

HR 56

Gulf Coast Restoration Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Public Lands and Natural Resources

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs. (Jan 26, 2011)

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Sponsor

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Party: Republican • State: LA • Chamber: House

Cosponsors (11 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Alexander, Rodney [R-LA-5]	R · LA		Jan 5, 2011
Rep. Boustany, Charles W., Jr. [R-LA-7]	R · LA		Jan 5, 2011
Rep. Cassidy, Bill [R-LA-6]	R · LA		Jan 5, 2011
Rep. Landry, Jeffrey M. [R-LA-3]	R · LA		Jan 5, 2011
Rep. Richmond, Cedric L. [D-LA-2]	D · LA		Jan 5, 2011
Rep. Connolly, Gerald E. [D-VA-11]	D · VA		Apr 4, 2011
Rep. Lance, Leonard [R-NJ-7]	R · NJ		May 2, 2011
Rep. Paulsen, Erik [R-MN-3]	R · MN		May 2, 2011
Rep. Boswell, Leonard L. [D-IA-3]	D · IA		May 23, 2011
Rep. Olson, Pete [R-TX-22]	R · TX		May 23, 2011
Rep. Himes, James A. [D-CT-4]	D · CT		Jul 6, 2011

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 26, 2011
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 6, 2011
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Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 HR 1870	Related bill	Sep 8, 2011: Referred to the Subcommittee on Workforce Protections.
112 S 1140	Related bill	May 26, 2011: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Summary (as of Jan 5, 2011)

Gulf Coast Restoration Act - Establishes the Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Task Force, which shall: (1) consult with, and provide recommendations to, the Chair of the Task Force regarding approval of State Coastal Ecosystem Restoration Plans submitted by the governors of Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas providing for restoration activities the Gulf Coast ecosystem adversely impacted by the blowout and explosion of the mobile offshore drilling unit Deepwater Horizon on April 20, 2010; (2) coordinate scientific and other research associated with restoration of such ecosystem; and (3) submit an annual report to Congress that summarizes the Plans approved by the Chair.

Establishes in the Treasury the Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Fund. Directs the Secretary of the Treasury to deposit into the Fund sums equal to not less than 80% of any amounts collected by the United States as penalties, settlements, or fines under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (commonly known as the Clean Water Act) in relation to the Deepwater Horizon explosion and resulting hydrocarbon releases into the environment. Makes the Fund available for the conservation, protection, and restoration of the Gulf Coast ecosystem in accordance with approved Plans.

Requires the governors of such states to: (1) submit a Plan to the Chair by October 1, 2011; and (2) solicit local input and provide for public participation in the development of the Plan.

Requires the Chair to disburse amounts from such Fund to such a state for which the Chair has approved a Plan only for: (1) projects and activities for the conservation, protection, or restoration of coastal areas, including wetlands; (2) mitigation of damage to fish, wildlife, or natural resources; (3) planning assistance and the administrative costs of complying with this Act; and/or (4) implementation of a federally approved marine, coastal, or comprehensive conservation management plan.

Actions Timeline

- **Jan 26, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs.
- **Jan 6, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation.
- **Jan 6, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.
- **Jan 5, 2011:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 5, 2011:** Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.