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Northwest Straits Marine Conservation Initiative Reauthorization Act of 2011

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]

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

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D - WA		May 12, 2011

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Reported By	Feb 27, 2012

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 HR 1858	Related bill	May 24, 2011: Referred to the Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs.

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 establish benchmarks for its work. Requires the Commission to submit annual reports to Congress and the Under Secretary on its activities and its progress in achieving specified benchmarks.

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 Padilla Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve 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.

Authorizes appropriations.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 27, 2012:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Reported by Senator Rockefeller without amendment. With written report No. 112-151.
- **Feb 27, 2012:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 330.
- **Jun 9, 2011:** Star Print ordered on the bill.
- **Jun 8, 2011:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **May 12, 2011:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 12, 2011:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.