

## S 1304

Fisheries Fee Fairness Act of 2011

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**Chamber:** Senate

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

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**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. (Jun 29, 2011)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Kerry, John F. [D-MA]

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

### Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Brown, Scott P. [R-MA]	R · MA		Jul 5, 2011

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 29, 2011

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 HR 2610	Related bill	<b>Dec 1, 2011:</b> Committee Hearings Held.

Fisheries Fee Fairness Act of 2011 - Authorizes the Secretary of Commerce, using sums received as fines, penalties, and forfeitures of property for violations of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act or other fishery resource laws enforced by the Secretary, to reimburse certain legal fees and costs to a person applying for reimbursement that: (1) the Secretary directed to be remitted a fisheries enforcement penalty in the Secretarial Decision Memorandum issued by the Secretary on May 17, 2011, entitled Decisions regarding Certain NOAA Fisheries Enforcement Cases Based on Special Master Swartwood's Report and Recommendations; or (2) received a Notice of Violation and Assessment for a fisheries enforcement penalty issued on or after March 17, 1994, that was settled or otherwise resolved prior to February 3, 2010, paid a civil penalty, submitted a complaint seeking remittance prior to May 7, 2011, and was directed by the Secretary to receive at least a portion of such remittance.

Directs the Secretary to make a final determination on whether to provide a reimbursement within 90 days after receiving such an application.

Prohibits providing more than \$200,000 to such a person for appropriate legal fees and costs.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jun 29, 2011:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jun 29, 2011:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S4234-4235)
- **Jun 29, 2011:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.