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Ocean and Coastal Observation System Act of 2005

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Public Lands and Natural Resources

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Fisheries and Oceans. (Jul 20, 2005)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Snowe, Olympia J. [R-ME]

Party: Republican • State: ME • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (8 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Feb 10, 2005
Sen. Inouye, Daniel K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Feb 10, 2005
Sen. Kerry, John F. [D-MA]	D · MA		Feb 10, 2005
Sen. Stevens, Ted [R-AK]	R · AK		Feb 10, 2005
Sen. Lautenberg, Frank R. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Feb 14, 2005
Sen. Sarbanes, Paul S. [D-MD]	D · MD		Feb 14, 2005
Sen. Lott, Trent [R-MS]	R · MS		Feb 16, 2005
Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		Feb 18, 2005

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Reported By	Apr 19, 2005
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 20, 2005
Science, Space, and Technology Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 12, 2005

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 HR 1584	Related bill	May 26, 2005: Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment, Technology, and Standards.

Ocean and Coastal Observation System Act of 2005 - (Sec. 4) Directs the President, acting through the National Ocean Research Leadership Council, to establish and maintain an integrated system of ocean and coastal observations, data communication and management, analysis, modeling, research, education, and outreach designed to provide data and information for the timely detection and prediction of changes occurring in the ocean and coastal environment that impact the Nation's social, economic, and ecological systems. Requires the system to provide for long-term, continuous, and quality-controlled observations of the coasts, oceans, and Great Lakes.

Requires the Council to establish an interagency program office (OceanUS) responsible for program planning and coordination of the system. Requires OceanUS, among other duties, to provide for opportunities to partner or contract with private sector companies in deploying ocean observation system elements.

Requires the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to be the lead Federal agency for implementation and operation of the system. Requires NOAA, among other duties, to integrate the capabilities of the National Coastal Data Development Center and the Coastal Services Center, and other appropriate centers, into the observing system for the purpose of assimilating, managing, disseminating, and archiving data from regional and other observation systems.

Authorizes the Administrator of NOAA to certify one or more regional associations to be responsible for the development and operation of regional ocean and coastal observing systems to meet the information needs of user groups in the region while adhering to national standards. Deems certified regional systems to be part of NOAA when carrying out this Act, and employees of such systems acting within the scope of their employment to be federal government employees, for purposes of civil liability under specified laws.

(Sec. 5) Directs the Council to establish programs for research, development, and education for the system.

(Sec. 6) Authorizes departments and agencies represented on the Council to participate in interagency financing and to share funds appropriated to any Council member.

(Sec. 7) Declares that nothing in this Act supersedes, or limits the authority of the Secretary of the Interior under the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act.

(Sec. 8) Authorizes appropriations to NOAA for FY2006-FY2010 for implementation of the integrated ocean and coastal observing system and the research and development program required by this Act. Requires the allocation of 50 percent of appropriations for the observing system to certified regional associations for regional systems.

(Sec. 9) Requires the President, acting through the Council, to report to Congress on the programs established under this Act.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Jul 20, 2005:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Fisheries and Oceans.
- **Jul 11, 2005:** Received in the House.
- **Jul 11, 2005:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Jul 11, 2005:** 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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- **Jul 1, 2005:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S7936-7939)
- **Jul 1, 2005:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment and an amendment to the Title by Unanimous Consent.(text: CR S7937-7939)
- **Jul 1, 2005:** Passed Senate with an amendment and an amendment to the Title by Unanimous Consent. (text: CR S7937-7939)
- **Apr 19, 2005:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Reported by Senator Stevens without amendment. With written report No. 109-60.
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- **Apr 19, 2005:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 76.
- **Mar 10, 2005:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Feb 10, 2005:** Introduced in Senate
- **Feb 10, 2005:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S1293-1294)
- **Feb 10, 2005:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (text of measure as introduced: CR S1294-1295)