

HR 2010

National Offshore Aquaculture Act of 2007

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 24, 2007
Natural Resources Committee	House	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Jul 12, 2007
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	May 2, 2007

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 S 1609	Related bill	Jun 13, 2007: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (text of measure as introduced: CR S7646-7650)

National Offshore Aquaculture Act of 2007 - Directs the Secretary of Commerce to establish an operating permit process for the development and operation of offshore aquaculture facilities in areas of the U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ). Requires the Secretary to prepare an analysis under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 with respect to the process for issuing permits. Authorizes the Secretary to issue such permits.

Excludes offshore aquaculture from the definition of "fishing" under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. Prohibits permits for facilities within 12 miles of a coastal state if the state opposes the activities. Authorizes the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating to designate a zone around a facility in which incompatible installations, structures, or uses are prohibited.

Requires the Secretary of Commerce, for permits for facilities in certain areas subject to the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act, to obtain the concurrence of the Secretary of the Interior and the consent of lessees, operators, and owners.

Authorizes the Secretary of Commerce to: (1) establish and conduct an integrated, multidisciplinary, scientific research and development program to further marine aquaculture technologies that are compatible with the protection of marine ecosystems; and (2) conduct research and development in partnership with permit holders. Directs the Secretary to conduct research to reduce the use of wild fish in aquaculture feeds.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 12, 2007:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **May 2, 2007:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Trade.
- **Apr 27, 2007:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, and Oceans.
- **Apr 24, 2007:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 24, 2007:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E842-843)
- **Apr 24, 2007:** Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, and Foreign Affairs, 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.