

## S 3641

National Endowment for the Oceans Act

**Congress:** 111 (2009–2011, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Public Lands and Natural Resources

**Introduced:** Jul 22, 2010

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (Jul 22, 2010)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/111th-congress/senate-bill/3641>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** RI • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Rockefeller, John D., IV [D-WV]	D · WV		Jul 22, 2010
Sen. Snowe, Olympia J. [R-ME]	R · ME		Jul 22, 2010
Sen. Inouye, Daniel K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Sep 14, 2010
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Sep 22, 2010
Sen. Nelson, Bill [D-FL]	D · FL		Dec 16, 2010

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 22, 2010

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## Summary (as of Jul 22, 2010)

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National Endowment for the Oceans Act - Establishes in the Treasury the National Endowment for the Oceans which shall fund grants (in conjunction with state matching grants) for programs to restore, maintain, or understand living marine resources and their habitats, and ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes resources, including baseline scientific research, ocean observing, and other programs in coordination with federal and state departments or agencies. Authorizes the Secretary of Commerce to make grants for such purposes.

States that programs funded in Great Lakes states shall also seek to attain the goals embodied in the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Plan, the Great Lakes Regional Collaboration Strategy, the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement, or other collaborative planning efforts of the Great Lakes Region.

Directs the Secretary to make grants to: (1) coastal states or affected Indian tribes; and (2) regional planning bodies to create and implement regional strategic plans.

Directs the Secretary to establish a National Endowment for the Oceans Council.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Jul 22, 2010:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jul 22, 2010:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S6204-6205)
- **Jul 22, 2010:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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