

## HR 5863

Oil Pollution Wildlife Protection Act

**Congress:** 111 (2009–2011, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

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

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**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife.

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### Sponsor

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**Party:** Democratic • **State:** CO • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 30, 2010
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### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

### Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Oil Pollution Wildlife Protection Act - Amends the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (OCSLA) to direct the Secretary of Energy (DOE) to publish in the Federal Register and make electronically available to the public the Secretary's decision to approve, deny, or modify any geological and geophysical exploration, development, or production plans.

Repeals the exemption of the Gulf of Mexico from oil and gas development and production requirements for the outer Continental Shelf (OCS).

Prohibits the Secretary from approving any geological and geophysical exploration, development, or production plan, or any significant plan revision, or from granting any license or permit unless the Secretary certifies that: (1) such plan is in compliance with specified statutes, regulations, and legal authorities; and (2) all requisite authorizations have been issued for activities to be conducted under the plan.

Requires the Secretary to consult with the Secretaries of Commerce or of the Interior regarding any endangered species or fisheries that occur in the proposed area of activity.

Requires the Secretaries of Commerce or of the Interior to incorporate in environmental studies of areas or regions included in an oil and gas lease sale or other lease any takings of marine mammal species or stock from any other reasonably foreseeable activities when determining whether takings from specified OCSLA activities will have a negligible impact on a marine mammal species or stock, and not have an unmitigable adverse impact on the availability of such species or stock for taking for subsistence uses.

Permits citizen suits against the United States and any other subject instrumentality or agency that is alleged to have approved a leasing program, lease sale, exploration plan or permit, or development and production plan, without having prepared an environmental impact statement or environmental assessment, or without having complied with other related requirements.

Authorizes a person to commence a civil action on the person's own behalf to enjoin any person alleged to have failed to obtain proper authorization pursuant to the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jul 30, 2010:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.
- **Jul 30, 2010:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife.
- **Jul 26, 2010:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 26, 2010:** Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.