

S 973

National Endowment for the Oceans Act

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (9 total)

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Sen. Landrieu, Mary L. [D-LA]	D · LA		May 12, 2011
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Sen. Snowe, Olympia J. [R-ME]	R · ME		May 12, 2011
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		May 12, 2011
Sen. Inouye, Daniel K. [D-HI]	D · HI		May 16, 2011
Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		Jul 7, 2011
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Feb 6, 2012
Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]	D · RI		Feb 6, 2012

Committee Activity

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Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 12, 2011

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

National Endowment for the Oceans Act - Establishes in the Treasury the National Endowment for the Oceans which shall fund grants for programs to restore, protect, maintain, or understand living marine resources and their habitats, and ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes resources, including baseline scientific research, ocean observing, and other programs in coordination with federal and state agencies. Authorizes the Secretary of Commerce to make grants for such purposes.

Requires state matching funds for specified projects.

States that programs funded in Great Lakes states shall also seek to attain the goals embodied in the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Plan, the Great Lakes Regional Collaboration Strategy, the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement, or other collaborative planning efforts of the Great Lakes Region.

Directs the Secretary to make grants to: (1) coastal states or affected Indian tribes, and (2) regional planning bodies to create and implement regional strategic plans.

Directs the Secretary to establish a National Endowment for the Oceans Council.

Actions Timeline

- **May 12, 2011:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 12, 2011:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S2941-2942)
- **May 12, 2011:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.