. HAL ROGERS (R-KENTUCKY) – CHAIR
  - REP. ROBERT ADERHOLT (R-ALABAMA)
  - REP. JOHN CARTER R-TEXAS)
  - REP. BEN CLINE (R-VIRGINIA)
  - REP. MIKE GARCIA (R-CALIFORNIA)
  - REP. TONY GONZALES (R-TEXAS)
  - REP. ANDREW CLYDE (R-GEORGIA)
  - REP. JAKE ELLZEY (R-TEXAS)
- REP. MATT CARTWRIGHT (D-PENNSYLVANIA) –  
RANKING MEMBER
  - REP. GRACE MENG (D-NEW YORK)
  - REP. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER (D-MARYLAND)
  - REP. DAVID TRONE (D-MARYLAND)
  - REP. JOE MORELLE (D-NEW YORK)

# CIVICS 101 - SENATE

## U.S. SENATE

100 MEMBERS – 2 FROM EACH STATE

6-YEAR TERMS

51 DEMOCRAT (*ACTUALLY 48 + 3 INDEPENDENTS*) – 49 REPUBLICAN

ONE THIRD OF SENATE UP FOR ELECTION EVERY 2 YEARS

KEY COMMITTEE – COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION



# SENATE COMMERCE, SCIENCE AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS

## DEMOCRATS – 14

SEN. MARIA CANTWELL, D-WASHINGTON - CHAIR

SEN. AMY KLOBUCHAR, D-MINNESOTA

SEN. BRIAN SCHATZ, D-HAWAII

SEN. ED MARKEY, D-MASSACHUSETTS

SEN. GARY PETERS, D-MICHIGAN

SEN. TAMMY BALDWIN, D-WISCONSIN

SEN. TAMMY DUCKWORTH, ILLINOIS

SEN. JON TESTER, D-MONTANA

SEN. KYRSTEN SINEMA, D-ARIZONA

SEN. JACKY ROSEN, D-NEVADA

SEN. BEN RAY LUJAN, D-NEW MEXICO

SEN. JOHN HICKENLOOPER, D-COLORADO

SEN. RAPHAEL WARNOCK, D-GEORGIA

SEN. PETER WELCH, D-VERMONT \*

## REPUBLICANS - 13

SEN. TED CRUZ, R-TEXAS – RANKING MEMBER

SEN. JOHN THUNE, R-SOUTH DAKOTA

SEN. ROGER WICKER, R-MISSISSIPPI

SEN. DEB FISCHER, R-NEBRASKA

SEN. JERRY MORAN, R-KANSAS

SEN. DAN SULLIVAN, R-ALASKA

SEN. MARSHA BLACKBURN, R-TENNESSEE

SEN. TODD YOUNG, R-INDIANA

SEN. TED BUDD, R-NORTH CAROLINA \*

SEN. ERIC SCHMITT, R-MISSOURI \*

SEN. J.D. VANCE, R-OHIO \*

SEN. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO, R-WEST VIRGINIA

SEN. CYNTHIA LUMMIS, R-WYOMING

# SUBCOMMITTEE ON OCEANS, FISHERIES, CLIMATE CHANGE, AND MANUFACTURING MEMBERS

## DEMOCRATS – 6

SEN. TAMMY BALDWIN, D-WISCONSIN – CHAIR

SEN. BRIAN SCHATZ, D-HAWAII

SEN. ED MARKEY, D-MASSACHUSETTS

SEN. BEN RAY LUJAN, D-NEW MEXICO

SEN. RAPHAEL WARNOCK, D-GEORGIA

SEN. PETER WELCH, D-VERMONT \*

## REPUBLICANS – 5

SEN. DAN SULLIVAN, R-ALASKA – RANKING MEMBER

SEN. ROGER WICKER, R-MISSISSIPPI

SEN. JERRY MORAN, R-KANSAS

SEN. MARSHA BLACKBURN, R-TENNESSEE

SEN. J.D. VANCE, R-OHIO \*

# SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE SUBCOMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES

## DEMOCRATS – 9

SEN. JEANNE SHAHEEN (D-NEW HAMPSHIRE) – CHAIR

SEN. JACK REED (D-RHODE ISLAND)

SEN. CHRISTOPHER COONS (D-DELAWARE)

SEN. BRIAN SCHATZ (D-HAWAII)

SEN. JOE MANCHIN (D-WEST VIRGINIA)

SEN. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN (D-MARYLAND)

SEN. JEFF MERKLEY (D-OREGON)

SEN. GARY PETERS (D-MICHIGAN)

SEN. MARTIN HEINRICH (D-NEW MEXICO)

## REPUBLICANS - 8

SEN. JERRY MORAN (R-KANSAS) – RANKING MEMBER

SEN. LISA MURKOWSKI (R-ALASKA)

SEN. SUSAN COLLINS (R-MAINE)

SEN. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO (R-WEST VIRGINIA)

SEN. JOHN KENNEDY (R-LOUISIANA)

SEN. BILL HAGERTY (R-TENNESSEE)

SEN. KATIE BRITT (R-ALABAMA) \*

SEN. DEB FISCHER (R-NEBRASKA)

# 117<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS – WRAP UP

## **NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR 2023 (NDAA) - PUBLIC LAW 117-263**

- SHARK FINNING BAN
- REAUTHORIZATION OF THE CORAL REEF CONSERVATION ACT OF 2000
- BLUE ECONOMY VALUATION STUDY
- REGIONAL OCEAN PARTNERSHIPS
- NATIONAL OCEAN EXPLORATION
- MARINE MAMMAL RESEARCH & RESPONSE, MARINE MAMMAL HEALTH MAP, MARINE MAMMAL MORTALITY STUDY, LARGE CETACEANS PROTECTION/MONITORING
- OCEAN SOUNDSCAPE MONITORING PROGRAM
- U.S. COAST GUARD FISHING PROVISIONS
- RED SNAPPER

## **CONSOLIDATED APPROPRIATIONS ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023 - PUBLIC LAW 117-328**

- WEST COAST DRIFTNET BAN
- FISHERY RESOURCE DISASTERS IMPROVEMENT ACT
- ALASKA SALMON RESEARCH TASK FORCE ACT
- NORTH ATLANTIC RIGHT WHALE PROTECTION LIMITATION

# 117<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS – WRAP UP

## INFLATION REDUCTION ACT OF 2022

### PUBLIC LAW 117-169

- COASTAL COMMUNITY AND CLIMATE RESILIENCE
  - CONSERVATION, RESTORATION, PROTECTION OF COASTAL HABITAT
  - PROJECTS THAT SUPPORT NATURAL RESOURCES FOR DEPENDENT COMMUNITIES
  - MARINE FISHERY/MARINE MAMMAL STOCK ASSESSMENTS
- NOAA, SANCTUARIES FACILITIES
- NOAA PLANNING, PERMITTING REVIEW EFFICIENCY
- OAR CLIMATE AND WEATHER FORECASTING
- OFFSHORE WIND MODELING AND ANALYSIS
- OFFSHORE WIND FOR TERRITORIES



# 118<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS – HEARINGS OR MARKUPS OF INTEREST

- JUNE 6<sup>TH</sup> - HOUSE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE'S SUBCOMMITTEE ON WATER, WILDLIFE, AND FISHERIES - 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."
- JULY 18<sup>TH</sup> - HOUSE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES, SUBCOMMITTEE ON WATER, WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES - OVERSIGHT HEARING TITLED "ESA AT 50: THE DESTRUCTIVE COST OF THE ESA."
- JULY 27<sup>TH</sup> - SENATE COMMERCE, SCIENCE AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE - BUSINESS MEETING TO CONSIDER: S.2086, THE "SEA TURTLE RESCUE ASSISTANCE ACT OF 2023", (SEN. MARKEY, D-MASSACHUSETTS), AND S.1421, THE "COUNTRY OF ORIGIN LABELING ONLINE ACT" OR THE "COOL ONLINE ACT", (SEN. BALDWIN, D-WISCONSIN).
- JULY 27<sup>TH</sup> - HOUSE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE'S SUBCOMMITTEE ON WATER, WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES - LEGISLATIVE HEARING ON: H.R. 1792, THE "SOUTH PACIFIC TUNA TREATY ACT OF 2023", H.R. 2950 THE "COASTAL HABITAT CONSERVATION ACT OF 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), AND H.R. 4587, THE "RED SNAPPER ACT", (REP. RUTHERFORD, R-FLORIDA)
- SEPTEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup> - HOUSE OVERSIGHT AND ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE - OVERSIGHT HEARING TITLED "UNSUITABLE LITIGATION: OVERSIGHT OF THIRD-PARTY LITIGATION FUNDING".
- SEPTEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup> - HOUSE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE'S SUBCOMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT AND INVESTIGATIONS - OVERSIGHT HEARING TITLED "EXAMINING SYSTEMIC GOVERNMENT OVERREACH AT CEQ".
- SEPTEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup> - HOUSE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE'S SUBCOMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT AND INVESTIGATIONS - OVERSIGHT HEARING TITLED "EXAMINING BARRIERS TO ACCESS IN FEDERAL WATERS: A CLOSER LOOK AT THE MARINE SANCTUARY AND MONUMENT SYSTEM."
- SEPTEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup> – HOUSE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE MARKUP - H.R. 4051, THE "SUPPORTING THE HEALTH OF AQUATIC SYSTEMS THROUGH RESEARCH KNOWLEDGE AND ENHANCED DIALOGUE ACT" OR "SHARKED ACT", (REP. WITTMAN, R-VIRGINIA), AND H.R. 4596, THE "UPPER COLORADO AND SAN JUAN RIVER BASINS ENDANGERED FISH RECOVERY PROGRAMS REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2023

# 118<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS – BILLS OF INTEREST THAT HAVE BEEN MARKED UP

- **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 – ORDERED TO BE REPORTED.
- **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 – ORDERED TO BE REPORTED.
- **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 - PASSED THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.
- **H.R. 886, THE “SAVE OUR SEAS 2.0 AMENDMENTS ACT”**, (REP. BONAMICI, D-OREGON), AND **S. 318**, (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 THE MARINE DEBRIS ACT TO IMPROVE THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE MARINE DEBRIS PROGRAM OF THE NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES – REPORTED OUT OF BOTH HOUSE AND SENATE COMMITTEES.
- **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 – ORDERED TO BE REPORTED.
- **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. – PLACED ON THE UNION CALENDAR
- **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.

# 118TH CONGRESS – BILLS OF INTEREST THAT HAVE HAD HEARINGS HELD

- **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. 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.
- **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.
- **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. 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.
- \* **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. \* *HEARING HELD ON DRAFT LEGISLATION PRIOR TO INTRODUCTION*



# MAGNUSON-STEVENS ACT REAUTHORIZATIONS - SUSTAINABLE FISHERIES ACT - 1996

## OVERFISHING/OVERFISHED/REBUILDING:

- DEFINITIONS OF “OVERFISHING” AND “OVERFISHED”
- REQUIREMENT THAT EACH FMP SPECIFY CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING WHEN A FISHERY IS OVERFISHED
- REQUIREMENT FOR ANNUAL REPORT ON STATUS OF FISHERIES TO IDENTIFY OVERFISHED FISHERIES OR THOSE APPROACHING AN OVERFISHED CONDITION
- REQUIREMENT FOR EACH COUNCIL TO ACT WITHIN ONE YEAR TO STOP OVERFISHING AND REBUILD THE FISHERY
- REQUIREMENT FOR THE SECRETARY TO STEP IN IF A COUNCILS FAILS TO ACT

## BYCATCH REDUCTION:

- NATIONAL STANDARD
- FMP REQUIREMENT TO MINIMIZE BYCATCH AND MINIMIZE MORTALITY
- “TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE”

## HABITAT PROTECTION:

- DEFINED “ESSENTIAL FISH HABITAT”
- REQUIREMENT FOR DESCRIPTION AND IDENTIFICATION OF EFH FOR EACH FISHERY
- MINIMIZE ADVERSE EFFECTS ON EFH CAUSED BY FISHING
- ESTABLISHED PROCEDURES FOR COMMENT ON OTHER FEDERALLY-PERMITTED ACTIVITIES OR OTHER FEDERAL ACTIONS THAT MIGHT EFFECT EFH - RESPONSE REQUIREMENT

# MAGNUSON-STEVENS ACT REAUTHORIZATIONS - SUSTAINABLE FISHERIES ACT - 1996 (CONTINUED)

## COUNCIL REFORMS:

- NOTICE REQUIREMENT
- CONFLICT OF INTEREST
- RECUSAL
- ROLL CALL VOTE AUTHORITY
- TRIBAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR PFMC

## OTHER:

- INDIVIDUAL FISHING QUOTAS – DEFINITION, MORATORIUM, FEE AUTHORIZATION/LOAN AUTHORIZATION
- NATIONAL STANDARDS ON COMMUNITY IMPACTS AND SAFETY
- FISHING CAPACITY REDUCTION PROGRAM
- FISHERIES DISASTER RELIEF AUTHORIZATION
- ALASKA PROVISIONS - COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT QUOTAS, STATE JURISDICTION EXPANSION



# MAGNUSON-STEVENS ACT REAUTHORIZATIONS - SUSTAINABLE FISHERIES ACT - 1996 “LESSONS LEARNED”

- NEW REQUIREMENTS FOR EACH FMP TO BE AMENDED LED TO SIGNIFICANT WORK AND SIGNIFICANT TIME FOR COUNCILS TO IMPLEMENT
- TIGHT TIMELINES FOR COMPLIANCE CAUSED PROBLEMS FOR COUNCILS AND THE SECRETARY
- ESPECIALLY WITH EFH IDENTIFICATION, LACK OF SCIENCE WAS A PROBLEM
- LITIGATION SPIKED

# MAGNUSON-STEVENS ACT REAUTHORIZATIONS - MAGNUSON-STEVENS FISHERY CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2006

- PROHIBITED COUNCILS FROM SETTING HARVEST LEVELS ABOVE THE LEVEL RECOMMENDED BY THE COUNCIL'S SSC
- REQUIRED ANNUAL CATCH LIMITS (ACLs) AT A LEVEL TO ENSURE OVERFISHING IS NOT TAKING PLACE
- REQUIRED ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURES (AMS)
- ESTABLISHED GUIDELINES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF LIMITED ACCESS PRIVILEGE PROGRAMS (LAPPS)
- INCLUDED NEW RECREATIONAL-SPECIFIC MEASURES

# MAGNUSON-STEVENS ACT REAUTHORIZATION

## 116<sup>TH</sup> AND 117<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS ACTIONS

### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

- CHAIRMAN HUFFMAN'S LISTENING SESSIONS
- TWO REAUTHORIZATION BILLS – DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS
- 117TH CONGRESS – LEGISLATIVE HEARING - NOVEMBER 16, 2021 THE HOUSE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE'S SUBCOMMITTEE ON WATER, OCEANS, AND WILDLIFE
  - H.R. 59, THE "STRENGTHENING FISHING COMMUNITIES AND INCREASING FLEXIBILITY IN FISHERIES MANAGEMENT ACT"
  - H.R. 4690, THE "SUSTAINING AMERICA'S FISHERIES FOR THE FUTURE ACT OF 2021"
  - H.R. 5770, THE "FORAGE FISH CONSERVATION ACT OF 2021"
- MARKUP - H.R. 4690, THE "SUSTAINING AMERICA'S FISHERIES FOR THE FUTURE ACT OF 2021" - SEPTEMBER 21, 2022

### SENATE

- NO ACTION

# MAGNUSON-STEVENS ACT REAUTHORIZATIONS – ISSUES FOR REAUTHORIZATION?

- BYCATCH REDUCTION
- EFH PROTECTION
- FORAGE FISH PROTECTION
- OVERFISHING / REBUILDING
- CLIMATE CHANGE
- SCIENCE / DATA COLLECTION / COOPERATIVE RESEARCH / ELECTRONIC TECHNOLOGIES
- RECREATIONAL FISHERIES
- SECRETARIAL AUTHORITY VS COUNCIL AUTHORITY
- COUNCIL TRANSPARENCY

# OTHER FISHERIES/OCEAN ISSUES FOR 118<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS HEARINGS OR LEGISLATION?

- MAGNUSON-STEVENS ACT REAUTHORIZATION - HUFFMAN DRAFT BILL CIRCULATING
- MRIP OVERSIGHT
- AQUACULTURE – BILLS INTRODUCED IN HOUSE AND SENATE, KELP
- OFFSHORE WIND
- ENDANGERED WHALE SHIP STRIKE MITIGATION – EAST COAST, GULF OF MEXICO, WEST COAST
- MARINE SANCTUARIES/MARINE MONUMENTS - ANTIQUITIES ACT
- NOAA ORGANIC ACT OR AN INDEPENDENT AGENCY
- CHANGE IN PROTECTED SPECIES AUTHORITY – WEST COAST SALMON
- CHINA



# NOAA AS AN INDEPENDENT AGENCY / CHANGE IN PROTECTED SPECIES AUTHORITY

## **NOAA ORGANIC ACT/INDEPENDENT AGENCY**

- APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup> - HOUSE SCIENCE, SPACE, AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE HEARING ON A DISCUSSION DRAFT OF LEGISLATION TO ESTABLISH NOAA AS AN INDEPENDENT AGENCY.
- HOUSE LEGISLATION INTRODUCED ON JUNE 9, 2023 – H.R. 3980 (REP. LUCAS, R-OKLAHOMA), THE “NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION ACT OF 2023.”
- DISCUSSION DRAFT LEGISLATION FOR NOAA ORGANIC ACT CIRCULATED BY SENATOR CANTWELL (D-WASHINGTON)

## **PROTECTED SPECIES MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY**

- APRIL 11<sup>TH</sup> – HOUSE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE’S SUBCOMMITTEE ON WATER, WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES HEARING – CALIFORNIA WATER ISSUES
- H.R. 872 (REP. CALVERT, R-CALIFORNIA) TO TRANSFER OF ALL ANADROMOUS AND CATADROMOUS SPECIES TO U.S. FWS
- H.R. 3980 (REP. LUCAS, R-OKLAHOMA), THE “NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION ACT OF 2023.” - INCLUDES LANGUAGE TO STUDY THE TRANSFER OF ESA AND MMPA DUTIES FROM NOAA TO FWS

# APPROPRIATIONS – FISCAL YEAR 2024

- THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

- 7 OF THE 12 APPROPRIATIONS BILLS HAVE PASSED THE HOUSE,
- 2 WERE NOT REPORTED BY THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE – COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES, AND LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, AND EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES
- NOAA FUNDING IS INCLUDED IN H.R. 5893, THE COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 2024

- THE SENATE:

- 3 OF THE 12 APPROPRIATIONS BILLS HAVE PASSED THE SENATE,
- ALL 12 HAVE BEEN REPORTED OUT BY THE SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
- NOAA FUNDING IS INCLUDED IN S. 2321, THE COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 2024

# CONTINUING RESOLUTION ROUNDS 1 & 2

## ROUND 1 (H.R. 5860):

- FUNDED ALL FEDERAL AGENCIES THROUGH NOVEMBER 17, 2023
- EXTENDED FAA AUTHORIZATION THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023
- PROVIDED EMERGENCY DISASTER RELIEF

## ROUND 2 (H.R. 6363):

- SPLIT THE CR INTO TWO - WITH DIFFERENT DEADLINES
  - 4 APPROPRIATIONS BILLS EXTENDED THROUGH JANUARY 19, 2024
  - 8 APPROPRIATIONS BILLS EXTENDED THROUGH FEBRUARY 2, 2024 (COMMERCE INCLUDED)
- EXTENDED FARM BILL PROGRAMS THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

## DEBT LIMIT EXTENSION – SUSPENDS THE DEBT LIMIT UNTIL JANUARY 1, 2025:

- H.R. 3746, THE FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY ACT OF 2023 – BECAME PUBLIC LAW 118–5
  - IF A CONTINUING RESOLUTION IS IN EFFECT AS OF JANUARY 1, 2024, BOTH DEFENSE AND NON-DEFENSE SECTORS OF THE BUDGET WILL TAKE A 1% CUT
    - ONLY REALLY EFFECTIVE AFTER APRIL 30, 2024
    - IF ANY NON-DEFENSE APPROPRIATION BILLS ARE STILL UNDER A CR, THE CUT AFFECTS ALL NON-DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

# OTHER BIG PICTURE ISSUES REMAINDER OF 118<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS

- APPROPRIATIONS FLOOR PROCEDURE, SPENDING CUTS IN ADDITION TO THOSE AGREED IN DEBT LIMIT LEGISLATION
- MOTION TO VACATE THE SPEAKER (AGAIN?)
- BORDER SECURITY
- UKRAINE FUNDING
- ISRAEL FUNDING
- NDAA
- FAA AUTHORIZATION – CR EXTENDED THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023



## WORKING WITH CONGRESS

(LOBBYING?  
EDUCATING?)

- KNOW YOUR CONGRESSMAN AND SENATORS
- DO YOUR RESEARCH – WHAT IS THEIR BACKGROUND (BUSINESSMAN?), FAVORITE ISSUES, COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS, HOBBIES
- SCHEDULE YOUR APPOINTMENT WEEKS BEFORE YOUR TRIP – CHECK WHETHER HE/SHE WILL BE IN DC
- YOU WILL ONLY HAVE 15 MINUTES! BE BRIEF - HIT TOP THREE CONCERNS OR ISSUES, THEN IF EXTRA TIME, TALK ABOUT OTHER THINGS
- DISTRICT VISIT? CHECK WITH LOCAL OFFICE FOR WHEN THE MEMBER WILL BE IN TOWN
- DON'T BE UPSET IF YOU MEET WITH STAFF
- TRY TO MEET WITH COMMITTEE STAFF? BE BRIEF, DON'T JUST DROP BY



## WORKING WITH CONGRESS

(LOBBYING?  
EDUCATING?)

\* ECONOMIC IMPACT - HOW MANY EMPLOYEES, LOCAL IMPACT (YOU BUY ICE, GROCERIES IN TOWN, DOCK YOUR BOAT IN TOWN, YOU AND EMPLOYEES ARE FULL TIME RESIDENTS, SPEND ALL YOUR MONEY IN TOWN, HOW MANY OTHER FISHERMEN LIKE YOU ARE IN HIS DISTRICT)...GIVE HIM SOMETHING TO RELATE TO

\* ONE-PAGER WITH KEY INFORMATION – SIZE OF BOAT, FISHERIES YOU FISH IN, GEAR TYPES USED, WHERE YOU LAND YOUR CATCH

\* OFFER TOUR OF BOAT OR OPERATION

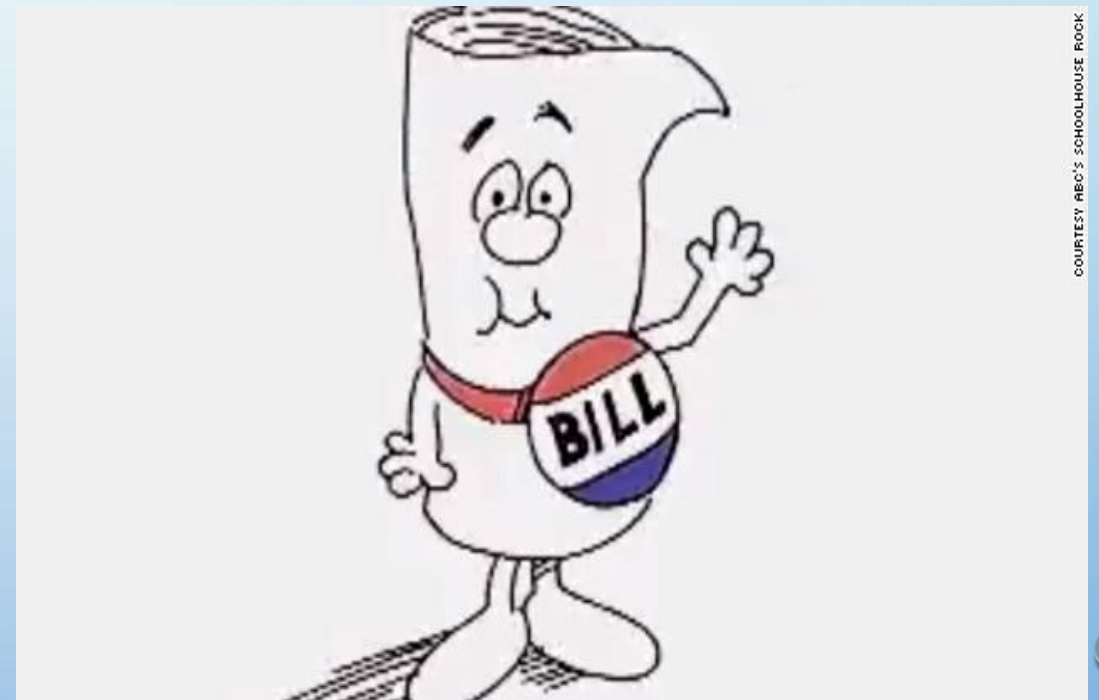
\* DO NOT TAKE A GIFT OR SEND A THANK YOU GIFT AFTERWARDS – GIFT BAN (LOCAL PRODUCT EXEMPTION?)

\* SEND FOLLOW UP NOTE WITH ANYTHING YOU FORGOT

# HOMework ASSIGNMENT

WATCH "I'M JUST A BILL (SCHOOLHOUSE ROCK)"

[HTTPS://WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/WATCH?V=TYEJ55O3ELO](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TYEJ55O3ELO)



**QUESTIONS?**