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National Marine Fisheries Service Ombudsman Act of 2010

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

National Marine Fisheries Service Ombudsman Act of 2010 - Establishes an Office of the Ombudsman in the National Marine Fisheries Service which shall be under the direction of the Ombudsman of the National Marine Fisheries Service, who shall be appointed by the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Requires the Ombudsman to maintain a regional Ombudsman in each of the regions for which a Regional Fishery Management Council.

Requires the Ombudsman to report solely to, and be under the general supervision of, the Administrator and allows the removal of the Ombudsman only by the Administrator for neglect of duty, misconduct, or inability to perform the duties of the office of the Ombudsman.

Sets forth the duties of the Ombudsman, including: (1) to act as a neutral third party who conducts informal, impartial fact finding and investigations; (2) to identify points of conflict or contention (and to mitigate such points of conflict or contention) between the fishing industry and the National Marine Fisheries Service with respect to the implementation and enforcement of regulations; (3) through each regional ombudsman, to serve as a point of contact for local fishermen and businesses that are regulated by the National Marine Fisheries Service; and (4) to maintain a public Internet site that includes contact information for each regional office.

Actions Timeline

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