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Marine Mammal Rescue Assistance Amendments of 2009

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]

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

Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Kerry, John F. [D-MA]	D · MA		Apr 22, 2009
Sen. Nelson, Bill [D-FL]	D · FL		Apr 22, 2009
Sen. Rockefeller, John D., IV [D-WV]	D · WV		Apr 22, 2009
Sen. Snowe, Olympia J. [R-ME]	R · ME		Apr 22, 2009

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Reported By	Aug 6, 2009

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Animals

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 HR 844	Related bill	Mar 3, 2009: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The summary has been expanded because action occurred on the measure.)

Marine Mammal Rescue Assistance Amendments of 2009 - Amends the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to require the collection and updating of existing practices and procedures for rescuing and rehabilitating stranded or entangled (under current law, only stranded) marine mammals. Authorizes entanglement response agreements. Broadens the sources and allowed uses of amounts in the Marine Mammal Unusual Mortality Event Fund.

Renames the John H. Prescott Marine Mammal Rescue Assistance Grant Program as the John H. Prescott Marine Mammal Rescue and Response Funding Program and authorizes appropriations to it for FY2010-FY2014. Adds providing for stranding or entangling events requiring emergency assistance to the program's duties. Authorizes carrying out the program through grants, cooperative agreements, contracts, or other arrangements.

Establishes in the Treasury the John H. Prescott Marine Mammal Rescue and Rapid Response Fund.

Limits support for an individual project under the program to \$200,000 for any 12-month period. (Current law limits support to \$100,000 and makes no reference to a time period.)

Defines the term "emergency assistance" as assistance for a stranding or entangling event that: (1) is not an unusual mortality event, leads to an immediate increase in required costs in excess of regularly scheduled costs, may be cyclical or endemic, and may involve out-of-habitat animals; or (2) is found to qualify for such assistance.

Authorizes appropriations for FY2010-FY2014 for provisions of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to protect and rescue stranded and entangled marine mammals, including the Marine Mammal Unusual Mortality Event Fund and the National Marine Mammal Tissue Bank.

Actions Timeline

- **Aug 6, 2009:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Reported by Senator Rockefeller without amendment. With written report No. 111-70.
- **Aug 6, 2009:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 154.
- **May 20, 2009:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Apr 22, 2009:** Introduced in Senate
- **Apr 22, 2009:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S4578)
- **Apr 22, 2009:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (text of measure as introduced: CR S4578-4579)