

HR 984

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Act of 2003

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Public Lands and Natural Resources

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Mar 27, 2003
Science, Space, and Technology Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 10, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Feb 27, 2003)

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Act of 2003 - Re-establishes the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) in the Department of Commerce, headed by the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere who will serve as the Administrator of NOAA.

Establishes within NOAA: (1) the National Coast (sic) and Ocean Service; (2) the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Research Service; (3) the National Marine Fisheries Service; (4) the National Weather Service; (5) the National Environmental Satellite and Data Information Service; (6) the Office of Marine and Aviation Operations; and (7) such other components as the Secretary considers necessary.

Establishes within NOAA the positions of: (1) Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere; (2) Deputy Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere; (3) General Counsel; and (4) Assistant Administrators for the Services and a Director of Marine and Aviation Operations and the Commissioned Officer Corps.

Establishes within NOAA a Science Advisory Board.

Authorizes the Secretary to: (1) enter into grants, contracts, or cooperative agreements with agencies, States, local governments, or other persons and apply for, accept, and use grants or funds from such entities; (2) enter into resource sharing agreements with States, local governments, or Federal agencies; and (3) establish joint or cooperative institutes with qualified entities.

Amends the NOAA Fleet Modernization Act to authorize the Secretary to implement a program to replace and modernize the NOAA fleet. Requires the Secretary to submit to Congress a modernization plan for the NOAA fleet covering FY 2004 through 2008.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 27, 2003:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Mar 10, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment, Technology, and Standards.
- **Mar 10, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans.
- **Mar 10, 2003:** Executive Comment Requested from Commerce.
- **Feb 27, 2003:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 27, 2003:** Referred to the Committee on Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Science, 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.

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