

## HR 4781

Marine Mammal Protection Act Amendments of 2002

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Animals

**Introduced:** May 21, 2002

**Current Status:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee (Amended) by Voice Vote.

**Latest Action:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee (Amended) by Voice Vote. (Jul 25, 2002)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Gilchrest, Wayne T. [R-MD-1]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** MD • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors

*No cosponsors are listed for this bill.*

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Reported by	Jul 25, 2002

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Animals

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

Marine Mammal Protection Act Amendments of 2002 - Amends the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to grant limited permission for a marine mammal to be exported from the United States, including in cases where an Indian, Aleut or Eskimo residing in Alaska exports the animal as part of a cultural exchange.

Requires reduction plans to track the number of animals from strategic stocks being incidentally lethally taken or seriously injured each year through recreational fishing (in addition to commercial fishing), and to publish proposals for reducing such incidents within a stock under certain specified conditions.

Requires research on the removal and control of nuisance pinnipeds, including on the development of new technologies to deter such creatures.

Authorizes appropriations for the Marine Mammal Commission through FY 2007.

Renews the Scrimshaw Exemption for the eight-year period beginning October 31, 1999.

Permits emergency assistance to tow a whale captured in a legal traditional subsistence whale hunt off the coast of Alaska if a request for such assistance is made by a federally-recognized subsistence whale hunting organization or by a member of such an organization.

Directs the Secretary of the Interior to issue a permit for importation of polar bear parts (other than internal organs) from bears taken in sport hunts in Canada before February 18, 1997 (the previous date was April 30, 1994).

Makes it unlawful for anyone under U.S. jurisdiction to release any captive marine mammal unless authorized under specified provisions of the Code.

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### **Actions Timeline**

- **Jul 25, 2002:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 25, 2002:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Jul 15, 2002:** Executive Comment Received from Interior.
- **Jun 13, 2002:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **May 22, 2002:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans.
- **May 21, 2002:** Introduced in House
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- **May 21, 2002:** Referred to the House Committee on Resources.