

HR 5546

Marine Disease Emergency Act of 2014

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Public Lands and Natural Resources

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation, Energy, and Forestry. (Oct 23, 2014)

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Sponsor

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Rep. Larsen, Rick [D-WA-2]	D · WA		Sep 18, 2014
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Oct 23, 2014
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 30, 2014

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Marine Disease Emergency Act of 2014 - Authorizes the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to declare and respond to a marine disease emergency (an event that affects the marine environment, is caused by a marine disease or environmental stressor, is likely to threaten the sustainability of a marine species or the health of a marine ecosystem, and is likely to expand in geographic scope).

Requires NOAA to designate an individual to coordinate the response to each emergency and develop and publish a response plan for each emergency within 21 days of the declaration.

Terminates the emergency when NOAA declares that the emergency no longer exists or 120 days after the declaration was made, whichever occurs first. Authorizes NOAA to renew a declaration.

Establishes the Marine Disease Emergency Working Group in NOAA to provide advice on assessing, declaring, and responding to those emergencies.

Establishes the Marine Disease Emergency Fund for responding to those emergencies.

Requires NOAA to establish a National Data Repository for Marine Diseases Research and Services to collect, store, and disseminate information on marine diseases and related data and facilitate the development and rapid dissemination of research on marine diseases.

Deems sea star wasting syndrome, a marine mortality event affecting species of sea stars, to be a marine disease emergency.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 23, 2014:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation, Energy, and Forestry.
- **Sep 30, 2014:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs.
- **Sep 18, 2014:** Introduced in House
- **Sep 18, 2014:** Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, 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.