

## HR 1858

### Northwest Straits Marine Conservation Initiative Reauthorization Act of 2011

**Congress:** 112 (2011–2013, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

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

**Introduced:** May 12, 2011

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

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs. (May 24, 2011)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/112th-congress/house-bill/1858>

## Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Larsen, Rick [D-WA-2]

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

## Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	May 24, 2011

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 S 962	Related bill	Feb 27, 2012: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 330.

Northwest Straits Marine Conservation Initiative Reauthorization Act of 2011 - Amends the Northwest Straits Marine Conservation Initiative Act to define "Northwest Straits" as the marine waters of the Strait of Juan de Fuca and of Puget Sound from the Canadian border to the south end of Snohomish County, Washington.

Sets forth the membership of the Northwest Straits Advisory Commission. Directs the Secretary of Commerce, acting through the Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere, to appoint an employee of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to serve as a liaison between the Commission and the Department of Commerce and to attend the Commission's meetings and events as a nonvoting participant. States the goal of the Commission as the protection and restoration of the marine waters, habitats, and species of the Northwest Straits region in Washington to achieve ecosystem health and sustainable resource use. Enumerates the duties of the Commission and establishes benchmarks for its work.

Authorizes the Manager of the Shorelands and Environmental Assistance Program of Washington's Department of Ecology, upon the recommendation of the Commission and the Director of the Padilla Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve, to appoint and terminate a Director of the Commission. Requires the Director to be confirmed by the Commission.

Provides for the establishment of marine resources committees in specified counties of Washington.

Authorizes the Director of the Commission and the Director of the State of Washington Department of Ecology to establish the Northwest Straits Marine Conservation Foundation as a nonprofit foundation to support the Commission and the marine resources committees established by this Act.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **May 24, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs.
- **May 12, 2011:** Introduced in House
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